

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for 4th Sunday of Lent

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<u>Those in acute need</u>	Hellen Mason-Spyry	Stephanie
Hillary Bardsley	David Strong	Talia
Brian Cripps	Jill Traynor	Yves
Rose Kanyangarara	Adam	<u>Those in long-term need</u>
Fr David Michaels	Alisdair	Theo Bulkai
Patrick North	Matt	Annie Redmile
Buyile Phiri	Nathan	James Worsley
June Scully	Rose	Michael
		Conor

For those affected by conflict

Dmitri Mykola Gnatovsky Ilya Dmytro Kuleba Vadim

and for all who have died recently

Dianne Gabitass Jeanne Keyser Elizabeth Rackow
Maggie Rees-Oliviere Charles

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

Arthur Bliss, 27th March John Atack, 3rd April
Margy Fitter Margaret Johnson

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 27th 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 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

MONDAY 28th March

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.30 am Bible Study (online)
10.45 am Funeral of Jeanne Keyser
12 noon Informal Eucharist - Sunday on Monday
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

TUESDAY 29th March

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

WEDNESDAY 30th March

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

THURSDAY 31st March – John Donne, priest

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am School Passion Service
11 am Lent Prayer Group
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

FRIDAY 1st April – Frederick Maurice, priest

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 2nd April

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

SUNDAY 3rd April – Passion Sunday

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

Message from Mother Emma

First, a massive thank you to all those who took part in, or who sponsored the team, for the Glass Door London Walk last Saturday! There are pictures on this newsletter of us in our colourful garb walking around the City at night, if you would like to be reassured that we were there and completed the course... We were proud to hear the following day that the amount raised at that point by St Mary Abbots was over £5,300, and we have had a few additional donations since then. We are so grateful to you all for supporting this wonderful cause, offering shelter and advice to homeless people in West London.



Second, a reminder that THIS WEEKEND THE CLOCKS MOVE FORWARD, so please do adjust your alarms as we prepare to celebrate Mothering Sunday together, with the mothers and children of the parish leading our worship at 9.30 am, and our professional choir offering their gifts on this special day. As an extra incentive, we shall be re-starting the refreshments in the school between the 9.30 am Eucharist and 11.15 Matins, and hope you will be able to join us for that.

As we begin to move towards Holy Week and Easter, we shall be reminding you of the many, immensely powerful services through which we remember Jesus' journey to the Cross. However, may I draw your attention now to the choir's performance of Parts 2 and 3 of Handel's Messiah on the evening of Palm Sunday (April 10th). This latter half of "Messiah" also guides us through the events of Holy Week and Easter, from the sadness of the Crucifixion "Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows", through the joy of Resurrection and the Hallelujah chorus, to the promise which Christ's Passion and Rising bring to us all, "I know that my Redeemer liveth". Tickets are £10 and available on the 'what is on' page of the website.

As we pray for Ukrainians both in Ukraine and forced to flee as refugees you will find below updated information about ways to offer practical or financial help.

Loving God, Jesus, your Son, was born into the family of Mary and Joseph; bless all parents and all who care for children; strengthen those families living under stress and may your love be known where no human love is found. Loving God, as we see the brokenness of our world we pray for healing among the nations; for food where there is hunger; for freedom where there is oppression; for joy where there is pain; that your love may bring peace to all your children.

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Fundraising for Glass Door – photographs



We hope you enjoy these photos, taken by Chloe and Martina, of the SMA Team consisting of Mother Emma, Father Christopher, Becky, Chloe, Hakan, Jeremy, John, Martina, Petter and Ran. Well done to all of you.



Handel's Messiah

Sunday 10th April

Part II & III

at 5.30 pm

A special Palm Sunday performance by candlelight

Www.stmaryabbots.org.uk/what-is-on

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

KCC Ecumenical Lent Course Wednesday 30th 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 Carmelite Priory, Kensington Church Street, W8 4BB. To find out more: www.ctbi.org.uk/lent-study-2022/

Zoom Discussion

Wednesday 30th March at 8pm

Rev'd Andy Roland is holding a discussion on 'The Atheist and the Priest - two novels about Jesus'. If you would like to attend the meeting then the link can be found [HERE](#).

Part Time Parish Manager needed for the Parish of St Clement and St James

The Parish consists of two Anglican churches in the liberal catholic tradition with a diverse and lively community. From helping to found the Notting Hill Carnival, or setting up 'the Clement St James Centre' running literacy and employment programmes, as well as IntoUniversity which provides Education programmes to disadvantaged children they are looking for a team player with bags of initiative. If you have strong experience in financial management with an interest in fundraising, bookings and maintenance of parish buildings, communications including website and social media then full job description and how to apply can be found here: https://www.stclementjames.org.uk/Articles/629849/Latest_News.aspx. This role would be ideal if you are looking for a part time or job share with some home working.

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](#) 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](#) 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](#)