

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for 3rd Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Prayer for Philip & James, Apostles

Almighty Father, whom truly to know is eternal life: teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ as the way, the truth and the life; that we may follow the steps of your holy apostles Philip and James, and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



Philip and James, Pintrest

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

Jeff Bardsley, 3 rd May	Blossom Barrow, 3 rd May
	Anne Bengé, 6 th May

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 1st May 2022

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

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

MONDAY 2nd May – Philip & James, Apostles

(church opens at 10am)

8 am No Morning Prayer

8.30 am No Bible Study

12 noon Holy Eucharist (No Sunday on Monday)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

TUESDAY 3rd May

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon Holy Eucharist (BCP)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

WEDNESDAY 4th May – English saints and martyrs

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon Holy Eucharist

1.05 pm Meditation Group

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

THURSDAY 5th May

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am School Service – all welcome

2.30 pm Rainbow Poetry Circle

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

FRIDAY 6th May

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 7th May

12 noon Holy Eucharist (BCP)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SUNDAY 8th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Holy Eucharist with Baptisms

11.15 am Choral Matins

5.30 pm Sung Evensong

Message from Mother Emma

We are very grateful to everyone who has contributed over the past months to our discussions about the new St Mary Abbots Mission Action Plan for 2022 – 2025. Thank you all for your input and ideas. The PCC met last night to agree (on the basis of everything you have said), our main areas of focus as we travel forward together. We felt that all the discussions held pointed towards three main priorities:

WELCOME

"We want SMA to be a community where anyone and everyone can find a home"

DISCIPLESHIP:

"We want to build SMA and to develop ourselves and our Christian faith"

OUTREACH:

"We want to strengthen the bonds with our neighbours"

We shall be working to develop these areas and to draw up a more detailed plan, which we hope to be able to share with everyone in the congregation very soon, building on all the hopes, aspirations and suggestions you have put forward.

As a first step to demonstrate our commitment to a warm and inclusive welcome, it was also agreed that, as the first stage in a project to mark the 150th Anniversary, we would like to put in a permanent, attractive and safe ramp at the South Door, to help all those who would find this easier than the steps, to replace the existing temporary one, see below!



You may have seen that the Friends of St Mary Abbots, a separate charity which has in the past raised funds for some wonderful projects to enhance the church building, has very kindly been running a fundraising campaign to make the church more accessible to all, and they are now specifically collecting for this project.

If you feel able to contribute something towards a shared, practical expression of the welcome we proclaim, please could you send it to the Friends of St Mary Abbots by cheque, made payable to "**Friends of St Mary Abbots Church Kensington**" and send it to The Parish Office at St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate, London W8 – or give to one of the clergy. To pay by bank transfer please email Steve Atack at steveatack@aol.com

The Friends have promised to match £1 for every £1 you donate, thereby doubling your gift.

We shall be keeping you regularly updated on the state of the appeal and the work itself, and will have some designs available in church very soon for you to consider.

I shall be away this Sunday, but Fr Christopher looks forward to seeing you in church at any of our services as we continue to journey through Eastertide.

O God, from living stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling – a place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy



Spirit those who serve you here may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

PS Please keep remembering our Anniversary Service on Sunday 15th May!

150th Anniversary Celebrations



St Mary Abbots church, May 1872. RBKC Archives

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Celebrating 150 Years

Festal Eucharist

Preacher

The Ven. Richard Frank,
Archdeacon of Middlesex

Sunday 15th May 2022

11.15

All are welcome

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.

The London Walk in Aid of Glass Door

Glass door have been in touch with us to tell us that they raised £20,404 (plus gift aid) thanks to the London Walk, which could nearly pay for 22 guests to stay in the Glass Door hostel for an entire month.

A fantastic £4,561 was raised by our team at St Mary Abbots! They would like to say a large thank you, as would we for all your generous donations.

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.dalgarnotrust.org.uk



Ukraine – how to help

Sponsorship: If you can sponsor and accommodate a family please click [HERE](#) or visit the website: www.homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk

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.