

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for Passion Sunday

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for those in need

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice. Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying, to find strength in the companionship of Jesus, and in his passion to know their salvation. By the Saviour's cross and passion. **Amen**



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Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

Those in acute need

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

For those affected by conflict

Antonina	Dmitri	Mykola Gnatovsky	Ilya
	Dmytro Kuleba	Nadia 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

Eddie Sullivan, 25th March

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 3rd April 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 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

MONDAY 4th April

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 5th April

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

WEDNESDAY 6th April

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

THURSDAY 7th April

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am	No School Service – half term
12 noon	Holy Eucharist
11 am	Lent Prayer Group
2.30 pm	Rainbow Poetry Group
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

FRIDAY 8th April

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30am	No Mini Abbots
12 noon	Holy Eucharist
1.05 pm	No Royal College concert
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

SATURDAY 9th April – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Pastor

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

SUNDAY 10th April – Palm Sunday

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am	Procession of Palms & Parish Eucharist
11.15 am	Choral Matins
5.30 pm	Handel's Messiah Part II & III

Message from Mother Emma

We are now in Passiontide, the final two weeks before Easter. This morning, Fr Christopher and I were privileged to be involved in the St Mary Abbots School Passion Play, in which every child in the school took part, and which was a deeply moving re-enactment of the events of Holy Week.



This Sunday, we celebrate Passion Sunday, and will see the cross and images veiled in purple as we approach this solemn time. We hope you will be able to join us at the Eucharist, or at Matins, at which Fr Peter Galloway will be preaching. The following Sunday (Palm Sunday), 10th April, is the start of Holy Week, and we shall be meeting at the West Doors of the church at 9.30 am to process outside the church as we remember Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem, before we hear the dramatized reading of the Passion Story. In the event, there are still tickets available for the performance of Parts 2 and 3 of Handel's Messiah, which will also be a beautiful and evocative reminder of this story.

Looking ahead through Holy Week, there will be a devotional address at the 12 noon Eucharist on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, which will then be put up online within a service of Night Prayer for those unable to attend during the day. On Maundy Thursday, Fr Peter Galloway will be presiding at the 10.30 am BCP Eucharist. We then enter into the Triduum (the Great Three Days), which includes the Maundy Thursday service at 8 pm, the Three Hours from 12 noon on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil with Baptism at 8pm on Saturday 16th, before we meet to celebrate the glorious Easter Eucharist on Easter Day and greet Christ as he rises from the dead. Please do join us for as many of these services as you are able – it is hard to experience the full joy of Easter without first experiencing at least some of the sad solemnity of Holy Week on the way. Our professional choir will be singing for all these services.

As we look beyond Easter, we shall be starting to mark the 150th Anniversary of our Gilbert Scott building this year, beginning with a service on 15th May at 11.15 am, remembering the original Dedication of the building on 14th May 1872. The Preacher will be the Ven Richard Frank, the Archdeacon of Middlesex. Please save this date in your diaries, along with the date of our 150th Patronal Festival on 11th September at 11.15, at which the Bishop of London will come to the church for her first visit to preach and preside at a Festal Eucharist. Events will be held and advertised to mark the anniversary throughout this year – please watch this space!

If you are travelling or away for the holidays, please know that you are in our prayers, and please also take our love and blessings to any church you visit. We hope that you will have a reflective Holy Week and a joyful Easter when it comes.

God of mercy, who in your great love drew your Son from the depths of the Pit, bring your people from death to life, that we may rejoice in your compassion and praise you now and forever, Amen. [Response to Psalm 86, Common Worship, Daily Prayer]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

KCC Ecumenical Lent Course Wednesday 6th April at 7.30pm

The Last of Kensington Council of Churches Lent Courses, which follows the story of 7th Century martyr St Winefride, takes place in St John's Notting Hill, Lansdowne Crescent, W11 2NN. To find out more: www.ctbi.org.uk/lent-study-2022/

Handel's Messiah

Sunday 10th April

Part II & III

at 5.30 pm

A special Palm Sunday performance by candlelight

Fundraising Challenge Wednesday 4th May 2022

Rosie Campbell is raising money in memory of her Father, who died of a rare and aggressive cancer aged 67 last year, by running 67 miles from Kings Canterbury, a school he loved, to the Lanesborough Hotel on Hyde Park Corner, his favourite hotel for people watching and drinking his favourite cocktail, a Margarita. Rosie, who works locally, and who will be holding a follow up fundraising event in the garden later in the month, is busy training for this exhausting 18 hour challenge, which must be completed in one day. She is determined to raise as much money as possible for the NHS and Cancer Research in his memory. If you would like to sponsor Rosie on this ultimate challenge please visit her fundraising page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rosie-campbell-67-mile-run>

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 your 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. All are welcome.

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