

In Our Prayers This Week

Prayer for second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

Most holy God and Father, Hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow. **Amen**



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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

Penelope Carver, 17th November Guy Libby, 17th November
Ann Peerless, 18th November

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 14th 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 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**

MONDAY 15th November

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 16th November – Margaret, Queen

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

WEDNESDAY 17th November – Hugh, Bishop

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

THURSDAY 18th November – Elizabeth, Princess

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

FRIDAY 19th November – Hilda, Abbess

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 20th November – Edmund, King

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

SUNDAY 21st November – Christ the King

8.00 am **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)
9.30 am **Choral Eucharist**
10.55 **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Taizé Evensong**

Message from Father Christopher

Over the last couple of months we have heard many stories from our new Afghan neighbours of the kindness and compassion of the British soldiers and other service personnel who helped them to leave Kabul Airport. One father described how after four days in the 'queue' to be processed, they reached the front just as the processing point was closed. A soldier however took the decision to re-open the gates for his family to get through.



As Christians we are a people of hope. It can be hard to maintain that in the face of the scenes of violence that we continue to see from around the world, whether Sudan, the Tigray region of Ethiopia or Syria. But the kindness of individuals, like that soldier, and the sacrifice which our armed forces continue to make for the sake of peacekeeping and humanitarian assistance is something we continue to give thanks for, just as we do for those who paid the ultimate price in all the conflicts of the last century or so. As well as our usual Eucharists and Evensong, this year we meet at 10.55 by our war memorial to honour the fallen, before our civic Remembrance Service, which you are very welcome to join us for.

As we begin to look forward to Advent and Christmas, we are delighted to announce the return of our Christmas Fair, which has moved from the **20th November to 27th November**. If you are able to bake cakes or help in setting up, running a stall or clear up in preparation for our Advent service on the 28th then please let Leonora know. We are also happy to say that tickets for The Messiah on 12th December are also now available with two performances at 3 pm and 5.30 p.m. Tickets for both of these can be found on the 'what is on' page of our website: www.smaw8.org/what-is-on.html - where you can also find the rest of our services and events in the run up to Christmas. If you do not have access to a computer and would like to book tickets please contact Leonora directly.

We are also delighted to announce that the Friends of St Mary Abbots silent auction will be live from the 14th November to the 5th December. With many prizes and treats it is worth taking a look at. Lastly a huge thank you to everyone who made our parish bonfire night such a great success.

With my love and prayers, Fr Christopher

Bonfire Night 2021



Friends Silent Christmas Auction

Monday 14th November to 9pm on 5th December

The Friends silent auction this year has many amazing prizes for you to bid on: Jigsaw Puzzles, dry cleaning vouchers, a 6ft Christmas Tree, pictures, books, Afternoon teas, wine, Fortnum and mason Christmas puddings, overnight stays in hotels and a photo shoot with Emmanuel Saint who recently took all the clergy and parish staffs photographs. If you would like to see more and make a bid please go to their specially designed webpage Auction of Promises or via the 'what is on' page on our website.

St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington W8 4LA

CHRISTMAS FAIR

*In the Church on Saturday, 27th November 2021.
Two sessions at 12.45 and 2.30pm*

*Join us as we turn on this year's
Christmas tree lights!
Carols, inflatables, treasure hunt,
hot food, drinks and
mulled wine.*

*Adults go in free. Children £10 per child for unlimited
access to all kids' activities.*

To book your tickets visit www.smaw8.org/christmas-fair

20% discount for online purchases of more than £20.
The PCC of St Mary Abbots Church is a Registered Charity: Number 1132235

Christmas Giving

This year the Christmas Collective, who usually hold a lunch at the centre for people in the area who are on their own at Christmas, will be delivering a Christmas Hamper and present on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

If you would like to sign up to get a present for an elderly or vulnerable neighbour then please let us know – the presents requested are usually for around £15 or £30. 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.

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.

Please could you email pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk if you would be willing to take part. A volunteer list can be found on the table by the South door. A list of present requests will follow shortly.

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

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