

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for 3rd Sunday before Lent

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for forgiveness

Loving God, you are merciful and forgiving. Grant that those who are suffering the hurts of the past may experience your generous love. Heal their memories, comfort them, and send them all from here renewed and hopeful; in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** (College of Bishops)



Stain Glass window

Those in acute need

Laila Attia	Buyile Phiri
Hillary Bardsley	James Philpot
Evelyn Ellison	Paul Proudman
Alexander Lamping	Adam
Jill Traynor	Adrianna
Michael Turner	Gillie
	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	Margaret Drage	Georgina Freedman
Monica Libby	Charlotte Readhead	M.T. Selby
John York Skinner	Catherine Wall	Michael Wilson

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

Sarah Lamping, 6th February Robert Lane, 8th February
Antony Carr-Gomm, 9th February Annie Lloyd, 9th February

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 5th February 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 5th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

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

MONDAY 6th February

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 7th February

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 8th February

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

THURSDAY 9th February

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

FRIDAY 10th February

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 11th February

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

SUNDAY 12th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

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

Today we are delighted to be launching our Children's Choir at the Family Eucharist, as we think about Jesus calling us to be "salt and light" in the world. Thanks to all our children who have volunteered to sing in the choir, or to read, pray or serve; we look forward very much to welcoming people of all ages to share in this service. We would like to encourage families to come forward and sit in the front pews for this Eucharist, where there will be quiet activities given out, although of course the Children's Chapel is still available for those who need some "time out".



Our events programme for the year is starting up again shortly, with two dates for your diary. A former member of the SMA congregation, Peter Roper-Curzon, professional composer, organist and pianist returns to St Mary Abbots for an evening of Beethoven, Bach, Busoni, Schubert and Chopin. Tickets are £15 (£12 for under 16s) and are available via the 'what is on' page on the website.

Following on from the very interesting talk by the Victorian Society about the building of St Mary Abbots, which was part of our 150th anniversary programme last year, the Victorian Society will also be returning to offer another evening talk on Wednesday 22nd March, this time by Robert Stephenson on Kensington's Great Sister Cemeteries: Brompton and Kensal Green. Tickets are £10 (£15 with a donation) via the 'what is on' page on the website.

The date on which we shall be commissioning our Confirmation candidates (26th February) is drawing closer. We are very inspired by the number of adults who have approached us with a view to joining the Confirmation preparation this year and warmly invite anyone else, whether child or adult, who might be interested, to speak to one of us over the next couple of weeks. For those at St Mary Abbots School, we shall be sending out a letter and a form to all in Year 6 before half-term.

God our Father, on a hillside in Galilee, your Son Jesus called us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Give us the strength and wisdom to become the people of the Beatitudes in our day, so that our words may season the world with the flavour of the Gospel and our lives be shining examples of Jesus who is the true Light of the world. Amen [saltandlighttv.org]

With my love and prayers,

Mother Emma

Vera on Placement until her July 2023 ordination



"Hello everyone! I am an Ordinand (of French background) in my final year of training at St Mellitus College. This year I am doing an alternate placement at St Barnabas Kensington and St Mary Abbots. I am delighted to be joining the community of St Mary's Abbots and sharing part of your faith experience. I'll be happy to meet people and discuss whenever I'm around, so please feel free to come and say hello to me at the end of services. Vera Ezumah"

St Pauls Cathedral Choral Evensong

Sunday 5th February 2022 at 3pm

A reminder that this Sunday (5th February) Mother Emma will be preaching at the service of Choral Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral. The Cathedral has extended a warm invitation to any members of the congregation who would like to attend.

Kensington Area Welcome Service

Sunday 19th February at 3pm

We are invited to attend a Welcome Service for the Right Reverend Dr Emma Ineson as she becomes Bishop of Kensington at **St Barnabas Church**, 23 Addison Road, W14 8LH. The service will be led by the Bishop of London with clergy and laity from all around Kensington. There will be refreshments afterwards. Please book a place if you wish to attend: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kensington-area-welcome-service-for-bishop-emma-tickets-516771787327

Prayer Practices for Lent 'Staying with God'.

'The Examen' Tuesday 28th February at 7.30 pm

Throughout Lent The Bishops of London will be hosting five online sessions on Tuesday evenings exploring ancient ways of Christian prayer that are still relevant today to help us spend time in the presence of God. To find out more www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prayer-practices-for-lent-tickets-486773862727

Lay Ministry Day, St Augustine College, Kent

Saturday 13th May, 10.30 am – 4.30 pm

A day for celebrating, equipping and reflecting together on Lay Ministry in the Church of England. Starting with an act of worship, there will be 4 sessions covering the way to tell a cohesive narrative, how to bring relevance to young people's lives, how worship can be used to support and grow faith and working with older people. The day is free for all who wish to train or learn more about Lay Ministry. For more information: www.staugustinescollege.ac.uk/events