



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 27th November 2022

Welcome to St Mary Abbots

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

The clergy will be saying Evening Prayer in the quiet of their homes at **5.30 pm from 29th November until 12th December**. Please do light a candle and use the prayers accessed here: www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer

SUNDAY 27th November – 2nd Sunday of Advent

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

MONDAY 28th November

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon Informal Eucharist, Sunday on Monday
2.30 pm Funeral of Lady Poole
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
6 pm Homeless Ministry

TUESDAY 29th November

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm No Evening Prayer
6.30 pm Tommy's Carol Concert

WEDNESDAY 30th November – Andrew the Apostle

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon Holy Eucharist
5.30 pm No Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 1st December

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am School Eucharist - all are welcome
2.30 pm Rainbow Poetry Group
5.30 pm No Evening Prayer
7.30 pm St Mary Calne Carols

FRIDAY 2nd December

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Centre
12 noon Holy Eucharist
1.05 pm No Royal College of Music concert
3 pm FOSMAS Christmas Fair
5.30 pm No Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 3rd December

12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm No Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Opera Holland Park Carols (tickets available)

SUNDAY 4th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

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

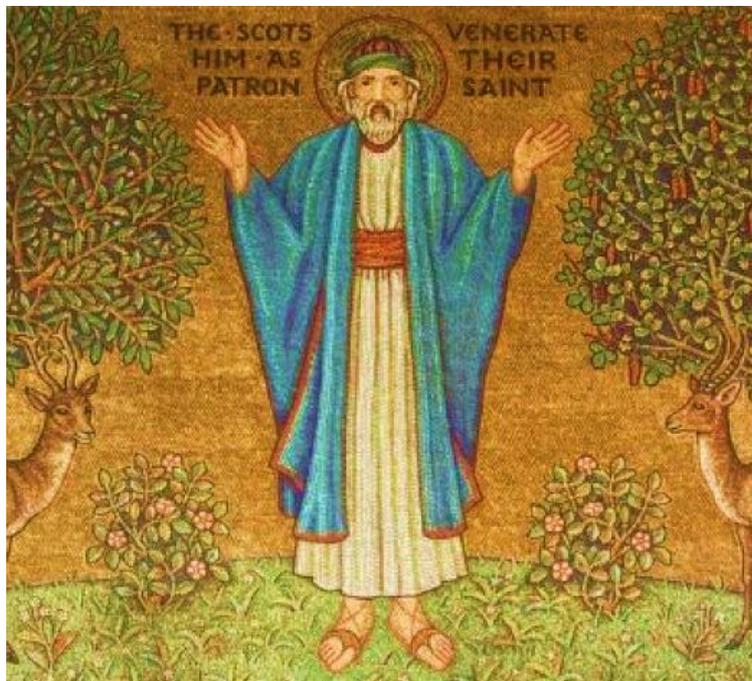
In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for 1st Sunday Advent

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Prayer of St Andrew at his crucifixion

O good Cross, made beautiful by the body of the Lord: long have I desired you, ardently have I loved you, unceasingly have I sought you out; and now you are ready for my eager soul. Receive me from among men and restore me to my Master, so that he-who, by means of you, in dying redeemed me-may receive me. **Amen**



Mosaic of St Andrew by Robert Weir Schultz. Lawrence OP on Flickr

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 Laura Fairhome Rose Kanyangarara
Jill Meyer Marie-Christine Nibagwire Barbara Poole

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

Susanne Green, 28th November

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

Church Website: www.stmaryabbots.org.uk

Vicar: Mthr Emma Dinwiddy Smith vicar@stmaryabbots.org.uk 0207 937 6032
Associate Vicar: Fr Christopher Rogers assocvicar@stmaryabbots.org.uk 0203 479 4737
Curate: Mthr Alice Ormondroyd curate@stmaryabbots.org.uk 0203 4043042
Churchwardens: Guy Heald guyheald@hotmail.com
Ed Warrick ed.warrick@insead.edu
Vestry: Simon Fitter (Head Virger) virger@stmaryabbots.org.uk 0207 937 5136
Assistant Virger: Martina Sadovska children@stmaryabbots.org.uk
Parish Office: Petter Kringberg parishmanager@stmaryabbots.org.uk 0207 937 2419
PA & events: Leonora Service, PA pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk 020 3479 4731
St Mary Abbots Centre: centremanager@stmaryabbots.org.uk or 0207 937 8885
Director of Music: Mark Uglow Music@stmaryabbots.org.uk
Children's Work Admin: Martina Sadovska children@stmaryabbots.org.uk
Safeguarding Office: Alex Jueguen safeguarding@stmaryabbots.org.uk
Stewardship Secretary: David Shaw stewardship@stmaryabbots.org.uk 07773335569
Electoral Roll Officer: Ivell Arnold er@stmaryabbots.org.uk
Bellingring Secretary: David Holdridge holdridged114@gmail.com
Friends of St Mary Abbots: Steve Atack friends@stmaryabbots.org.uk 07802 43005

