

In Our Prayers This Week

Prayer for fourth Sunday of Epiphany

God of heaven, you send the Gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for Candlemas

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by these kindling flames light up the temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where you live and reign. **Amen**



Presentation of Jesus at the temple, Ambrogio Lorenzetti, Uffizi

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

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

and for all who have died recently

Elisabeth (Lys) Millership	Kiron Mukarji	Alison Steel
Antoinette Tarlton-Cooper	Christine	

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

Joyce Johnston, 31 st January	Leith McGrandle, 4 th February
Sarah Lamping, 6 th February	

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 30th January 2022

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

We would encourage you to continue with social distancing practices, such as wearing a mask, maintaining 2m distance and using the hand sanitiser when entering the church, in order to protect and reassure those who are at greater risk.

An area has been set aside and clearly marked in the rear pews of Block B (the section in front of the lectern) for those who prefer to remain masked and retain social distancing practices. Please only sit in this area if you wish to follow these rules so that people who chose to sit there feel secure.

SUNDAY 30th January – Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30am	Choral Eucharist
11.15	Choral Matins
5.30 pm	Festal Evensong

MONDAY 31st January – John Bosco, priest

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 1st February – Brigid, Abbess

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

WEDNESDAY 2nd February

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

THURSDAY 3rd February – Anskar, Archbishop

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

FRIDAY 4th February – Gilbert, founder

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 5th February

12 noon	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
3 pm	Peal of Bells for the Queen's Assession
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

SUNDAY 6th February – 4th Sunday Before Lent Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952.

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30am	Family Eucharist
11.15	Choral Matins
5.30 pm	Sung Evensong

Message from Mother Emma

This Sunday we celebrate the wonderful Feast of Candlemas, marking forty days since the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, and the point at which we turn our gaze from the crib towards the Cross and our journey to Holy Week and Easter. At this point, we shall be putting away the crib scene in the Church until next Christmas, as we meet together to remember the visit of Mary and Joseph to the Temple, to dedicate and give thanks for their six week-old son. Here they encounter the aged Simeon who greets them with the words of what has now become the Nunc Dimittis, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace... for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." It is a day when we remember Christ's light shining in the darkness, and has traditionally been a day when church candles are blessed for the year ahead.



We shall be holding all our usual Sunday morning services, but in addition, there will be a Choral Eucharist by candlelight at 5.30 pm during which, uplifted by the choir's music, we bless our candles and give thanks for Christ, the Light of the World. Please do join us for this very special service if you can.

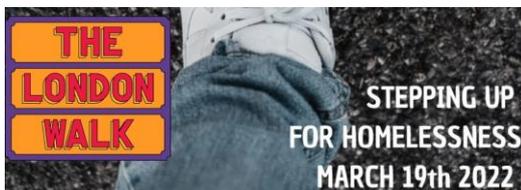
As we begin to look ahead to Lent, and ways in which we can serve God in our neighbours, may I flag up that we are hoping to put together a St Mary Abbots Team to support Glass Door's work amongst the homeless in West London once again, this time with a 10 km Night Walk on March 19th! See details below.

I pray that you are managing to stay safe and healthy, and look forward to seeing you soon.

Father of lights, raise us with Christ to your eternal city, that, with kings and nations, we may wait in the midst of your temple and see your glory for ever and ever. Amen [Common Worship, Daily Prayer, Response to Psalm 48]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Join our team for The London Walk



Saturday 19th March, evening

Join the St Mary Abbots team who will be walking with Glass Door to raise money and awareness of homelessness. A combined event arranged by The London Collective, a group made up of all London homeless charities, this 10k walk through central London aims to bring colour, passion and fun: there is a dress code of bright colours and/or a feather boa! **You will need to sign up individually at www.glassdoor.org.uk/Event/lhc-the-london-walk by the 18th February.** There is a £20 entrance fee. At the point of sign up you will be able to select the charity you are supporting - please select Glass Door! Once you have done this please let Father Christopher know, or email the vicarage office at pa@stmaryabbots.org and we will send you the team fundraising page with Glass Door.

Mini Abbots Toddler and Baby Group

Friday mornings during term time, 9.30am - 11am

The baby and toddler group is back up and running in the St Mary Abbots Centre. Held on Friday mornings, it is an excellent way to meet people or, for old hands, to meet up. To book a spot for you and your baby and toddlers please see our website: www.smaw8.org/mini-abbots-baby-group

Confirmation and Confirmation Classes Commissioning of candidates Sunday 6th March

This year Confirmation will be held on Thursday 9th June 2022 by The Bishop of Kensington, the Rt Rev'd Dr Graham Tomlin. Candidates will be commissioned on Sunday 6th March during the 9.30 service. 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. Sessions are likely to be a mixture of Zoom, and in person meetings at 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 one of the clergy in church or by emailing the vicarage office at pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk. If you have not yet been baptized, we can also arrange that as part of this journey and if you are already confirmed but would like to join the classes and make an Affirmation of Faith you are also welcome to join us.

Friends of St Mary Abbots - Appeal

During the course of 2022 the Friends (who celebrate their 20th Anniversary this year) will concentrate their efforts on celebrations to mark 150 years of worshipping in our beautiful church building. They will be holding many fundraising activities and events which will go directly towards the church's most urgent project, the provision of disabled facilities and access which will greatly improve the church for all who use it.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends to learn more about the church, their mission to preserve the building, and to find out about the upcoming events then you are very welcome to join the Friends of St Mary Abbots by contacting administrator Ruth Darrell on ruthabarker@yahoo.co.uk or Steve Atack, Founding Patron at steveatack@aol.com or on 020 7402 1531. Membership renewals are also now due.

Should you wish to make a donation towards the project please make cheques payable to "Friends of St Mary Abbots Church Kensington" and give it to a member of the clergy, Steve Atack or leave it with the Vestry. The Friends have no administration costs as these are met by private donations so **every penny of your donation** will be used for the Anniversary Project.

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Children's Book Project Appeal

With World Book Day taking place on 3rd March, the Children's Book Project would be thrilled if you could help by donating any unwanted children's books to their Book Collection Hub at St Mary Abbots Centre. These books are then gifted to individual pupils via schools across London, especially in the more deprived areas where books are a luxury and many children have none of their own. Pre-loved but not too tatty and **no textbooks please!** You can see what they do at www.childrensbookproject.co.uk



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