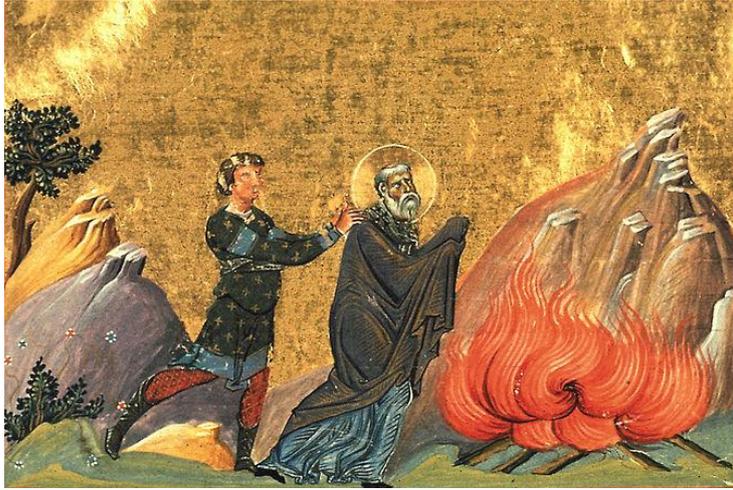


In Our Prayers This Week

Prayer for 2nd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**



Saint Polycarp of Smyrna, Bishop and Martyr

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

Those in acute need

Hillary Bardsley	Patrick North	Michael
Lily Cameron	Elizabeth Rackow	Sebastian
James Clark	Mary Reeve	Stephanie
Cynthia Dize	June Scully	Yves
Giles Henley	Hellen Mason-Spyry	
Geraldine Henry	Fr Peter Stubbs	
Gina Hrela	David Strong	
Joan Jackson	Jill Traynor	
Rose Kanyangarara	Bob	
Fr David Michaels	Edward	

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	Maggie Rees-Oliviere	Charles
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and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

Alison Nicholson, 20 th February	Pedro Da Gama, 21 st February
Esme Bass, 22 nd February	Ivan Cameron, 25 th February
	Samir Al-Kadi

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 20th 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 20th February – 2nd Sunday Before Lent.

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist
11.15	Choral Matins
12.30	Hospitality training and lunch
5.30 pm	Taize Eucharist

MONDAY 21st 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 22nd February

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

WEDNESDAY 23rd February – Polycarp, Bishop

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

THURSDAY 24th February

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon	Parish Eucharist – no school Eucharist
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

FRIDAY 25th 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 26th February

10-10.45 am	Surrey and Berkshire Bell Ringers
12 noon	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

SUNDAY 27th February – Sunday next before Lent

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30am	Choral Eucharist
11.15	Choral Matins
3 pm	Tribute to Marge Fitter
	<i>Please RSVP to Simon for numbers</i>
5.30 pm	Sung Evensong

Message from Father Christopher

I hope our families are having a good half-term break, and that it hasn't been too frantic for you.

This Sunday is also known as Creation Sunday in some churches, and our readings encourage us to reflect on our place in creation: both as being subject to the forces of nature along with the rest of God's creatures, and as having a shared duty to steward God's creation well: for Him, for the poorest in the world, and for future generations. As we hear of Jesus's stilling of the waves, we also remember that we are always dependent on the God who made us, however in control we might sometimes kid ourselves we are. This is all the more important a lesson as we turn towards Lent and remind ourselves of the centrality of prayer in our lives.

This week, as I write, we have received the sad news that Bishop Graham Tomlin is leaving Kensington to head up the new Centre for Cultural Witness, seeking better ways to capture the imagination of people in our culture with the joy of our faith. We will be very sad to see +Graham go, which he does at the end of August, and wish him well when that time comes.

With my prayers and best wishes, and looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, Father Christopher



PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Valuation Day at St Mary Abbots Centre Wednesday 2nd March, 11am - 3.30pm

Olympia Auctions will be holding a Valuation Day for antique jewellery, watches, ceramics, silver, sculpture, clocks, miniatures, Objects of Vertu, paintings, watercolours and drawings at St Mary Abbots Centre. Refreshments will be available

They will be asking for donations for the valuations they carry out to raise funds for St Mary Abbot's church. In addition, if an object is consigned to auction, Olympia Auctions will donate a percentage from the sale proceeds towards the plans for improved accessibility and relighting of the building and spire in this 150th anniversary year. No appointment necessary. For further information please contact: enquiries@olympiaauctions.com or 020 7806 5541.

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

Kensington Council of Churches Ecumenical Lent Course

Wednesday 9th March then every Wednesday at 7.30pm

Taken from the Mission Theology Advisory Group (MTAG) the course follows the story of St Winfried, whose experiences are still very relevant today: the place of faith, misuse of power, sexual harassment & coercion, the right to follow Jesus and the need for healing and hope. Each sessions takes place in a different local church, starting on the 9th March at Sisters of Sion, 34 Chepstow Villas, W11 2QZ.

As you visit each station you will be asked to consider the piece of Scripture for the day, a discussion, reflections, something to do and to end with a prayer.

Licenced Lay Ministry Discernment & Vocations Course

Tuesday 8th March, 7 pm to 8 pm on Zoom

If you would like to explore lay ministry in the Diocese of London, or if you have any questions about the roles, selection process or training this might be the course for you. admin.stedmunds@London.anglican.org for more information.

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.dalgarnotrust.org.uk

Confirmation and Confirmation Classes – Last Call Commissioning of candidates Sunday 6th March

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 as soon as possible. Candidates will be commissioned on Sunday 6th March during the 9.30 am 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. The confirmation will take place on Thursday 9th June 2022 by The Bishop of Kensington, the Rt Rev'd Dr Graham Tomlin.

Lent Prayer Group

From Thursday 3rd March, 10.30 am

This Lent we will be meeting every Thursday morning to pray and to discuss the techniques and forms prayers take. We would like to ask you to come and share your own way of communicating with God, either on your own or with others. Perhaps you pray while walking, or in the shower, or while cooking, or while singing or listening to music; perhaps you pray using a rosary or the Jesus prayer, or do you just need peace and stillness around you. If you would like to share your own form of prayer and perhaps inspire others to try it themselves then please contact Father Christopher.

London Walk, St Mary Abbots Team Saturday 19th March – Sponsorship

If you would like to support Mother Emma, Father Christopher, Alex, Becky, Chloe, Emma P, Hakan, Jeremy, John, Julia, Martina and Ran who will be walking with Glass Door to raise money and awareness of homelessness then please use the link below. This 10k evening walk through central London will be a sea of colour and fun as the dress code requests bright colours and / or a feather boa! More details about the charity and why we are supporting it can be found on the what is on page of our website under 'what is on'. The team fundraising page here: www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/stmaryabbots.