

In Our Prayers This Week

Prayer for The Queen

Hear our thanks for Elizabeth, our late Queen, now departed from us, but blessed by grace, resolute in service, and modest in person through all her days. We lift up our hearts in gratitude for the years of her reign, and the sweep of history through which she provided both anchor and steer. *Church of Scotland*

Prayer for the Nation

For our nation at this time we pray, seeking comfort in our loss, and hopefulness as we step forward into the days ahead. As our gratitude mingles with sadness, may we support each other and together be communities of tenderness and kindness. Sustain us with the strong memories of the past; strengthen us with hope for generations yet unborn; and renew us for service in our own days of living.



Those in acute need

Laila Attia
Hillary Bardsley
Fr Oliver Coss
Evelyn Ellison
Monica Libby
Fr David Michaels
Michael Turner

Buyile Phiri
William Service
Jill Traynor
Adam
Rose
Stephanie
Talia

Yves

Those in long-term need

Christopher Browne
Julie Costley-White
Annie Redmile
James Worsley
Conor

and for all who have died recently

Queen Elizabeth II James Sylvester Michael Pam

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

Seymour Dallas, 20th September Jean Carr-Gomm, 21st September
Isobel Fletcher, 22nd September Eughena Burlac, 23rd September
Paul Sale, 24th September

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 18th September 2022

Welcome to St Mary Abbots

The church is open daily from 8.30am to 6pm
and 10am - 6pm on Saturdays & Bank Holidays

SUNDAY 18th September, 14th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
9.30 am **Holy Eucharist with Baptisms**
We welcome Dimitri, Isla and Ilaria
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
Preacher: Mike English
5.30 pm **Vigil Evensong** on the Eve of the Funeral
of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

MONDAY 19th September, Theodore Archbishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am Church opens (Bank Holiday)
12 noon **No Informal Eucharist**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church
6 pm Homeless Ministry

TUESDAY 20th September, John C. Patteson, Bishop

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

WEDNESDAY 21st September, Mathew Apostle

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10.30 am St James School Start of term service
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
1.05 pm Meditation
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church
6.30 pm **Victorian Society Talk**
Tickets available on webpage 'what is on'

THURSDAY 22nd September

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

FRIDAY 23rd September

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Centre
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
1.05 pm Royal College of Music concert
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SATURDAY 24th September,

12 noon **Holy Communion (BCP)**
2 pm **No Victorian Fun Day** (Postponed)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SUNDAY 25th September, 15th Sunday after Trinity

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

Message from Mother Emma

This has been a poignant week for us all, as we have honoured the memory of Her Late Majesty The Queen, and prayed for our new King at his Proclamation. It has been a time to remember before God the late Queen's deep faith, her acts of service, humility and duty, her compassion and inspiration. Here at St Mary Abbots, Prayers were offered on the first day of national mourning, attended by the Mayor, the Mayoress, Deputy Mayor and Lady Arnold DL and by members of our congregations and others. Our doors have been open for those who wanted to grieve and to remember in a sacred space, and many have come to light candles and to write in the Book of Remembrance.



Our Patronal Festival was postponed out of respect for this deeply-felt period of mourning, but we were touched and grateful that the Archdeacon of Middlesex came to lead our Parish Eucharist in memory of Her Late Majesty, and that we were able to come together as a community, including local MPs and Councillors, to remember and to give thanks for God's faithful servant.

This Sunday evening at 5.30 pm, instead of the previously advertised Taizé Eucharist, we shall be holding a **Vigil Evensong with Lighting of Candles in memory of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the Eve of her Funeral**. This will be attended by the Mayor and Civic Representatives, and you are warmly invited to join us.

At our 9.30 am Parish Eucharist, we are delighted to welcome Dimitri, Isla and Ilaria as they are baptized into God's Church, together with their friends and families.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to say that the Victorian Society's talk on the life and works of Sir George Gilbert Scott will take place on Thursday 21st September at 6.30. Tickets are £10 and can be brought [HERE](#), with wine available to purchase after the talk.

However, in the light of recent events and the limited time left to prepare, we have decided to postpone our Victorian Fun Fair which was due to take place on Saturday 24th September. We shall be combining this with our Christmas Fair on 26th November and will bring together our celebrations of our 150th Anniversary (together with the games, entertainment and food which would have been around at that time!), with those of the beginning of our preparations for the coming of the Christchild at Christmas. Leonora is very keen to hear from anyone able to help on that day, or help in advance.

On a personal note, may I send my heartfelt thanks to all who have sent thoughts, prayers and cards following my surgery. I hope to be making a gradual return to the church before too long.

Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth, for her faith and her dedication to duty. Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may her example continue to inspire us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (A prayer on the death of Her Majesty The Queen, Church of England)

150th Anniversary Events

Victorian Society Talk

Wednesday 21st September at 6.30pm.

A talk by Dr Christopher Miele on Sir George Gilbert Scott and the building of our church. Tickets are £10

Royal College of Music Concert

Thursday 27th October at 6.30pm

The Royal College of Music students will write and perform music reflecting the works of Gilbert Scott.



THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY

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A lecture by Dr Chris Miele on
**Sir George Gilbert Scott & the building of
St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington**

"A church of Rank and Position"

Sir George Gilbert Scott

Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of St Mary Abbots Church



21st September 2022 at 6.30 pm

Tickets **£10** with paid bar after the talk

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Homeless Ministry Monday evenings at 6pm

Thank you to all our volunteers who came to our first homeless ministry last week. They started with informal prayer and conversations and then took food down the High Street to people ending in St Philips. This is a weekly event and if you would like to take part please contact Father Christopher

Glass Door Sleep Out: How to Join or Sponsor Friday 7th October

For one night, could you give up your bed to raise funds and awareness for Glass Door? To join our team or sponsor us please go to the 'what is on' page of the website. Last year we raised just over £4,500 – please help us raise more!

Accommodation Needed

Earlier in the year we helped newly arrived Ukrainians find accommodation, however these arrangements are coming to an end and they are now trying to find a new host to put them up. If you can help at all please contact Father Christopher

'A life well lived'

Sunday 18th September at 3pm

A time for people of all faiths to come together to honour and give thanks for the life of Her Majesty, Queen Elisabeth II. Organised by the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Forum you are invited to meet at Opera Holland Park, Holland Park at 3pm.