

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.
Amen

Prayer for St George

God of hosts, who so kindled the flame of love in the heart of your servant George that he bore witness to the risen Lord by his life and by his death: give us the same faith and power of love that we who rejoice in his triumphs may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection; **Amen**



Ethiopian Biblical Manuscript, Alwan Codex, Wikipedia

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

Those in acute need

Laila Attia	June Scully	Talia
Hillary Bardsley	Hellen Mason-Spyry	Yves
Brian Cripps	David Strong	Zahra
Julie Costley-White	Jill Traynor	
Fr David Michaels	Adam	
Patrick North	Matt	
Buyile Phiri	Nathan	
	Rose	
	Stephanie	

Those in long-term need

Annie Redmile
James Worsley
Michael
Conor

For those affected by conflict

Antonina	Dmitri	Mykola Gnatovsky	Ilya
	Dmytro Kuleba	Nadia Vadim	

and for all who have died recently

Pauline Del Mar	Jeanne Keyser
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and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

Winifred Howe, 24 th April	Richard Horsley, 27 th April
	Oliver Philpot, 28 th April

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 24th April 2022

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

SUNDAY 24th April – Second Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9.30 am Parish Eucharist
 11.15 am Choral Matins
 5.30 pm Sung Evensong
 Officiant Janet Proudman, Cathedral LLM
 Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

MONDAY 25th April – Mark the Evangelist

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
 8.30 am Bible Study
 12 noon Informal Eucharist - Sunday on Monday
 5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

TUESDAY 26th April – George Martyr, Patron Saint of England

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

WEDNESDAY 27th April – Christina Rossetti, poet

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

THURSDAY 28th April – Peter Chanel, Missionary

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
 9.30 am School Service – all welcome
 1 pm Funeral of Pauline Del Mar
 5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

FRIDAY 29th April – Catherine of Siena, Teacher of Faith

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
 9.30am Mini Abbots in the SMA centre
 12 noon Holy Eucharist
 1.05 pm Royal College of Music concert
 5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SATURDAY 30th April – Pandita Ramabai, Translator

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

SUNDAY 1st May – Third Sunday of Easter

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

It was absolutely wonderful to welcome so many of you to services over Holy Week and Easter, and our Easter Day services offered a truly joyful celebration of Christ's Resurrection! Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped so much with the cleaning and preparation of the church, the donation of flowers, the delicious refreshments afterwards, the Orders of Service, the music and the services themselves.

We were even blessed by the amazing weather, and enjoyed our refreshments outside, which the coffee team aim to continue whenever the weather is reasonable. Please do join us for these, either after the Eucharist or before Matins when you can.

As I mentioned last week, we have the 150th Anniversary Service coming up on 15th May at 11.15 am, so please do be sure this is firmly in your diaries! Given all the other events coming up over the summer, please do get in touch with Leonora if you would be interested in helping with planning, organization or preparation, either generally, or for a particular event. We look forward to a summer of thanksgiving for our church and all that it means to us.

At the same time, we aim to expand further our outreach and sharing of the good gifts God has given us. We continue our Foodbank collections, and have recently heard from them of a considerable increase in the number of people seeking their help. If you feel able to contribute something when you do your weekly shop, please leave it outside the Vestry, and if you have a car and could offer help with delivering the goods to Dalgarno Way, please also let Leonora know. The lists of goods needed are displayed on the railings, in the cloister and on the website under 'about us'. We also hope to develop our partnerships with local charities we have worked with for some time in reaching out to the homeless locally, as well as continuing our work among refugees. If you would like to be involved in outreach projects, please contact Fr Christopher.

I hope that you have all had a good return to school and work after the Easter break. It was lovely to share in the Resurrection Service with St Mary Abbots School this morning, and to carry the school Easter candle, lit from our own Paschal Candle, into the school hall so that they, with us, can shine with the light of Christ this Eastertide and throughout the year.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for as you were sent by the Father, so you send us. Equip your Church with the gifts to fulfil our calling that we may love as you loved, serve as you served, and willingly follow wherever you lead. [Common Worship, Festivals]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

150th Anniversary Celebrations

Picnic at the Vicarage Gardens

Sunday 15th May after 9.30am and 11.15am services

We will be celebrating our 150th Anniversary of the current church's consecration with a short Family Eucharist and Festal Eucharist at which Archdeacon of Middlesex, the Ven Richard Frank will preside and preach. You are warmly invited to bring a picnic rug to the Vicarage Garden for a celebratory event – toys and play area for the children, with sandwiches, fruit, soft drinks and prosecco, or do bring your own picnic with you. We hope to see you there.

Details of more Events throughout the rest of the year will follow shortly. Please keep an eye on the "what is on" page of the website.



150th Anniversary Accessibility Appeal The Friends report encouraging progress!

In celebration of the 150th Anniversary opening of our splendid Sir George Gilbert Scott designed church, which took place on May 14th 1872, the Friends of St Mary Abbots have launched an Appeal to raise £50,000 to install a new architect designed accessibility ramp at the main Cloister Doors to replace the unsightly and unsafe temporary ramp that has been there since the 1990s.

The Appeal has so far raised an ENCOURAGING QUARTER of the funds required.

If you would like to donate towards this appeal you can give your cheque, made payable to "Friends of St Mary Abbots Church Kensington", to Steve Attack or their Treasurer Nigel Grieve or a member of the Clergy or a virger in church, or send by post to the Parish Office at St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate, London W8. To pay by bank transfer please email Steve Attack at steveattack@aol.com

The Friends have let us know that they will match £1 for every £1 you donate, thereby doubling your gift.

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Food Bank



Mother Emma has mentioned how important the food bank contributions are, but to give you an idea of the increased demand they used to have 50-60 people before covid, and during covid 100-150 but now there are 550 people registered. The demand goes up at the end of each month as people's pay check runs out. A full list can be found on our food bank page www.smaw8.org/food-bank-support.html But please do not bring any ready meals as we have no way of storing them. 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.dalgarnotruster.org.uk

Ukraine – how to help



Sponsorship: Could you help a family and offer your house or flat to a family from the Ukraine as a sponsor? Sponsors will be asked to provide accommodation for a minimum of 6 months. To find out more about this and how to your register please click [HERE](http://www.homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk) or visit the website: www.homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk

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

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