

In Our Prayers This Week

Prayer for second Sunday of Epiphany

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Christian Unity

Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one, we pray to you for the unity of Christians, according to your will, according to your means. May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sin and to hope beyond all hope. **Amen.**



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	Kiron Mukaaji	Alison Steel
Antoinette Tarlton-Cooper	Christine	

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

Samir Abourahme, 17 th January	David Wilson, 17 th January
Dennis Corble, 19 th January	Anthony Dawes, 21 st January
Barbara Hosegood, 22 nd January	

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 16th January 2022

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

When visiting the church please make sure that you:

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

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

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 Eucharist

MONDAY 17th January – Antony of Egypt, hermit

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 18th January – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon Holy Eucharist (BCP)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

WEDNESDAY 19th January – Wulfstan, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon Healing Eucharist

1.05 pm Meditation Group

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

THURSDAY 20th January

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am School Eucharist – all welcome

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

FRIDAY 21st January – Agnes, Child Martyr

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 22nd January – Vincent of Saragossa, Decon

12 noon MIDDAY PRAYER

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SUNDAY 23rd January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9.30 am Holy Eucharist

11.15 Choral Matins

5.30 pm Sung Evensong

Message from Mother Emma

It has been very good to see you all again at our services after the Christmas break, and to welcome the children from St Mary Abbots School back into the church for their weekly service on Thursday mornings.



In the Parish Office, we are looking ahead at all the exciting plans for this year and this week I am delighted to announce that the Bishop of Kensington, the Rt Rev'd Dr Graham Tomlin, will be visiting the Church on the evening of **Thursday 9th June 2022** for a Service of Confirmation. Eight preparations sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings for adults and on Wednesdays after school for candidates under 16, starting on 8th/9th March 2022, running to the end of term and then continuing until half-term in the summer. We run our sessions together with St Philip's, Earl's Court Road, and the Revd Pippa Turner, their Vicar, will share with Fr Christopher and myself in leading the preparation. Sessions will probably be a mixture of Zoom with some meetings held at either SMA or St Philip's.

If you are interested in Confirmation, either for yourself as an adult, or for your child, please do get in touch with either Fr Christopher or myself and we can give you full details. If you have already been confirmed earlier in life, but would like to join the sessions, and make an Affirmation of Faith during the Confirmation Service, you are also welcome to do so. If you have not yet been baptized, we can also arrange that as part of this journey.

Our Confirmation Service is always a high point of the church's year, as we rejoice with candidates of all ages who wish to take the next step on their journey with God and affirm the vows made on their behalf at their baptism for themselves, receiving the gifts of the Spirit through the laying-on of the Bishop's hands and anointing.

We are very glad to have welcomed Maxim and Harriet into God's church through baptism last Sunday, and we look forward to further christenings on the second Sunday of each month (but not during Lent – 2nd March to 15th April). Please do get in touch with Leonora if you would like arrange a baptism during the year.

This Sunday we are very pleased to have the Revd Andy Roland as our guest preacher at our Choral Matins service at 11.15 am. Andy is a familiar figure at SMA, having taken midweek and 8 am services on many occasions and we look forward to his preaching this week. You can read more details of Andy's work on below.

A reminder that our monthly Taizé Eucharist is at 5.30 pm this week, a gentle meditative evening service incorporating a number of well-known Taizé chants, during which everyone is offered the opportunity to light a candle for people or situations on their hearts as they pray. You are very welcome to join us.

As we enter this week of Christian Unity you are warmly invited to the Christian Unity Service (see below) at which Father Christopher will be preaching!

May the living waters of Christ cleanse us; may the Spirit descend upon us, and may the blessing of God be with us today and always, Amen [Common Worship Night Prayer for Epiphany]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

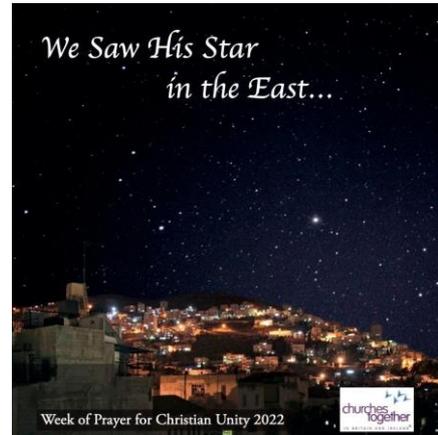
Churches of Jerusalem and Christian Unity Talk Wednesday 19th January 2022, 8pm

Rev'd Andy Roland, who is preaching at Matins this Sunday, will be discussing Churches of Jerusalem and Christian Unity via Zoom this Wednesday **at the amended time of 8pm**. The discussion encompasses the Jerusalem – 3,000 years of

violence, Churches – 1,500 years of divisions, the churches of Jerusalem (with photos) and Christian Unity in Jerusalem. To book a place: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/churches-of-jerusalem-and-christian-unity-tickets-236708981937 His latest book 'Journey through Lent with Jesus' launches with a talk on Zoom on 26th January 2022.



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. Please email them if you would like to attend: ChrisLFriends@aol.com

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 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

Lent Appeal

This year the Diocese of London's Lent appeal will focus on Cultivating Compassionate Communities, with an emphasis of raising money to tackle Mental health and Isolation. The Charities they are supporting are 'Renew wellbeing', 'Resolved' and 'Be Headstrong'. More information can be found here: www.churchofengland.org/resources/mental-health-resources

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. 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.dalgarnotruster.org.uk