

In Our Prayers This Week

Prayer for the Baptism of Christ

Heavenly Father at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen*

Prayer for the new year

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose years never fail and whose mercies are new each returning day: let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives, warming our hearts and giving light to our minds; that we may pass the coming year in joyful obedience and firm faith; through him who is the beginning and the end. *Amen*



Baptism of Christ, Holy Ghost Byzantine Church, Cleveland, Ohio

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Fr David Michaels	Sebastian
Hillary Bardsley	Patrick North	Stephanie
(baby) Jude Bonnet	Maggie Rees-Oliviere	Yves
Lily Cameron	Mary Reeve	<i>Those in long-term need</i>
James Clark	June Scully	Vincenzo Blandini
Cynthia Dize	Hellen Mason-Spyry	Theo Bulkai
Geraldine Henry	David Strong	John Cantlie
Gina Hrela	Jill Traynor	Joan Davies
Joan Jackson	Bob	Annie Redmile
Fiona McWatters	Edward	James Worsley
Anna Messim	Michael	Conor

and for all who have died recently

Elisabeth (Lys) Millership_ Alison Steel
Antoinette Tarlton-Cooper Christine

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

Barbara Gatehouse, 9th January Nigel Leyland, 12th January
Frederick Lloyd, 14th January Joan Martin, 15th January

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 9th January 2022

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

When visiting the church it has become a requirement again that when you enter the church you:

- Wear a mask inside the building
- Sanitise your hands at the entrance
- Maintain 2 metre distancing from others
- Sit in the non-rope off pews

In order to minimise the spread of Covid please consider testing before attending a service or event.

SUNDAY 9th January – Baptism of Christ

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist with Baptisms <i>We welcome our two baptism candidates Harriet and Maxim</i>
11.15	Choral Matins Preacher: Canon Professor Peter Galloway, Deputy Priest in Ordinary to HM The Queen
5.30 pm	Sung Evensong

MONDAY 10th January – William Laud, Archbishop

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 11th January – Mary Slessor, Missionary

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

WEDNESDAY 12th January – Aelred, Abbot

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

THURSDAY 13th January – Hilary, Bishop

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

FRIDAY 14th January

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 15th January

12 noon	Midday Prayer
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

SUNDAY 16th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist
11.15	Choral Matins Preacher: Rev'd Andy Roland
5.30 pm	Taizé Evensong

Message from Mother Emma

I am writing on the Feast of the Epiphany as we celebrate this great festival at the end of the Christmas celebration, and give thanks for the revelation of Christ to the whole world. It has been a great privilege to share the services and events of such a joyful season with you all, despite the limitations and anxieties of this year, and I am so grateful to everyone who contributed to making our festivities as wonderful as they could be. I hope you have all managed to have a peaceful and restorative time, and that you have either escaped Omicron or recovered quickly from it. Fr Christopher, the parish staff and I are all very grateful for the wonderful cards, gifts and Christmas wishes we received from you, and we wish you a happy and blessed New Year as we step out together with God into the unknown, praying for a year of peace and healing for ourselves, for our nation and for the world.



This is, of course, the 150th anniversary year of our current church building (the parish itself is of course much older), and we have much to celebrate in the life and work of the parish since Gilbert Scott's building was completed in 1872. We are beginning to arrange talks, events, concerts and exhibitions to mark this anniversary throughout the year and would be delighted to hear from anyone with particular ideas, perhaps especially those suitable for families and children.

We are glad to be beginning the year with two baptisms on the Feast of the Baptism of Christ this Sunday, when Fr Christopher will be baptizing Maxim and Harriet during the 9.30 am Eucharist, and we look forward to welcoming them into the church of God.

We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

King of kings and Lord of lords, making the true light to shine: lighten our darkness now and evermore, that with our lips and in our lives we may praise you; for you are our God, now and forever. Amen. [Common Worship, Night Prayer for Epiphany]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

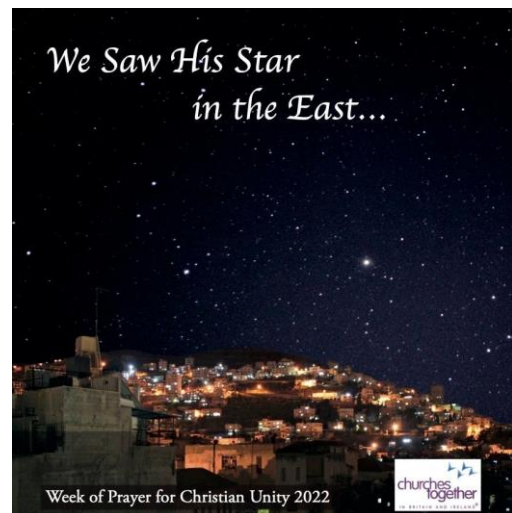
Churches of Jerusalem and Christian Unity Talk Wednesday 19th January 2022, 7pm

Rev'd Andy Roland will be discussing Churches of Jerusalem and Christian Unity via Zoom on the 19th. The discussion encompasses the history of Jerusalem, the history of Christian divisions, the churches of Jerusalem (with photos) and messages from Jerusalem for Christian Unity week. To book a place: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/churches-of-jerusalem-and-christian-unity-tickets-236708981937

Food Bank

The food bank is still in need of your donations, so please bring tinned or packets of food to the church on Sunday or to the vestry during the week. Please do not bring any ready meals as we have no way of storing them in the church, but longlife milk, tea, coffee, sugar, cereals, Noodles, dried pasta or rice, jars of sauce, tinned vegetables, soup, meat, fish, fruit, Jam, biscuits, snacks are very welcome. Loo paper, kitchen rolls and **UNUSED** cleaning fluids are also very useful. A full list 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

Thursday 20th January 2022 at 7pm



Kensington Council of Churches and Churches Together invite you to a 'Week of prayer for Christian Unity' Service on the 20th January 2022. Hosted this year by the Rev'd Sally Rogers at the Kensington United Reformed Church, Allen Street, London, W8 6BL the service starts at 7pm and Father Christopher will be preaching.

The week of prayer runs from the 18th to 25 January and this year resources have been prepared by the Churches of the Middle East "The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is one very familiar to us. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires. The churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness." For each daily reflection there will be a 'go and do' action point prepared by Christian Aid lining into their work to tackle poverty and injustice. To find out more or download resources: www.ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022

Recycle your Christmas Tree

If you had a real Christmas tree and would like to turn it into compost the council have arranged for pick up points between the 3rd and 21st January if you put it out before 7am on rubbish and recycling collection days. The collection points are:

- Holland Park car park in Abbotsbury Road, W14,
 - Palace Gate (Junction with Kensington Gate), W8,
 - Camden Hill Road, between Phillimore Walk and Duchess of Bedford Walk, W8
 - Lexham Garden (opposite Lexham Walk) W8.
- Please remember to remove all the decorations!

Nominate someone for Mayor's Awards

Nominations for the Mayors Awards are open until the 24th January in order to recognise someone who has made a significant difference to the lives of the borough residents. There are several categories to choose from: Individual contributions, Coronavirus response or young person. To make your nomination please visit: www.rbkc.gov.uk/council-councillors-and-democracy/how-council-works/mayors-awards