

In Our Prayers This Week

Prayer for Sunday next before Lent

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for Ash Wednesday

God our Father, you create us from the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be for us a sign of our penitence and a symbol of our morality: for it is by your grace alone that we receive eternal life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**



Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

Those in acute need

Buyile Phiri	Rose
Hillary Bardsley	Elizabeth Rackow
Lily Cameron	June Scully
Cynthia Dize	Hellen Mason-Spyry
Giles Henley	Fr Peter Stubbs
Gina Hrela	David Strong
Rose Kanyangarara	Jill Traynor
Fr David Michaels	Adam
Patrick North	Alisdair
	Michael

Those in long-term need

Theo Bulkai
Annie Redmile
James Worsley
Conor

and for all who have died recently

Maggie Rees-Oliviere Charles

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

Arthur Harriman, 28 th February	Anthony Minoprio, 29 th February
Thomas Nevill, 3 rd March	Charlotte Felderhof, 4 th March
Mary Isa, 5 th March	Josephine Grieve, 5 th March
Derrick Holden-Brown, 6 th March	

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 27th February 2022

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

While the Government has lifted Covid-19 restrictions, please be mindful at all times of those who may be vulnerable or anxious in our community. We are maintaining the rear pews of Block B (the section in front of the lectern) for those who wish to remain masked and retain social distancing practices.

SUNDAY 27th February – Sunday next before Lent

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30am	Choral Eucharist
11.15	Choral Matins with welcoming of Rev'd Canon Professor Peter Galloway
3 pm	Tribute to Margy Fitter
5.30 pm	Sung Evensong

MONDAY 28th 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 1st March – David, Bishop

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

WEDNESDAY 2nd March – Ash Wednesday

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am	School Eucharist
12 noon	Choral Eucharist With imposition of Ashes
1.05pm	Meditation Group
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church Followed by Ashing outside church

THURSDAY 3rd March

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
11 am	Lent Prayer Group
12 noon	Parish Eucharist – no School Eucharist
2.30 pm	Rainbow Poetry Group
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

FRIDAY 4th March

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 March

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

SUNDAY 6th March – 1st Sunday of Lent

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30am	Family Eucharist with Commissioning of Confirmation Candidates
11.15	Choral Matins
5.30 pm	Sung Evensong

Message from Mother Emma



It was good to welcome new volunteers for the ministry of hospitality last weekend, and we look forward to commissioning others for different ministries over the next few months. Thank you to all those who have come forward to offer their gifts in the service of God and his Church.

This Sunday (27th) at the Eucharist and at Matins (at which he will also preach), we shall be welcoming the Revd Canon Professor Peter Galloway, well-known to many of us already, as our new Honorary Assistant Priest, and we are very grateful that he will be sharing in the ministry of St Mary Abbots going forward, mainly on Sundays.

On Sunday afternoon from 3 pm, we shall be holding our Parish Thanksgiving for the Life of Margy Fitter, so much loved and missed by the church community. If you are hoping to attend, please do let Simon know for catering purposes.

NEXT WEEK will be the start of Lent. On Shrove Tuesday, pancakes will be served at the back of church from 3.30 pm until they run out, for families and others leaving the school or passing by, and on Ash Wednesday, we shall be marking this most solemn of days with a School Eucharist with Ashing at 9.30 am (to which all are welcome), and a Choral Eucharist with Ashing at 12 noon. Following both the Midday Eucharist and 5.30 pm Evening Prayer, we shall also be offering ashing outside the church. If you would like to come at either of these times and help hand out cards and invite people for ashing, please let me know. Please note that as we are holding our main Service with our full professional choir at midday, there will be no Evening Eucharist, but there are several being offered in local churches.

A quick reminder that next Sunday (6th March) we shall be commissioning this year's Confirmation candidates. If you are interested in Confirmation for yourself or your child, this is your last chance to contact one of the clergy and be put on the list! Please don't hesitate to ask us any questions if you are feeling unsure.

I look forward to seeing you at as many of these significant moments in our church's life as you are able.

As this time of international tension, we pray especially for the leaders of the nations, for peace, compassion, reconciliation and hope:

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace: let the design of thy great love lighten upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows: give peace to thy Church, peace among nations, peace in our dwellings, and peace in our hearts: through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. [Church of England Prayers for Peace]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

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

After the Commissioning of Candidates on the 6th there will be eight preparations sessions on Tuesday evenings for adults and on Wednesdays after school for candidates under 16. These will run to the end of term and then continuing until half-term in the summer. The 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.

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 or email the vicarage office at pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk

Palm Crosses



It is Ash Wednesday next week so we ask if you could please return your Palm Crosses to the virgers in the church so that the crosses can be burned for Ashing which will take place on Wednesday 2nd March after both the 12 noon special Choral Eucharist and 5.30 Evening Prayer.

Lent Prayer Group

From Thursday 3rd March, 11am

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 on their 10k walk through central London at night then you can find the team fundraising page here: www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/stmaryabbots. They are trying to raise money for homeless charity Glass Door. www.glassdoor.org.uk

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.

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.