

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for 16th Sunday after Trinity

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end. **Amen**

Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples. **Amen**



St Francis of Assisi, St Michael's church, Sunnyhill, Berkshire. Pintrest

Those in acute need

Laila Attia
Hillary Bardsley
Fr Oliver Coss
Evelyn Ellison
Monica Libby
Fr David Michaels
Jill Meyer

Michael Turner

Buyile Phiri
William Service
Jill Traynor
Adam
Rose
Stephanie

Talia

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
Michael Pam Yves

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

Cicely Scott, 2nd October Joyce North, 5th October
Alexandra Horsley, 6th October

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 2nd October 2022

Welcome to St Mary Abbots

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

SUNDAY 2nd October - Harvest Thanksgiving

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Family Choral Eucharist

Please bring any non-perishable goods to the church with you for display at the altar.

11.15 am Choral Matins

5.30 pm Sung Evensong

MONDAY 3rd October

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon Informal Eucharist, Sunday on Monday

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

6 pm Homeless Ministry

TUESDAY 4th October – Francis of Assisi, Friar

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

WEDNESDAY 5th October – William Tyndale, Translator

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon Holy Eucharist

1.05 pm Meditation

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

THURSDAY 6th October

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am School Eucharist - all are welcome

2.30 pm Rainbow Poetry Circle

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

FRIDAY 7th October

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 8th October

12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)

2 pm Wedding of Louis and Santi

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SUNDAY 9th October – 17th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Holy Eucharist with Baptism

11.15 am Choral Matins

5.30 pm Sung Evensong

Message from Mother Emma

We are much looking forward to seeing you this weekend as we celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving, remembering all God's good gifts to us and his call to us to share them with others. Our Harvest gifts will be going once again to the Upper Room, Providing hot meals, clothing and support for vulnerable people in West London.



Our Stewardship Group will also be speaking to us this week about giving for the work of the Church, and in particular remembering St Mary Abbots in your wills. Our new legacy leaflet can be found at the back of the church, and members of the Group will be on hand for the next week if you would like to ask any questions following the services.

Our preacher at the Family Eucharist on Sunday will be Mike English, the ordinand from St Mellitus College who has been with us on placement for the past month. Mike has been very grateful for the warm welcome he has received at St Mary Abbots and I know that many of you have enjoyed speaking with him about the process of training for the priesthood. We wish Mike every blessing as he continues his training and prepares for ordained ministry, and we thank him for his helpful reflections on the time he has spent here.

From Evensong on Sunday, we welcome another placement, this time for a single but full week! Mother Laura is already ordained and is currently in her third year as a Curate in Birmingham, but is coming to London with her family to experience a different church as she prepares for her next step in ministry.

Looking ahead to October, may I remind you of the team who will be sleeping out on behalf of St Mary Abbots on 7th October to raise money for the homeless through the charity Glass Door. If you feel able to sponsor them (or, indeed, to join the team, even now!) details can be found on the website.

On a different note, we are delighted and grateful that students from the Royal College of Music, who perform our regular Friday lunchtime concerts, will be putting on a special concert for the church as part of our Anniversary celebrations on Thursday 27th October. This will take the form of a contemporary work, written and performed by the students to reflect the work of Sir George Gilbert Scott. Tickets are available on the 'what is on page' of the website or by calling Leonora.

Finally, we are approaching the annual excitement of the parish Bonfire Night, this year on Friday 4th November. Tickets will go on sale next Thursday (6th October), so please do keep an eye on the "What is on" page of our website, as numbers are limited by the size of the Vicarage Garden and tickets sell quickly!

May God, who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air, who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water, who multiplied loaves and fishes, and changed water into wine, lead us and feed us, and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator now and through all eternity. (Common Worship: Blessing)

With my love and prayers. Mother Emma

Making God's Will your Will

Legacy Week, 2nd October to 9th October

For almost 500 years the Church of England has encouraged everyone to make a will, to ensure that loved ones are cared for in the event of death, that property is rightly distributed, and that we can make a personal choice to leave gifts to charities including our local church.

Should you decide to leave a legacy to St Mary Abbots we would be very grateful. A gift from you, given prayerfully in thanksgiving for God's blessings, will ensure that this church is able to continue to serve God and his people for generations to come.

Your gift however large or small will help us continue to:

- Maintain our beautiful worship and long-standing choral tradition
- Preserve and enhance the unique architectural heritage of our church, built through the generosity of past worshippers
- Provide for church-centred activities for children and community projects
- Continue to help local charities care for vulnerable people
- Support our overseas mission in the developing world



Glass Door Sleep Out: Please Sponsor our team Friday 7th October, starting at 9 pm

For one night only the St Mary Abbots team will be sleeping out for Glass Door, which will give them a small taste of what it is like to sleep 'rough'. As the cost of living crisis continues more people will face homelessness and the services that Glass Door provides will be both vital for their survival and extremely stretched. Glass Door is a homeless charity which covers West and South West London. They provide homeless people with hot meals, hostel accommodation and advice & practical support to help them get off the street and into permanent accommodation. To sponsor our team go to the **'what is on' page of the website www.stmaryabbots.org.uk**. Last year we raised just over £4,500 – please help us raise more!

150th Anniversary Concert 27th October 2022 at 6.30pm



The Royal College of Music is putting on a very special concert for us to mark our 150th anniversary and in particular the works of Sir George Gilbert Scott.

The event will be a celebration of the space within the church and its gorgeous resonant acoustics, with 6 groups of musicians spread out in various locations around the church. Each group will be partnered with a 4th year composer who in turn will collaborate with the other composers in creating a contemplative work of around 40 minutes which will surround the listeners, bathing them in the sounds of the music.

Tickets are £12 and include a glass of wine after the concert and a chance to meet the composers and musicians. Students may purchase tickets for £8 with a student card. Tickets are available on the 'what is on' page of the website.

We hope you will join us for this commemorative performance.