

In Our Prayers This Week

Prayer for third Sunday before Advent

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for the climate

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, Tread lightly upon the earth, and walk humbly with you our God. Amen.



The Book of Margery Kempe, Diario de Navarra

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Anna Messim	Stephanie
Hillary Bardsley	Fr David Michaels	Yves
Lily Cameron	Maggie Rees-Oliviere	<i>Those in long-term need</i>
James Clark	Mary Reeve	Vincenzo Blandini
George El Khoury	June Scully	Theo Bulkai
Geraldine Henry	David Strong	John Cantlie
Gina Hrela	Jill Traynor	Joan Davies
Joan Jackson	Edward	Annie Redmile
Fiona McWatters	Michael	James Worsley
	Sebastian	Conor

and for all who have died recently

Ann Bradley Leo Koymans Roy Lennon
Raymond von Drehle

and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

Terry Pritchard, 11th November Christiana Abegunde

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 7th November 2021

*The church is open daily from 8.30am to 6pm
and from 10am - 6pm on Saturday*

We would encourage you to continue with social distancing practices, such as wearing a mask, maintaining 2m distance, using the Track & Trace forms on the table by the door or NHS App and using hand sanitiser when entering the church, in order to protect and reassure those at greater risk.

Please respect the area at the front South of the church (under the lectern by the Holland Chapel), which has been set aside for those who prefer to remain masked and retain social distancing practices.

SUNDAY 7th November – 3rd Sunday before Advent

8.00 am **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)
9.30 am **Family Eucharist**
11.15 am Choral Matins
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

MONDAY 8th November – Saints and Martyrs of England

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.30 am Bible Study (online)
12 noon **Informal Eucharist** - Sunday on Monday
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

TUESDAY 9th November – Margery Kempe, Mystic

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

WEDNESDAY 10th November – Leo the Great, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**,
1.05 pm Meditation Group
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

THURSDAY 11th November – Martin, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **School Eucharist** – all are welcome
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

FRIDAY 12th November

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30am Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Centre
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
1.05 pm Royal College of Music lunchtime concert
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SATURDAY 13th November – Charles Simeon, Priest

12 noon Midday Prayer followed by **Holy Eucharist**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SUNDAY 14th November – Remembrance Sunday

8.00 am **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)
9.30 am **Holy Eucharist**
10.55 Civic Service of Remembrance
*starts at the war memorial before moving into
the church.*
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

Message from Mother Emma

It was very moving to welcome so many of you to our All Souls' Service last Sunday evening, as we remembered those who had died, and joined together with them in the communion of the living and the departed. My heartfelt thanks go to Mark Uglow and the choir for enhancing the liturgy so beautifully with movements from Faure's Requiem, as well as to those who donated towards the costs of flowers and music in memory of their loved ones. It was a memorable and touching evening for all of us (myself included) who have lost people dear to us over the past couple of years. We look forward to seeing you in church again over the next few weeks, as we move through Remembrance and Christ the King, and on towards our Advent and Christmas services.



We are looking forward to seeing those lucky enough to have booked one of the 250 tickets for this Friday's Bonfire Night, and are very sorry that we are now fully sold out and cannot offer any further tickets on the door or by Eventbrite, because of Health and Safety restrictions.

Thank you to all those who attended our second MAP meeting last Saturday. There will be a final, informal opportunity for anyone to come and express their thoughts in church this Saturday at 10.30 am before we present our findings to the PCC, and start to draw up the mission strategy for the years ahead. Do come along if you haven't been able to join a meeting so far.

We are very pleased to be welcoming Canon Professor Peter Galloway to preach to us at Matins again this Sunday, and Fr Christopher and I are in the process of inviting a number of other interesting and distinguished preachers to speak to us over the next few months. Watch this space...

My apologies to those who have been attending the midweek services in rather a chilly church this week(!), but we are nearing the end of works to our heating system, and hope very much that warmth will be restored by this weekend!