Message from Mother Emma

By the time you read this we will have had our Victorian Christmas Fair on Saturday, sponsored by Knight Frank. As I write this message, on Thursday afternoon, the church is being decorated by a team of volunteers (see picture below) in preparation for the fair for which all kinds of treats and experiences have been planned. The fair was the final event in our 150th Anniversary Year, and the Victorian theme reflected the age in which the church was built. It offered an opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate as we approach the beautiful seasons of Advent and Christmas, and if you came I hope that you enjoyed it.



Today we shall have a Choral Eucharist and Choral Matins to celebrate Advent Sunday in the morning, and then our prayerful and expectant Service of Light at 5.30 pm, as we gather in the darkness and once again sing the familiar hymns of Advent and hear the readings which first point towards Christ's coming. Please join us for the beginning of the Church's liturgical year and the hope which it brings.

From Tuesday of this week, we shall be hosting a number of large carol services and concerts for schools and charities in the church. As they will be rehearsing every day around 5.30, we shall not be saying Evening Prayer in church, but invite you to use the link at the service schedule (over) to continue your daily observance at home until 12th December, when we shall be delighted to welcome back to the church.

Looking ahead to next Sunday (4th), the 9.30 am Eucharist will include the performance of our children's Nativity Play in place of the Gospel and sermon. We shall be hearing the story from the point of view of each of the characters involved, and the children will also be forming a children's choir to sing the anthem during Communion.

Tickets for Handel's Messiah (part 1) are available to purchase on the 'what is on' page of our website – this year with mulled wine and Mince Pies, with the opportunity to chat to the singers and musicians!

Our Christmas service cards are being delivered across the parish, and there will be more in church – please do take them for friends and relatives.

Stir up your power, O God, and come among us. Heal our wounds, calm our fears and give us peace, through Jesus our Redeemer. [Common Worship, Night Prayer in Advent]

I wish you all a holy Advent. With my love and prayers,
Mother Emma



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
KENSINGTON

HANDEL'S
MESSIAH
(part 1)

A CONCERT BY CANDLELIGHT

with our Professional Choir and The Purcell Players

SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2022
5.30 PM

Tickets £15 (£10 under 16)
Includes a programme
mince pie & wine

www.stmaryabbots.org.uk / Messiah
0203 479 4731

150th Anniversary Ramp - an update

This week preparations for our ramp took another step forward as a structural engineer, with archaeologist overseeing, dug a trial pit in the cloister to investigate the area where the ramp foundations will be. We will keep you updated!



Charity Carol Services at the church

As Mother Emma mentioned there will be a number of Charity Carol concerts in the church over the next few weeks. If you would like to attend one of these tickets are available via the 'what is on' page of our website – this week St Mary Calne's Carols on Thursday and Holland Park Opera on Saturday.

St Mary Abbots Christmas Outreach Appeal

Fr Christopher and his team of faithful volunteers have been serving the homeless in our parish each Monday night, establishing relationships and offering warm drinks and soup. They would like to ask if you would buy warm hats, gloves or socks, and to wrap these, perhaps with a kind message to be distributed on Monday nights during December.

Meanwhile Lucille and her team of volunteers from many parishes in Kensington will once more be hosting a Christmas Eve lunch at the centre for vulnerable older residents from the borough. This is a welcome return after two years of delivering hampers and gifts to their houses. They are asking people to donate a gift to be opened at the lunch (to be bought, wrapped and delivered to the vicarage).

If you would be willing to buy a gift for either a homeless or vulnerable older member of the community - or both - then please contact Father Christopher or Leonora.