



## In Our Prayers This Week

### Prayer for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Prayer for Accession Day

Almighty God, whose son Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace; Grant that, as we celebrate the earthly reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, so through her example of faith and self-giving your people may come to know the fulness of your power and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



*Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers*

*Those in acute need*  
Hillary Bardsley  
Lily Cameron  
James Clark  
Cynthia Dize  
Geraldine Henry  
Gina Hrela  
Joan Jackson  
Anna Messim  
Fr David Michaels  
Patrick North

Maggie Rees-Oliviere  
Mary Reeve  
June Scully  
Hellen Mason-Spyry  
David Strong  
Jill Traynor  
Bob  
Edward  
Michael  
Sebastian  
Stephanie  
Yves

*Those in long-term need*  
Vincenzo Blandini  
Theo Bulkai  
John Cantlie  
Joan Davies  
Annie Redmile  
James Worsley  
Conor

*and for all who have died recently*  
Kiron Mukarji

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

Sarah Lamping, 6<sup>th</sup> February Robert Lane, 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Atony Carr-Gomm, 9<sup>th</sup> February Annie Lloyd, 9<sup>th</sup> February

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 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 6<sup>th</sup> February – 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> February

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 8<sup>th</sup> February

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

### WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> February

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

### THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> February – Scholastica, Abbess

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 am Parish Eucharist – not School Eucharist  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

### FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> February

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 12<sup>th</sup> February

12 noon Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

### SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>th</sup> Sunday Before Lent.

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

## Message from Mother Emma

This weekend the nation will be celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the Throne in 1952, and at St Mary Abbots we shall mark the occasion in a number of different ways. On Saturday (5<sup>th</sup>) our bellringers will be attempting a Peal in honour of the Accession from 3 pm. On Sunday we shall, at all our services, be giving thanks for Her Majesty and all that she has done and continues to do in the service of our country. As most of us today can scarcely remember a time when The Queen was not part of our nation's life, it is good to mark this first opportunity for thanksgiving in this Platinum Jubilee year.

The 9.30 am this week will be a Family Eucharist, so people and children of all ages are invited to remain in church for a slightly shorter service than normal, with a child-friendly service, as Fr Christopher reflects on the nature of God's calling. We are grateful to our children for leading the reading and the prayers.

At Choral Matins, the Queen will be remembered in the opening hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell", to the Vaughan Williams tune first sung at the Coronation in 1953 and in hearing John Redford's anthem, "Rejoice in the Lord alway", also sung at the Coronation. We shall also be singing at both Matins and Evensong the Collects set down in the Book of Common Prayer to mark the accession of the monarch. Please do join us for one of these services if you can.

I am delighted to announce that the PCC has unanimously agreed to invite the Revd Canon Professor Peter Galloway, who led our reflections on Good Friday last year and has been preaching regularly for us at Matins, as an Honorary Assistant Priest in the parish. He will be officially welcomed and commissioned at Matins on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February. We are very grateful that he will be joining the team at least once a month and possibly more. We shall ask him to write something about himself for a newsletter closer to the time!

Further to earlier messages about the London Walk for Glass Door on 19<sup>th</sup> March, a wonderful team of volunteers has now come together. If you feel able to sponsor us for this very important cause, providing shelter and support for the homeless in West London, please see details below.

*Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour and glory of your name and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen. [The Liturgical Commission]*

With my love and prayers Mother Emma



### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Sponsorship

Mother Emma, Father Christopher, Martina, Jeremy, Ran, Alex, John, Hakan and Emma P will be walking with Glass Door to raise money and awareness of homelessness. This 10k evening walk through central London will be a sea of colour, passion and fun as the dress code requests bright colours and or a feather boa! You can find the team fundraising page here: [www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/stmaryabbots](http://www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/stmaryabbots).

### How can you play a part in the life of our Church?

As we return to normality we consider everything that the life and worship at St Mary Abbots used to offer before the days of Covid and we are praying for people to volunteer in different fields of lay ministry, from reading to refreshments, from serving at the altar to flower-arranging.

We will be dedicating a particular month this year to each of these ministries, so that you may consider how God is asking you to play your part within the worshipping community. For each one, we shall be using a particular Sunday to pray for and commission our volunteers, offering a training session and having a lunch together.

The first of these will be for any who would like to help prepare and serve coffee and refreshments after the 9.30 am, as we are aware that many of you have been greatly missing this area of our shared life. Please consider seriously if this might be the area in which you wish to serve, and contact Fr Christopher if you would like to join the list for commissioning, or if you would like to ask questions. The first date for remembering this ministry in the liturgy and offering lunch and training will be Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

### Friends of St Mary Abbots - Appeal

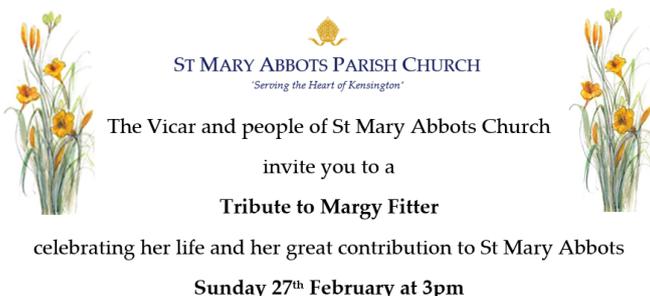
During the course of 2022 the Friends will concentrate their efforts on celebrations to mark 150 years of worshipping in our beautiful church building. They will be holding many fundraising activities and events which will go directly towards the church's most urgent project, the provision of disabled 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 please contact administrator Ruth Darrell on [ruthabarker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ruthabarker@yahoo.co.uk) or Steve Atack, Founding Patron at [steveatack@aol.com](mailto:steveatack@aol.com) or on 020 7402 1531. Membership renewals are also now due.

## PARISH & OTHER NEWS

### Children's Book Project Appeal

With World Book Day taking place on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.childrensbookproject.co.uk)



We invite you to join us for a special Celebration and Tribute to Margy Fitter, who was such an important part of our church community. You are invited to arrive at 3pm and there will be prosecco (her favourite tippie!) tea and cakes. Please could you let Simon know if you wish to attend so that we can provide the right amount of refreshments. [virger@stmaryabbots.org.uk](mailto:virger@stmaryabbots.org.uk) or 0207 937 5136