

In Our Prayers This Week

Prayer for 1st Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Andrew the Apostle

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Saint Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ and brought his brother with him: call us by your holy word, and give us grace to follow you without delay and to tell the good news of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen



The Martyrdom of St Andrew, Wikimedia

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

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

and for all who have died recently

Ann Bradley Leo Koymans Raymond von Drehle

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

Suzanne Green, 28th Nov

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 28th 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 28th November – 1st Sunday of Advent

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am	Choral Eucharist
11.15	Choral Matins
5.30 pm	Advent Service of Light <i>Advent readings, Hymns & music from our professional choir</i>

MONDAY 29th November – Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church

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
6.30	PCC Meeting

TUESDAY 30th November – **Andrew the Apostle**

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

WEDNESDAY 1st December - Charles de Foucauld, Hermit

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

THURSDAY 2nd December

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

FRIDAY 3rd December – Francis Xavier, Missionary

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 4th December – John of Damascus, Nicholas Ferrar

12 noon	Middy Prayer
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

SUNDAY 5th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am	Family Eucharist with Children's Nativity Play
11.15	Choral Matins
5.30 pm	Sung Evensong

Message from Mother Emma

A wonderful weekend is coming up at St Mary Abbots, as we stand at the beginning of a new Church year starting on Advent Sunday (28th).



On Saturday, we shall be opening the church for our streamlined, two-session **Christmas Fair** at 12.45 pm and 2.30 pm – please remember to book via the ‘what is on’ page of our website or www.smaw8.org/christmas-fair. Do come and share in the spirit of the season, enjoy children’s activities, carols, seasonal food and drinks and buy some advance Christmas supplies! After the deprivations of last Christmas, we are very pleased to have an opportunity to spend time together in this way this year. I know that more volunteers are urgently needed on one or two of the stalls, so if you were able to spare an hour or two, please do contact Leonora on pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk. If you have cakes to deliver please bring them to the church on Saturday morning.

On Sunday, we shall be marking the start of Advent with a Choral Eucharist and Choral Matins in the morning, and you are then very warmly invited to join us for the **Advent Service of Light at 5.30 pm**, one of the most beautiful services of the church year, as we move from darkness, through candlelight to light, remembering that through the Incarnation, “God called us from darkness into his marvellous light” (1 Peter 2:9). This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for the Advent season of expectation, to join in well-known Advent hymns, hear readings which celebrate God’s light, and enjoy the music of our professional choir. We would be delighted to see you there.

At this time of year, we hold in our prayers those for whom the approaching Christmas season will be a difficult one, all who have been bereaved during the past year and face a very different Christmas as a result, and those whose livelihoods have been affected by the pandemic and who suffer economic hardship as a result. We continue to collect for the Foodbank in church, and would welcome your donations, which can be delivered to the church. A list of items welcomed by the Foodbank can be found on the church railings and on our website www.smaw8.org/food-bank-support

It is always hard at this busy time of year to find time for the quiet preparation and expectation which the Church urges as we move towards Christmas, but we pray that you will be able to find a quiet moment in God’s presence to restore and inspire you at this very special time.


“May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.”

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



Thank you very much to our lovely volunteers (not all of them featured) for coming to decorate the church and to Ray at the Flower Corner for providing such a glorious Christmas Tree! The church is now ready for The Christmas Fair, Advent and hosting a variety of charity Carol concerts and for Christmas!

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
“Serving the Heart of Kensington”



HANDEL'S MESSIAH
(Part 1)

*A concert by candlelight, with our professional choir and
The Purcell Players*

Sunday 12th December
3 pm or 5.30 pm
Tickets £20 (£10 under 16)

www.smaw8.org/handels-messiah-2021 or call 0203 479 4731

Friends Silent Christmas Auction

Monday 14th November to 9pm on 5th December

It is the last week that you can bid on of the Friends of St Mary Abbots Silent Auction, sponsored by Knight Frank. This year the prizes are rather special and include that include a family photo shoot by Emmanuel Saint, afternoon tea at the Ivy or Milestone Hotel, a 6ft Christmas tree, a stay at The Brudenell Hotel, Aldburgh, cases of wine or champagne, paintings, books, Christmas pudding and many other items. The money raised will go towards the upkeep of the church and a plan to mark the 150 anniversary of the church next year. To make a bid please go to their [Auction of Promises](http://www.smaw8.org/friends-of-st-mary-abbots-silent-auction) webpage or www.smaw8.org/friends-of-st-mary-abbots-silent-auction

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Seeking Music Teachers

During lockdown the Community of Sant'Egidio used one of the kitchens 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>