

## In Our Prayers This Week

### Collect for 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 10<sup>th</sup> May Noel Coleman, 13<sup>th</sup> May  
Ruby Jeffreys, 13<sup>th</sup> May

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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

### SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> May

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

### WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> May

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

### THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> May - Mathias the Apostle

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

### SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

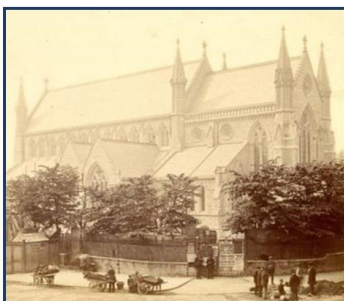
This Sunday we look forward to welcoming the family and friends of Alice, George, Mark and Theo who are with us for their baptism, as we rejoice at the newest members of the church family.

We are looking forward too to our 150<sup>th</sup> Festal Eucharist in a fortnight's time, at 11.15 a.m. on 15<sup>th</sup> 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

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations



St Mary Abbots church, May 1872. RBKC Archives

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH  
150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1872-2022

### Celebrating 150 Years

Festal Eucharist

Preacher

*The Ven. Richard Frank,  
Archdeacon of Middlesex*

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

11.15

*All are welcome*

## Picnic at the Vicarage Gardens

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.