

## In Our Prayers This Week

### Collect for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Prayers for Remembrance Sunday

Most Holy God and Father, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow and, as we command to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all in the end, to the peace of your presence. **Amen**



Phyllis Griffiths, Pinterest

#### Those in acute need

Laila Attia  
Hillary Bardsley  
Evelyn Ellison  
Monica Libby  
Michael Turner

Buyile Phiri  
William Service

Adam  
Rose  
Stephanie  
Talia

#### Those in long-term need

Christopher Browne  
Julie Costley-White  
Fr David Michaels  
Annie Redmile  
James Worsley  
Conor

and for all who have died recently  
Marienette Evans Jill Meyer

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

Christiana Abegunde, 13<sup>th</sup> November

Penelope Carver, 17<sup>th</sup> November Guy Libby, 17<sup>th</sup> November  
Ann Peerless, 18<sup>th</sup> November

The Parish and Vicarage offices are open from 10am – 5pm

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

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

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Welcome to St Mary Abbots

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

#### SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday

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| 8.00 am  | <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>  |
| 9.30 am  | <b>Remembrance Eucharist for families</b><br>(shortened)   |
| 10.55 am | <b>Act of Remembrance</b><br><i>at the War Memorial followed by</i><br><b>Service of Remembrance</b> in Church |
| 5.30 pm  | <b>Sung Evensong</b>   |

#### MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> November

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| 8 am    | Morning Prayer via Zoom                      |
| 12 noon | <b>Informal Eucharist</b> , Sunday on Monday |
| 5.30 pm | Evening Prayer in Church                     |
| 6 pm    | Homeless Ministry                            |

#### TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> November

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|---------|-----------------------------|
| 8 am    | Morning Prayer via Zoom     |
| 12 noon | <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> |
| 5.30 pm | Evening Prayer in Church    |

#### WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> November – Margaret, Queen

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|---------|--------------------------|
| 8 am    | Morning Prayer via Zoom  |
| 12 noon | <b>Healing Eucharist</b> |
| 5.30 pm | Evening Prayer in Church |

#### THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> November – Hugh, Bishop

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| 8 am    | Morning Prayer via Zoom                   |
| 9.30 am | <b>School Eucharist</b> - all are welcome |
| 5.30 pm | Evening Prayer in Church                  |

#### FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> November – Elizabeth of Hungary

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

#### SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> November – Hilda, Abbess

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|---------|-----------------------------|
| 12 noon | <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> |
| 5.30 pm | Evening Prayer in Church    |

#### SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> November – CHRIST THE KING

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| 8.00 am  | <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>         |
| 9.30 am  | <b>Holy Eucharist with baptisms</b> |
| 11.15 am | <b>Choral Matins</b>                |
| 5.30 pm  | <b>Taizé Eucharist</b>              |

## Message from Mother Emma

As we mark Remembrance Sunday this weekend, we invite you to join us as we honour all those who have fallen or been injured in the service of their country. The 9.30 am Eucharist will be a shortened Remembrance service for families. At 10.55 am we shall gather at the War Memorial on the corner of Kensington Church Street, together with the Deputy Mayor, the Deputy Lieutenant and our MP, for the Act of Remembrance including the Affirmation led by Colonel Tim Connolly, Vice Chairman of the Royal British Legion, Chelsea and Kensington, and the two-minute silence at 11 am. We then warmly invite everyone to move into the church for a service of Choral Matins for Remembrance Sunday.



Huge thanks to those who volunteered to help with the Bonfire Party last Friday, and to Leonora for her organization and planning on the day and for some weeks in advance. There are some wonderful photos on the website, showing the fire-eater, bonfire, marshmallow-toasting and much more! We were glad (though also sad) to have an opportunity to say goodbye to Adam as he retired in a wonderful shower of coloured stars from his final firework display. It was very moving to hear 400 people shouting "Thank you, Adam!" over the crackling of the bonfire, and we are all so grateful for everything he has brought to St Mary Abbots over the last eleven years. It is so encouraging to see these large community events returning after the pandemic, and we would be love to hear from anyone who would be happy with help with our events as we move into 2023.

Looking ahead, we are getting very excited about the Victorian Christmas Fair at the church on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. We very much hope you, your families and friends will be able to join us to experience a Fair as it might have been when the current parish church was dedicated 150 years ago. Ways to volunteer with one of the stalls or activities, including making cakes or biscuits, can be found below.

Advent will begin the next day (27<sup>th</sup> November) with the beautiful Advent Carol Service at 5.30 pm, which moves from darkness to light as in hope and expectation we hear the promises of the coming of the Messiah. Details of our Christmas services are already on the 'what is on' page of the website and include tickets for a performance of Handel's Messiah(part 1), with our professional choir and the Purcell Players at 5.30pm.

*Lord God, most high over all the world, when the pride of nations obscures your glorious purpose, draw us into that unity which is your will for all peoples, in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. [Common Worship Daily Prayer: Response to Psalm 83]*

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH  
HANDEL'S  
**MESSIAH**  
(part I)  
A CONCERT BY CANDLELIGHT  
with our Professional Choir and The Purcell Players  
SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER AT 5.30 PM  
Tickets £15 (£10 under 16)  
includes a programme, mince pie & wine

## St Mary Abbots – Open for Warmth and Peace

With the growing cost of living some people will find it hard to heat their houses. As you will all know we are open from 8.30 to 6pm for services, prayer and reflections, and already have a number of people spending time in the Church during the day. If you know of anyone who is in need of somewhere to go during the day, then please let them know that they will be welcome to come and sit and be warm and peaceful in the church.



## Volunteers: Activate your British Bake-off skills!

We are looking forward to our Christmas fair, however to make it a success we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to bake cakes and biscuits for our Victorian tea stand. As far as (online) research goes this consisted of tea, coffee, hot chocolate, cake, biscuits and lemonade. If you are able to bake something and bring it to the church on the Saturday morning (the fair starts at 11.30) we would be hugely grateful – please let Leonora know what you intend to do so we do not end up with 20 Victorian Sponges! If you are able to help set up or be on one of the stalls for part of the fair (plants, cakes, mulled wine, bric-a-brac, BBQ, children's area) then please let Leonora know. These church events are only as big and successful as the number of volunteers we have, so please donate some of your time if you can.

Tickets, free for adults, £8 for children, can be found on the 'what is on' page of our website.

## OTHER PARISH NEWS



Action Amanda  
Tuesday mornings at 10.30am

Action Amanda, who frequently appears at both our Summer Fair and FOSMAS summer fairs and who was recently nominated as an industry Champion at the annual 'Kids Awards', will be at the St Mary Abbots Centre every Tuesday morning at 10.30. Her classes, for those who have not seen her in action, are high energy events full of dancing and singing and result in a lot of laughter and fun. If you would like to sign up email [info@amandasactionclub.co.uk](mailto:info@amandasactionclub.co.uk)