

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for 1st Sunday of Lent

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for the Ukraine

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; **Amen**



St's Perpetua & Felicitas at Cathage. Orthodox Missionary, Pinterest

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

Those in acute need

Hillary Bardsley	Carroll Primrose	Rose
Lily Cameron	Elizabeth Rackow	Sebastian
Giles Henley	June Scully	Stephanie
Gina Hrela	Hellen Mason-Spyry	Talia
Rose Kanyangarara	Fr Peter Stubbs	Yves
Fr David Michaels	David Strong	<u>Those in long-term need</u>
Joe Morrison	Jill Traynor	Theo Bulkai
Patrick North	Adam	Annie Redmile
Buyile Phiri	Alisdair	James Worsley
	Michael	Conor

and for all who have died recently

Jeanne Keyser Maggie Rees-Oliviere Charles

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

Derrick Holden-Brown, 6th March Penelope King, 8th March
Alfred Bailey, 10th March Owen Lloyd, 12th March
Alick Macvie, 13th March Eileen Haddad, 13th March
May El-Kadi, March

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 6th March 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 at all times and retain social distancing practices.

SUNDAY 6th March – 1st Sunday of Lent

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

MONDAY 7th March – Perpetua, Felicity & companions

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 8th March – Edward King, Bishop

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

WEDNESDAY 9th March

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

THURSDAY 10th March

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am School Eucharist – all are welcome
11 am Lent Prayer Group
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

FRIDAY 11th 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 12th March

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

SUNDAY 13th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

Message from Mother Emma



We continue to wrestle with shock and sadness as we hear of the ongoing attacks in Ukraine. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have asked us to share in the following prayer for Ukraine:

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

It was very good to be able to dedicate our Ash Wednesday prayer and fasting as an opportunity to remember all those caught up in the fighting or trapped within Ukraine, and it was very uplifting to have so many of you with us in church yesterday, joining your prayers with ours.

Looking ahead to this weekend, we mark the first Sunday of the month with a Family Eucharist at 9.30 am and would be delighted to see people of all ages worshipping together. Do contact Martina if your child would like to help in any way. We are also very excited to be commissioning and praying for our Confirmation candidates at the 9.30 am service this week, as they begin this wonderful new stage of their faith journey, ahead of the Confirmation Service on June 9th. We shall also be marking the First Sunday of Lent at our 8 am BCP service, Choral Matins at 11.15 am and Sung Evensong at 5.30 pm as usual.

May I possibly ask you once again if you might feel able to sponsor the team who will be walking at night on March 19th, to raise funds for Glass Door and their work amongst the homeless? Details of how to sponsor us can be found below.

Finally, you will remember that during Advent, we offered a performance by our professional choir of Handel's Messiah, part I (which narrates Christ's birth). As we prepare for Holy Week and Easter at the end of Lent, the choir will sing Messiah parts II and III, which are largely based around Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection. Details can be found below.

Almighty God, may we, by the prayer and discipline of Lent, enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings; that by following in the Way, we may come to share in the glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. [CW Daily Prayer, Night Prayer for Lent]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Sponsor the Team

The London Walk in aid of Glass Door 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 raising money for Glass Door: www.glassdoor.org.uk

Royal College of Music Concert Tuesday 22nd March, 1.05pm

The students of the Royal College of Music are putting on **an additional** piano concert at church which includes a performance by Qinyue He of **Bach's** French Suite no.5 in G major, BWV 816, Zhimiao Geng playing **Liszt's** Apres une lecture du Dante: Fantasia quasi Sonata and lastly Phoebe Liu performing **Schumann's** Carnaval op.9. As usual entrance is free – please come and support the students.



Handel's Messiah

Sunday 10th April at 5.30 pm **Part II & III**

A special Palm Sunday performance by candlelight

with the Purcell Players & St Mary Abbots Choir

Tickets £10, including programme

In a change to our usual Palm Sunday concert The Purcell Players and St Mary Abbots choir will be performing the second two acts of Handel's Messiah rather than The Passion. Tickets are £10 and we hope that you will come and support the choir. Please see the 'what is on' page of our website to book your place: www.smaw8.org/what-is-on.html

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

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.

Red Cross Emergency Appeal for Ukraine



Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Ukraine who continue to stand up against the illegal invasion of their country, who's bravery comes a huge personal risk and who citizens suffer danger, turmoil, separation and loss of life. If you would like to support the emergency appeal set up by The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS) which aims to distribute food, water, 1st Aid, medicines, warm clothes and shelter to those on the ground, and those fleeing over the border into Poland, Romania, Hungary, Moldova and Slovakia. If you would like to donate please visit the Red Cross page: www.redcross.org.uk For more information on what you can do please see The Ukrainian House website: www.ukrainianinstitute.org.uk