

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Lent

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

St Patrick's breastplate (extract)

I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me from snares of devils, from temptation of vices, from everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near. **Amen**



L'Annunciation des Offices by Simone Martini, alterpiece

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

Those in acute need

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

For those affected by conflict

Dmitri Mykola Gnatovsky Ilya Dmytro Kuleba Vadim

and for all who have died recently

Dianne Gabitass Jeanne Keyser Richard McLaren (priest)
Elizabeth Rackow Maggie Rees-Oliviere Charles

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

Hew Service, 20th March Berit Kringberg, 22nd March
Brian Sale, 26th March Arthur Bliss, 27th March
Moreen Freed

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 20th 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 20th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

MONDAY 21st March – Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop

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 March

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon Holy Eucharist (BCP)
1.05 pm Royal College of Music piano recital
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

WEDNESDAY 23rd March

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

THURSDAY 24th March – Walter Hilton, Mystic

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 25th March – Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 March – Harriet Mansell, Founder of

St John Baptist Community
12 noon Holy Eucharist (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SUNDAY 27th March – Mothering Sunday

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

Message from Mother Emma

A reminder that this Sunday (20th) at both services we shall be commissioning and offering lunch for all those who welcome people to our church by serving as sidespeople. Thank you to those who have come forward to volunteer, and we look forward to seeing old and new faces coming together at this event, as we plan the way ahead. If you were formerly a sidesperson and would like to return to the team, please do get in touch.



The following Sunday (27th) will be a double celebration; first as we celebrate Mothering Sunday in gratitude for the care of our Mother Church, remembering our patron saint, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord, and giving heartfelt thanks for our own mothers and all those who have cared for us. This service will be both a Choral Eucharist, with the wonderful music of our professional choir, and ALSO a Family Eucharist, as mothers and children lead us in the liturgy. That same day, we can celebrate together the return of shared refreshments in the school building after the Eucharist, for the first time since the lockdown began two years ago, thanks to Selma and her team. Both those who have attended the 9.30 Eucharist, and any who come early for 11.15 Matins are warmly invited to join us.

As we continue to hold on our hearts and in our prayers all those caught up in the fighting in Ukraine, together with those who have suddenly become refugees, we are moved to hear of stories of hospitality enabling family members of those within our own community to come to the UK. Once again our newsletter (in church and on the website) contains advice from both the Diocesan and Red Cross websites if you would like to donate either money or goods, together with information about how to offer to host a refugee family. The local ecumenical Peace Vigils will continue for the foreseeable future in the Alec Clifton Taylor Garden at 3 pm on Sundays.

Living God, draw us deeper into your love; Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve; Holy Spirit, make us heralds of good news. Sir us, strengthen us, teach and inspire us to live your love with generosity and joy, imagination and courage; for the sake of your world and in the name of Christ, Amen. (Diocese of St Albans Commissioning Liturgy)

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



Royal College of Music – Concert Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 1.05pm

Next Tuesday, 22nd of March at 1.05pm the students of the Royal College of Music are putting on an additional piano concert at church which includes Bach's French Suite no.5 in G major, Liszt's Apres une lecture du Dante: Fantasia quasi Sonata and lastly Schumann's Carnaval op.9. As usual entrance is free – please come and support the students.

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Kensington Council of Churches Ecumenical Lent Course Wednesday 23rd March at 7.30pm

This week's Kensington Council of Churches Lent Course, which follows the story of 7th Century martyr St Winefride, takes place in Methodist Church, Lancaster Road, W11 4AH. www.ctbi.org.uk/lent-study-2022/

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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

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

Ukraine – how you can help



Accommodation: The Government has launched a scheme to house individuals and families from the Ukraine with the help of a sponsor. Sponsors will be asked to provide accommodation for a minimum of 6 months, but perhaps more. To find out more about

this and how to register please click [HERE](http://www.homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk) or visit the website: www.homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk

Prayer Vigil: Join the group praying for peace every Sunday at 3pm in Alec Clifton Taylor Gardens which is situated behind the church.

Welcome churches: have prepared a website with information for new arrivals on healthcare, education, employment, church life, social activities and making connection [HERE](http://www.ukrainewelcome.org) or www.ukrainewelcome.org

Donate: The Red Cross are distributing food, water, 1st Aid, medicines, warm clothes and shelter to those in the Ukraine and those who have fled over the borders into neighbouring counties: You can donate www.redcross.org.uk

For more information on what you can do please visit the **Diocesan website** [HERE](http://www.dio.org.uk) or

Ukrainian Institute's website: www.ukrainianinstitute.org.uk