

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for 4th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Prayer for courage in adversity

Lord, you reach into the darkness with hope, truth and light. Stretch out your strong hand in this situation, hold and rescue those who have suffered. Let your almighty love move mountains, cross seas and breathe life into the darkest places. **Amen** *The Spiritual Life*



St Matthias, All Souls Chapel, Oxford. Lawrence OP, flickr

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers
For Alice, George, Margaret & Theo who are baptised today.

Those in acute need

Laila Attia
Hillary Bardsley
Brian Cripps
Julie Costley-White
Fr David Michaels
Patrick North
Buyile Phiri

June Scully
Hellen Mason-Spyry
David Strong
Jill Traynor

Adam
Matt
Nathan
Rose

Stephanie
Talia
Yves
Zahra

Those in long-term need

Annie Redmile
James Worsley
Michael
Conor

For those affected by conflict

Antonina Dmitri Mykola Gnatovskiy Ilya
Dmytro Kuleba Nadia Vadim

and for all who have died recently

Pauline Del Mar Jean Millicent Turner

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

Rodney Bennett, 10th May Noel Coleman, 13th May
Ruby Jeffreys, 13th May

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 8th May 2022

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

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

MONDAY 9th May

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

TUESDAY 10th May

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

WEDNESDAY 11th May

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

THURSDAY 12th May – Gregory Dix, priest

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am School Service – all welcome
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

FRIDAY 13th 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 14th May - Mathias the Apostle

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

SUNDAY 15th May – 5th Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Family Eucharist
11.15 am 150 years Festal Eucharist
Preacher: The Ven. Richard Frank, Archdeacon of Middlesex
Followed by picnic in garden
5.30 pm Taize Prayer

Message from Father Christopher

You will have seen from Mother Emma's message last week that we have decided in our Mission Action Plan to focus over the next few years on our **welcome, discipleship, and outreach** as a community. In order to develop our outreach we are building an outreach group, for those who want to contribute to this work and to help set its direction.



Particular people have already been helping with our work with the Afghan refugees who arrived in our parish, and more recently, on a smaller scale, with the Ukrainians who have arrived here. I would like to harness the energy from these to start longer term work with the homeless in Kensington High Street (in collaboration with St Barnabas, the parish at the other end of the High Street), as well as sustaining our support for the Dalgarno Food Bank in North Kensington, the Glass Door homeless charity, and considering which other third party charities we might support as a church. If you would like to join us in showing God's love to those in need beyond the walls of St Mary Abbots please get in touch with me.

We will be praying for and commissioning our new outreach group at both the 9.30 Eucharist and at Matins on 22nd May, and having a lunch in church at 12.30 on that day to discuss how to get going with this important work. Please let me know if you are able to make it.

This Sunday we look forward to welcoming the family and friends of Alice, George, Mark and Theo who are with us for their baptism, as we rejoice at the newest members of the church family.

We are looking forward too to our 150th Festal Eucharist in a fortnight's time, at 11.15 a.m. on 15th May, when our archdeacon, the Venerable Richard Frank, is coming to preach, and which will be followed by a picnic lunch in the Vicarage Garden. We very much hope you will be able to join us.

With love in Christ, and God's blessing,

Fr Christopher

150th Anniversary Celebrations



St Mary Abbots church, May 1872. RBKC Archives

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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

After the Sunday services 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 will be provided, or do bring your own picnic with you.

If you would like to help with setting the garden up or putting out food and drinks then please email Leonora for details of what needs to be done! Any volunteers would be welcome.

Anniversary Ramp Project

In a first step to demonstrate our commitment to a warm and inclusive welcome the PCC have agreed to a project 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 and to replace the existing temporary one, see below!



The Friends of St Mary Abbots has very kindly been running a fundraising campaign and are specifically collecting for this project. If you feel able to contribute something towards the project then 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.

Electoral Roll

The updated Electoral Roll is now published in the Church for inspection. The roll has now closed, and no new names can be added until after the APCM on the 18th of May.

AMP & APCM

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the election of Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in the Centre on the 18th May 2022 at 6.30 pm. All those on the Electoral Roll and those resident within the parish boundaries are very welcome to attend!

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Food Bank

Thank you for all your kind donations to the food bank and please keep them coming. 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.