

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for 7th Sunday of Easter

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Mary and Elizabeth

Gracious God, who gave joy to Elizabeth and Mary as they recognised the signs of redemption at work within them: help us, who have shared in the joy, to know the Lord deep within us and his love shining out in our lives, that the World may rejoice in your salvation. **Amen**



Mary and Elizabeth, Giotto. Pintrest

Those in acute need

Laila Attia
Hillary Bardsley
Brian Cripps
Julie Costley-White
Evelyn Ellison
Fr David Michaels
Patrick North

Buyile Phiri
June Scully
David Strong
Jill Traynor

Adam
Matt
Nathan
Rose

Stephanie
Talia
Yves

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

Tony Rudd, 29th May Michael Scott, 30th May Julie Harris, 30th May
Edward Haslam, 31st May, Darrell Dale, 31st May
Iris Macvie, 2nd June

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 29th May 2022

Church is open daily from 8.30am to 6pm and from 10am - 6pm on Saturday & 10 am on bank holidays

SUNDAY 29th May – Sunday after Ascension Day

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Holy Eucharist
11.15 am Choral Matins
5.30 pm Sung Evensong

MONDAY 30th May – Josephine Butler, 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 31st May – Visit of the Blessed

Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

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

WEDNESDAY 1st June – Justin, Martyr

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

THURSDAY 2nd June

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am Church opens (Bank holiday)
12 noon Holy Eucharist
2.30 pm Rainbow Poetry Circle
3 – 7pm Peal of Bells for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

FRIDAY 3rd June - Martyrs of Uganda

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30am No Mini Abbots
10 am Church Opens (Bank Holiday)
12 noon Holy Eucharist
1.05 pm Royal College of Music concert
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SATURDAY 4th June – Petroc, Abbot

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

SUNDAY 5th June – Pentecost

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Choral Family Eucharist with procession
11.15 am Choral Matins
5.30 pm Choral Evensong

Message from Mother Emma

In the cycle of the Church Year, we are now embarking on the ten days between the Ascension of Christ into Heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, a time when we are encouraged by the Church to pray earnestly for an outpouring of God's Spirit upon the church, the world, and all creation. At St Mary Abbots, in addition to our regular Sunday services, we continue to offer worship three times every day, with Morning Prayer (on Zoom) at 8 am, a Eucharist at 12 noon and Evening Prayer at 5.30 pm in church. We would be delighted if anyone would like to join our existing congregations at any of these services during this period, to pray especially for the Spirit of peace and reconciliation amidst international tensions and conflict, and for the Spirit's hope and inspiration as we look for God's leading in our own lives and that of our church.



Looking ahead to June, we have much to celebrate, beginning with the Day of Pentecost on Sunday 5th June, which also coincides with the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen. At 9.30 that day, we shall be holding a Family Eucharist, beginning with a short procession outside the Church with Pentecost banners, but we shall also be including prayers for Her Majesty. Our 11.15 am Choral Matins will include music for the Jubilee, and our preacher will be Fr Peter Galloway, Deputy Priest in Ordinary to the HM The Queen. In between the services, you are warmly invited to join us for a glass of Prosecco with our regular refreshments.

On Thursday 9th June, the Bishop of Kensington will be visiting the parish for a Service of Confirmation at which both adults and young people from St Mary Abbots will be confirmed, alongside candidates from St Philip's, Earls Court Road and St Mary The Boltons. Please do come and welcome Bishop Graham, on his last visit to the parish before he moves on in July, and support and encourage our candidates on this important step on their faith journeys.

Our Summer Event in the Vicarage Garden this year will also mark the Jubilee, and is booked for Saturday 18th June. Leonora is very keen for volunteers and ideas to help with this, so please do get in touch with her if you would be interested in contributing to a garden party with food, drink, children's activities, and possibly some stalls too.#

Please keep an eye on all the 150th Anniversary events on the 'what is on' page of our website and we hope to see you soon.

Come, O Spirit of God and make within us your dwelling place and home. May our darkness be dispelled by your light, and our troubles calmed by your peace; may all evil be redeemed by your love, all pain transformed through the offering of Christ and all dying glorified in his risen life. Amen. [Common Worship Night Prayer, Ascension to Pentecost]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

150th Anniversary Ramp Appeal

Steve Atack, Founding Patron of the Friends of St Mary Abbots, has reported that their Appeal to raise £50,000 to build a new disability ramp at the main Cloister Doors, is fast approaching the total sum.

The Appeal has been organised by Steve and the Friends who have matched every £1 donated with £1 from existing funds. Donations have been received from the Friends, Patrons, PCC members and parishioners. Four businesses Hampden Capital, J H Kenyons, Hornets and Waitrose High Street have also made generous donations, and we are very grateful to The Fitton Trust for doing the same.

We hope shortly to show three architect's drawings at the church, along with the cost of each design, and your comments on these options will be sought, before the PCC vote.

Any money raised above the final cost of the ramp will go towards architects fees or, should the money already raised cover it, towards our next 150th Anniversary projects such as lighting and the provision of new facilities. If you still have yet to donate please do so by making a cheque payable to "Friends of St Mary Abbot Church Kensington" and leaving with the Vestry, or Clergy or posting to the Parish Office at the SMA Centre, Vicarage Gate, London W8 or contacting Steve for bank transfer details.

Steve Atack expressed his profound thanks to all who have supported this Appeal and to Parish Administrator Petter Kringberg for his valued assistance. The Vicar & PCC in their turn are hugely grateful to Steve and the Friends from their wonderful fund raising campaign.

Fun for all the family!



Holland Street Platinum Jubilee Party



**Sunday 5 June 2022,
12 noon - 4pm**



**Join your neighbours from Holland Street,
Gordon Place, Pitt Street, Campden Grove
and Dukes Lane to celebrate the
Queen's Jubilee**

*** SANDWICHES * CAKES * SCONES *
* COFFEE & TEA *
* ENGLISH JAM STALL * BBQ * DRINKS *
* GAMES * MUSIC ***

RSVP: TheJubileeLunch@gmail.com

Holland Street will be closed to traffic from 8am to 5pm

The Art of Worship – Tour and Talk Thursday 16th June at 6.30pm

The Rev'd Dr Ayla Lepine, Admanson Fellow in Art and Religion at The National Gallery will be coming to speak about the sacred treasures of St Mary Abbots, their history and the part they play in the worship of the church. Featuring a tour of the objects in the church or a slide show and Q&A session, please do join us for what promises to be a fascinating evening. Tickets are £12 and include a glass of wine and can be booked on the 'what is on' page of our website.

Help with 150th Anniversary & other Church events

Over the summer and into November there will be a number of events for both the 150th Anniversary and also for the annual Church events such as the Summer and Christmas Fair and Bonfire Night. If you enjoyed these events, and you would like to see them return to full strength, then please contact Leonora who is co-ordinating those who would like to be involved. We would particularly like the Christmas fair to be filled with numerous stalls and many things to buy. Please get in touch if you can help.