O glorious God, your whole creation sings your marvellous work; may heaven's praise so echo in our hearts that we may be good stewards of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen [Response to Psalm 148, Common Worship Daily Prayer]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Volunteers needed for Council Exercise Tuesday 9th November at 1.30pm

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea will be conducting an Emergency response exercise at the St Mary Abbots Centre to practice responding to emergencies. The Centre is one of their emergency locations where a number of people could be accommodated following an evacuation from their properties. They are asking for 10 volunteers to act as evacuees as part of the exercise.

The aim of the exercise is to practice how they would operate an emergency centre in response to a fictitious incident which has caused properties to be evacuated. The exercise will start at 1.30pm with a briefing to participants, which will include the reason you have been evacuated, expectations during the exercise and a safety briefing. The live part of the exercise will finish at 4.30pm and this will be followed by a debrief so they can learn from your experience how to improve their responses. The exercise will finish no later than 5pm.

If you would be interested in practicing your acting skills and helping your local response team please contact Adam, the centre manager on cntremanager@stmaryabbots.org.uk

Statements from the 2020/21 tax year:

We wanted to let you know that for this year only we will not automatically be sending out annual statements to our donors. Should you wish us to send you a statement of your donations to the church for the 2020/21 tax year please contact Petter on parishmanager@stmaryabbots.org.uk and he will be very happy to send the statement to you.

Christmas Giving

Last year the Christmas Collective, who usually hold a lunch at the centre for people in the area who are on their own at Christmas, had to cancel due to Covid restrictions and instead asked volunteers to take a Christmas Hamper and present on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. A good number of volunteers delivering these to the recipients said it was a very moving and informative experience for them and many have kept in touch with their person either as a friend or someone to contact if they are in need of help.

Because the people invited to the lunch are specifically in the 'vulnerable' category it has been decided that they will not hold an in-person Christmas Day lunch but proceed along the lines of last year's effort.

If you would like to sign up to get a present for an elderly or vulnerable neighbour and willing to buy a present in the £15-£30 then please let us know. We would also encourage you to consider delivering the present (along with the food hamper the collective assemble) – or be a driver to deliver presents and ready meals. If you were able and willing to give a little more than the amount mentioned above this could go towards some of the more expensive things that are requested such as a clean mattress, an i-pad, or duvet and duvet cover.

Please could you email pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk if you would be willing to take part. A volunteer list will shortly be in the church for you to sign – and a list of present requests after that.

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

The Nicene Creed

Wednesday 10th November, 7pm-10pm (7.30 zoom start)

Bishop Graham's three teaching evenings explore the background of The Nicene Creed, which was written in AD 325 and is used and recognised by Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant churches. It is 'a map for the journey of life, telling us what matters about the God who made us, the world we live in, who we are, and how we are relate to each other'. The first talk covers 'Orthodoxy & Heresy – why do we need creeds' and takes place in St George's, Campden Hill. [Bishop's Teaching Evening: The Nicene Creed – A Generous Orthodoxy Tickets, Wed 10 Nov 2021 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Art Exhibition, Chelsea Old Town Hall 18th October - 14th November 2021

A last chance to see the exhibition collated by RBKC Creative Collective and partnered by City Lions. The exhibition features artwork by local people in response to last years events – as advertised in this newsletter. Some of the work can be seen online here: [RBKC Creative Collective Virtual Gallery | City Lions](#)

Food Bank

. If you have any items please leave them outside the vestry. A small reminder not to donate any ready meals as we have no way of storing them in the church. A full list of items for donation can be found on our food bank page www.smaw8.org/food-bank-support.html Should you wish to donate financially you can send a cheque, made payable to 'Dalgarno Neighbourhood Trust' and marked 'foodbank' on the reverse to: The Dalgarno Trust, 1 Webb Close Dalgarno Way, London, W10 5QB or you can donate directly on their website: www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk