

## In Our Prayers This Week

### Collect for Christ the King

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

### Prayer for refugees

Almighty and merciful God, look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace. **Amen**



Christ as King, pintrest

#### Those in acute need

Laila Attia  
Hillary Bardsley  
Olivia Dawkins  
Evelyn Ellison  
Monica Libby

#### Michael Turner

Buyile Phiri  
Adam  
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    Louisa Fairhome    Rose Kanyangara  
Jill Meyer    Marie-Christine Nibagwire    Barbara Poole

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

Trudi Bliss, 21<sup>st</sup> November  
Margaret Wilkinson & Penelope Fergusson, 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
Joseph Crosthwaite, 24<sup>th</sup> November

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

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

Sunday 20<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 20<sup>th</sup> November – Christ the King

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30 am Holy Eucharist with baptisms  
11.15 am Choral Matins  
5.30 pm Taizé Eucharist

### MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> November

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 22<sup>nd</sup> November

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

### WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Clement, Bishop

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

### THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> November

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

### FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> November

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Centre  
12 noon Holy Eucharist  
1.05 pm Last 2022 Royal College of Music concert  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

### SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> November

11 – 3 pm Victorian Christmas Fair  
sponsored by Knight Frank  
Free entrance. Children's vouchers on the gate  
and via the 'what is on' page of website  
12 noon NO Holy Communion (BCP)  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

### SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> November – Advent Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30 am Choral Eucharist  
11.15 am Choral Matins  
5.30 pm Advent Service Light

## Message from Mother Emma

This Sunday we are delighted to be baptizing Leo and Sophie at the 9.30 am Eucharist, and look forward to welcoming their families and friends to our service as we celebrate the wonderful feast of Christ the King. We pray for them both as they begin their Christian journey. Our 5.30 pm service this Sunday will be our monthly beautiful and reflective Taizé Eucharist by candlelight. If you have not attended this before, may I encourage you to try it – many people have told us how spiritually uplifting and calming they find the prayers, Taizé chants and lighting of candles to remind them of God's timeless presence with us before the start of another busy week.



As we look ahead to next weekend (26/27 November), we are excited to be holding our Victorian Christmas Fair, sponsored by Knight Frank, on Saturday and our Advent Service of Light on Sunday evening:

The Victorian Fair is in honour of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, has a Victorian theme, with Punch and Judy, Victorian children's toys and games (such as spinning tops, cup & ball, Thumatrope, peg dolls and many others), Victorian carol singers and Victorian themed tea, alongside our usual stalls, barbecue and competitions with prizes.

In particular, we do hope that as many children, and adults, as possible will come dressed in Victorian costume to take part in the fancy dress competition!! Entrance is free but vouchers for all children's activities and entertainment, plus a drink and cake can be bought in advance on the what is on page online or at the gate. Now free of Covid restrictions, we hope that the fair will raise funds towards the implementation of our [Mission Action Plan](#) – developing our Welcome, Discipleship and Outreach.

The Advent Service of Light on Sunday 27th at 5.30 pm reflects the hope and expectation of the Advent season as we move from darkness to light, with Advent hymns and readings, and music from our professional choir. Please do join us as we mark the beginning of the Church's liturgical year and begin to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ.

Adam Norton, our Centre Manager, has now retired. He was deeply touched by the ENO VIP package which formed part of his leaving present and his goodbye email is included in this week's newsletter [HERE](#). We are pleased that we have a temporary caretaker, Nigel, working with us at the moment, whom you will see around the Centre and at some Church events.

*Loving God, you have taught us that the power of the heart is greater than the power of wealth and might. Hear us as we pray for the fulfilment of your reign. We ask this through Jesus Christ our King, to him be glory and power for ever, Amen* (Common Worship, Times and Seasons, Intercessions for Christ the King)

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

## 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.

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# Victorian Christmas Fair

*at St Mary Abbots Church*

Christmas Stalls  
Punch & Judy  
Victorian Games  
Victorian Fancy Dress Competition  
Carol Singing  
BBQ & Mulled Wine  
Victorian Teas  
& other Christmas treats

## Saturday 26th November

*11.30 am until 3 pm*

Free Entry  
Children's vouchers £8 online or at gate for  
All Games & Entertainment, soft drink & a slice of cake  
Sponsored by Knight Frank  
[www.stmaryabbots.org.uk/what-is-on/Christmas-fair](http://www.stmaryabbots.org.uk/what-is-on/Christmas-fair)

**Knight Frank**

## Message from Adam Norton

What a huge watershed it is to have retired from my position as Centre Manager after eleven years as part of the St Mary Abbots Community. Thank you to everyone who sent me wonderful messages and contributed to such a generous leaving present – Platinum Membership of the English National Opera no less! Fantastic. We will surely miss all our friends in W8, and Juno will certainly pine for the wide expanses of Kensington Gardens! Thank you again and may God bless you all, today and always.

## 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)