

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 Christ the King

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.. **Amen**



The Glory of the Lamb by David van der Plaats

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

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| <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

Trudi Bliss, 21st November

Margaret Wilkinson, 22nd Nov Penelope Fergusson, 22nd Nov
Joseph Crosthwaite, 24th Nov Suzanne Green, 28th Nov

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 21st 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 21st November – Christ the King

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

MONDAY 22nd November – Celia, Martyr

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 23rd November – Clement, Bishop

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

WEDNESDAY 24th November

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

THURSDAY 25th November – Catherine, Martyr

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

FRIDAY 26th 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 27th November

12 noon Midday Prayer (no Holy Eucharist)
12.45 pm Christmas fair
www.smaw8.org/christmas-fair
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SUNDAY 28th November – 1st Sunday of Advent

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am Choral Eucharist
10.55 Choral Matins
5.30 pm Advent Service of Light
*Advent readings, Hymns & music
from our professional choir*

Message from Mother Emma

We are nearing the end of the liturgical year, which finishes this Sunday with the Feast of Christ the King reigning in glory at the right hand of the Father, before we begin again on Advent Sunday the following week, looking forward with hope and expectation to the coming of Christ. We look forward to seeing you in church this Sunday for one of our services as we celebrate Christ's kingship together.



We have now pretty much clarified all our plans for Advent and Christmas, ensuring that we are able to offer all our traditional services and events to as many people as possible, even, we hope, in the event of some Covid-19 restrictions being re-introduced. This means that, as last year, we shall be offering both Handel's Messiah, Part 1 (12th December) www.smaw8.org/handels-messiah-2021 and the 9 Lessons and Carols Service (19th December) in two sessions with somewhat restricted numbers. Please see the 'what is on page' of our website or www.smaw8.org/christmas-events-and-services-2021 for the full pattern of services and events, and note which ones will require registering for a place in advance. On the same page are details of the Friends of St Mary Abbots' Silent Auction, sponsored by Knight Frank, which will raise funds to maintain and enhance the beauty of our building. www.smaw8.org/friends-of-st-mary-abbots-silent-auction

Next weekend (27th / 28th November) will be full of excitement, with our Christmas Fair on Saturday 27th from 12.45 in the church and churchyard. We are delighted to be able to open for this event again this year, but please note that it will be held in two sessions, and will be a streamlined version this year, before it returns to full glory next Advent! If you are able to volunteer to help with the event or to donate towards its costs, or just to come and support us on the day, please see details on www.smaw8.org/christmas-fair or contact Leonora on 0203 479 4731. On Sunday 28th we shall mark Advent Sunday with Choral Services at both 9.30 and 11.15 am. The day will culminate in the Advent Service of Light at 5.30 pm, which will start in darkness, moving to candlelight and then to light as we share together in readings, hymns and prayers, enhanced by the music of our professional choir and reminding us that God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

My heartfelt thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the Civic Service of Remembrance so very beautiful and poignant last week; we have also been asked to pass on warm thanks from the Mayor's Office and many others who attended. In this November month of Remembrance, we continue to give thanks for the saints who have gone ahead of us, for those whom we have known and loved, and for all who have given their lives in the service of their country and in the cause of peace.

May the light of Christ, the King of all, shine ever brighter in our hearts, that with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights in the world. (Common Worship, Night Prayer)

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Friends Silent Christmas Auction

Monday 14th November to 9pm on 5th December

The Friends silent auction, kindly sponsored by Knight Frank, has many amazing prizes from 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. 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: www.smaw8.org/what-is-on. If you would like to donate a prize then please contact Steve Atack, Founding Patron on steveatack@aol.com

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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

Today we met with the Christmas Collective who will shortly provide us with a list of gifts that have been requested by the Kensington residents. If you would like to give a gift, or volunteer to deliver the present and item and, at the same time, bring a bit of Christmas cheer to a resident please contact Leonora on pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk or 0203 479 4731.

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Seeking Music Teachers

During lockdown the Community of Sant'Egidio used one of the kitchen's in the centre in order to continue making hot food for the homeless & impoverished residents. Andrew, who ran the kitchen, has founded a new charity KarmaBank CIC www.karmabank.co which supports vulnerable Londoners through co-operations with groups such as Sant'Egidio, North Kensington Community Kitchen, Chelsea FC Foundation & the Police Community Team. They are currently seeking music teachers or skilled practitioners to donate music lessons in RBKC. If you have some time available, please contact Andrew at community@karmabank.co, or [07955636101](tel:07955636101).

Afghan Appeal – update

While we have stopped collecting items in the church for our new neighbours we are now working with Mutual Aid, as we did at the start of the pandemic, to continue helping them settle in. Should you wish to continue supporting them you can either donate cash to buy essential items such as shampoo by visiting <https://rebrand.ly/kcdonate> or see what they especially need <https://mutualaidkc.com/donate> or if you have time during the week to volunteer to sort out the various donated items <https://rebrand.ly/kcrefugeesvolunteer>