

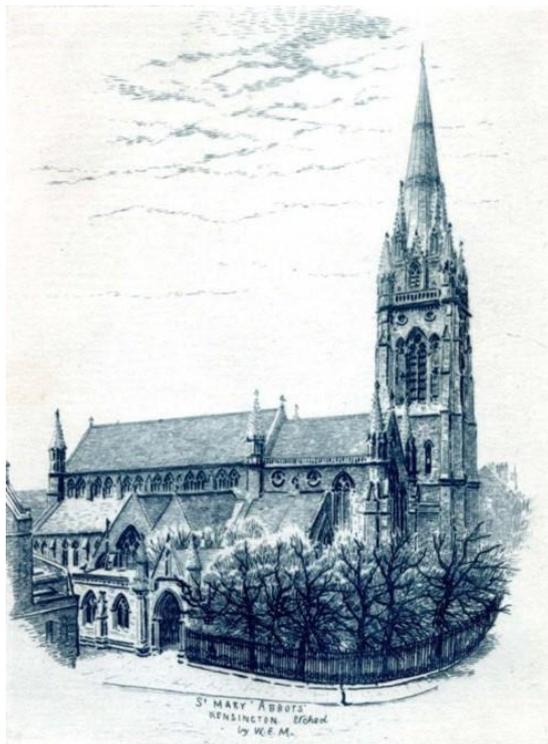
In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for 5th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Blessings for this house

Hear us, Lord, holy almighty and eternal God. Send your holy angel from heaven to visit, protect, bless and defend this place and all who worship in it. **Amen** *Blessings and Prayers*



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 Gnatovsky 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

Hugh Thomas, 17th May Violet Sale, 17th May
Ian Tamblyn, 19th May Didier Lenart, 20th May

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 15th May 2022

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

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

You are warmly invited back to the Vicarage Garden for a celebratory event – toys & play area for the children, with sandwiches, fruit, soft drinks and prosecco.

5.30 pm Taizé Prayer

MONDAY 16th May – Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer

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

TUESDAY 17th May

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

WEDNESDAY 18th May

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon Healing Eucharist
1.05 pm Meditation Group
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church
6.30 pm APCM at St Mary Abbots Centre

THURSDAY 19th May – Dunstan, Archbishop

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

FRIDAY 20th May – Alcuin, Deacon & Abbot

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 21st May – Helena, Protector of Holy Places

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

SUNDAY 22nd May – 6th Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Holy Eucharist
11.15 am Choral Matins
12.30 pm Outreach training and lunch
5.30 pm Sung Evensong

Message from Mother Emma

The start of our 150th Anniversary celebrations has finally arrived! We very much hope that you will be able to join us for our Festal Eucharist at 11.15 am this Sunday at St Mary Abbots, followed by a picnic in the Vicarage gardens. Our preacher will be the Ven Richard Frank, the Archdeacon of Middlesex, and we look forward to a full choral octet singing the Mozart Coronation Mass as the setting for our Eucharist. We shall be giving thanks for all those who have served and worshipped in the parish since it was established in the eleventh century, and also recognising the generosity and skill of those who worked to create our current building, designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott. We will be praying for the future of the parish as we move forward together under God.



There will be a short Children's Eucharist at 9.30 am, for those with small children (0-5), who may then proceed to the Vicarage garden to play, but we do encourage older families to attend the main celebration, where there will be activity packs for use by children in the pews, and we hope those from our other congregations will also come together at 11.15 am to rejoice in our shared life and history together.

We are delighted to provide drinks, sandwiches and fruit at the Vicarage afterwards, but if anyone would like to bring a cake or any other contribution to the festivities that would be very gratefully received, and could be dropped off before the service or brought with you afterwards. Please also feel free to bring your own picnic if you prefer.

The current highlights of our 150th Anniversary Year are shown on the 'what is on' page of our website www.stmaryabbots.org.uk so please do make a note of the different events.

We are delighted to report that thanks to the wonderful fundraising efforts of Steve Attack and the Friends of St Mary Abbots, we are nearing the amount required for our new Anniversary access ramp. We shall shortly be beginning the complex business of seeking the necessary permissions before construction can begin! Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to this appeal, and to any who still intend to do so.

Meanwhile, a reminder from Fr Christopher that we shall be holding a lunch in church on SUNDAY 22ND for anyone interested in joining the new Outreach team, described by him in this message last week. Building on the work already done with Afghan and Ukrainian refugees, and our parish's longstanding commitment to the homeless in this area, he hopes to establish new projects and to form a group who would reflect on any outside charities we might decide to support financially as a church. Please get in touch with him if you are interested.

"We give you thanks that, though the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, and your glory is in all the world, yet you choose to hallow places for your worship and in them you pour forth gifts of grace upon your faithful people." [Common Worship, Dedication Festival]

With my love and prayers – and looking forward to seeing you on Sunday! Mother Emma

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!

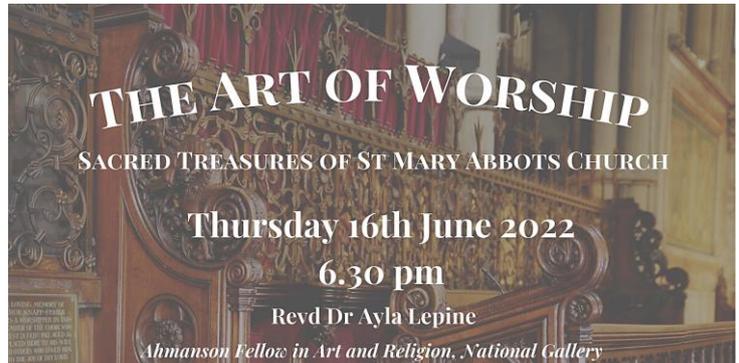
150th Anniversary Ramp Appeal

In a first step to demonstrate our Mission Action Plan commitment to give a warm and inclusive welcome, we have agreed to put in a permanent, attractive and safe ramp at the South Door to replace the existing temporary one, see below!



The Friends report that their £50,000 fundraising appeal, launched less than two months ago, has produced an amazing result: So far the best part of £40,000 has been donated thanks to your generosity and the Friends' pledge to match £1 for every £1 donated. This means that they have almost reached their target amount – but are not quite there yet! Any donation, no matter how small or large, will make a difference.

If you would like to donate by bank transfer please email Steve Attack, Founding Patron, at steveattack@aol.com or 07802 430 055. Alternatively a cheque made payable to "**Friends of St Mary Abbots Church Kensington**" can be given to Founding Patron Steven Attack, Nigel Grieve the Treasurer, a member of the clergy or one of the virgers, or send it to The Parish Office at St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate, London W8 4HN.



150 years ago the Vicar of Kensington, Archdeacon Sinclair, commissioned Sir George Gilbert Scott to produce a sketch design of the new parish church of Kensington. Rev'd Dr Ayla Lepine, Ahmanson Fellow in Art & Religion at The National Gallery will show you some of the treasures of the building you are sitting in, both those that you can see, but also hidden for view or only used for special occasions. Tickets are £12 and include a Question & Answer session and drinks. To book tickets please see the 'what is on' page of the website.

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Music for the Ukraine Monday 30th May, 7pm

Cheslav Singh's piano recital of Debussy, Wagner, Liszt, Scriabin and Beethoven will take place at Kensington United Reform Church, Allen Street, W8 6BL. Entrance for free, donations appreciated!

Food Bank

A full list of donations needed for the food bank can be found www.smaw8.org/food-bank-support.html but please do not bring any ready meals as we have no cold storage! To find out more or find out what they do: www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk