

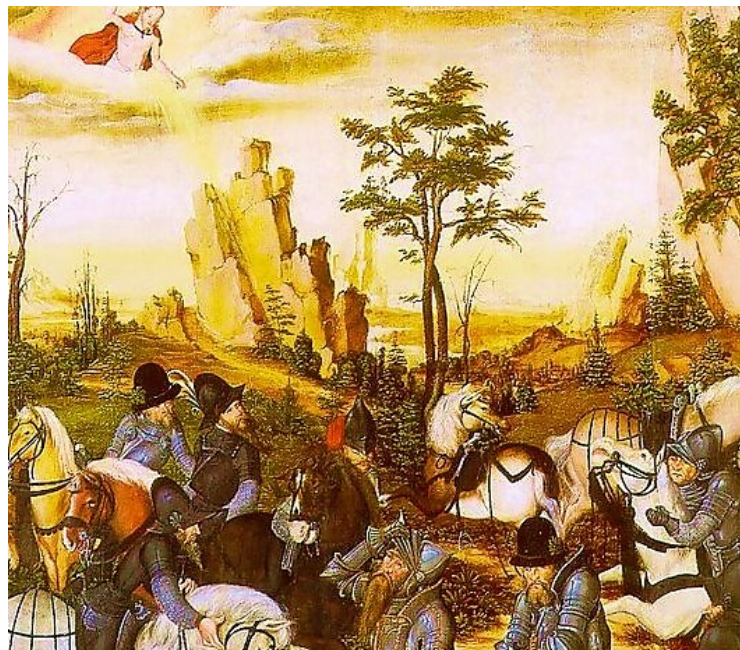
In Our Prayers This Week

Prayer for 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth.
Amen

Collect for the Conversion of St Paul

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth **Amen**.



'The Conversion of St Paul, by Lucas the Younger. Wikipedia

Those in acute need

Laila Attia
Hillary Bardsley
Evelyn Ellison
Alexander Lamping
Monica Libby
Jill Traynor
Michael Turner

Buyile Phiri
James Philpot
Adam
Adrianna
Luke
Stephanie
Talia

Those in long-term need

Christopher Browne
Fr David Michaels
James Worsley
Conor

and for all who have died recently

Olivia Dawkins Tom Day Margaret Drage
Georgina Freedman Catherine Wall Rosemary Watt

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

Barbara Hosegood, 22nd January

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 22nd January 2023

Welcome to St Mary Abbots

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

SUNDAY 22nd January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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

MONDAY 23rd January

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.30 am Bible Study via Zoom
12 noon **Informal Eucharist** (Sunday on Monday)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church
6 pm Homeless Ministry

TUESDAY 24th January – Francis de Sales, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.30 am Bitesize Bible Group
12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

WEDNESDAY 25th January - Conversion of Paul

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

THURSDAY 26th January – Timothy & Titus

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

FRIDAY 27th January

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 28th January – Thomas Aquinas

12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SUNDAY 29th January – Candlemas

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

Message from Mother Emma

We do hope that you are managing to stay warm in this very cold weather! As we have mentioned in one of my earlier messages the PCC voted to keep the church heated for those seeking a warm and peaceful space, so if you would like to please do come, or encourage others, to spend some time warming up in the church which is open daily from 8.30 am – 6 pm, (and from 10 - 6 on Saturdays).



As we continue to move through the Sundays of Epiphanytide we hope very much that you will be able to join us for at least one of our wonderful Choral Services as we celebrate the Feast of Candlemas next Sunday (29th January).

We are very excited about our new Children's Choir, which will first be singing at the Family Eucharist on Sunday 5th February. If your child would be interested in joining for a brief rehearsal before the Eucharist and then singing with the choir during the Distribution of Communion, please email Mother Alice.

We are delighted that Fr Jonathan MacNeaney, our former Associate Vicar, will be collated as Vicar at the church of St Mary and St John the Divine, Balham, on 30th January in the evening. If you are planning to attend, please could you let Leonora know, so we can inform the parish, and also in case we might make a plan to travel there together.

The season of Lent is now fast approaching, and we hope to base our Lenten study around the story of the Prodigal Son. To help us with this, Emma Windsor-Liscombe, a member of our Matins congregation, will be acting as our artist-in-residence during Lent, and will be creating a painting for us in the Holland Chapel to help our reflections. We look forward to sharing more details about her work for this and also about the possibility of a discussion group in due course – please watch this space! You can read more about Emma and her plans further down in this newsletter.

If you have been wondering why the Garth and much of the East Churchyard is roped off, we were dismayed when a chunk of masonry fell from the tower in a high wind, and are keen not to take any risks! A spire specialist has been booked in for 20th February to restore this and to check that everything else is safely fixed on(!) before we re-open the garden. If you wish to leave flowers to be laid on the Garth, speak to a Virger.

Faithful shepherd of your people, as we look for the light of your countenance, restore in us the image of your glory and graft us into the risen life of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

With love and prayers, Mother Emma



Lent Artist in Residence

Emma Windsor-Liscombe is originally from Vancouver. She has studied at the University of British Columbia, and is now at the Royal College of Art. She has exhibited at several galleries and won a grant from The Vancouver Foundation.

Over Lent Emma will be painting in the Holland Chapel, although not every day, and would be delighted for you to come and watch her paint and see how the work develops. We will be showing some of Emma's preliminary works, along with her thought process behind creating this work which will be based on the story of The Prodigal Son. Emma writes:

"I am an interdisciplinary artist with a practice based in painting and drawing. I work predominantly in oil, charcoal, and reclaimed materials. My art explores narratives of trauma, addiction, spirituality and the environment. Currently, I am interested in depicting ancient myth, stories of women from my family, and a contemporary visualization of my own myth. I explore these themes through narrative scenes, portraiture, and sculpture".

Confirmation 2023

The new Bishop of Kensington, Bishop Emma Ineson, will preside at a Service of Confirmation on 25th May. Preparation sessions for Confirmation will begin on 26th February when candidates are commissioned during the 9.30 service. If you or your child might be interested in being confirmed, or would just like to talk more about what it means, please do speak to one of the clergy.

Food Bank

The food bank are in greater need of your donations than ever before so please keep the steam of wonderful donations coming in! Donation boxes can be found at each entrance to in the church. Please remember not to bring any fresh food or ready meals as we have no way of storing them. Should you wish to find out what they are short of or to donate financially visit their website:

www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk