

## In Our Prayers This Week

### Collect for Sunday before Lent

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory. **Amen**

### Collect for Ash Wednesday

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole. **Amen.**



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#### *Those in acute need*

Hillary Bardsley  
Evelyn Ellison  
Jill Traynor  
Buyile Phiri  
James Philpot  
Paul Proudman

Adam

Gillie  
Luke  
Philippa  
Stephanie  
Talia

#### *Those in long-term need*

Christopher Browne  
Fr David Michaels  
Michael Turner  
James Worsley  
Conor

#### *and for all who have died recently*

Margaret Drage    Monica Libby    Charlotte Readhead  
M.T. Selby    John York Skinner    James Smith    Michael Wilson

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

Hugh Mainprice, 19<sup>th</sup> February    Alison Nicholson, 20<sup>th</sup> February  
May El-Kadi    Samir El-Kadi, 21<sup>st</sup> February  
Pedro Da Gama, 21<sup>st</sup> February    Esme Bass, 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Ivan Cameron, 25<sup>th</sup> February

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

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

KENSINGTON

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday before Lent

8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

5.30 pm **Taizé Eucharist**

### MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> February – Shrove Tuesday

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8.35 am Bitesize Bible Group in church

11 am [Artist Emma Windsor-Liscombe begins](#)

12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)

3.30 pm [Pancakes by the West Doors](#)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

### WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> February – **Ash Wednesday**

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am [Ash Wednesday School Eucharist](#)

12 noon [Choral Eucharist with Ashing](#)

5.30 pm [Said Eucharist with Ashing](#)

### THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Polycarp, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am **No School Eucharist**

12 noon [Holy Eucharist](#)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

### FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> February

12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

### SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.30 am [Choral Eucharist and Commissioning of Confirmation Candidates](#)

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

4 pm [Lent Study Group: \*The Prodigal Son in art\*](#)

5.30 pm **Choral Evensong**

## Message from Mother Emma

This coming Sunday is the Sunday next before Lent, as we stand together on the threshold of this solemn season, preparing to mark Lent together in prayer, study and acts of service. Vera, our placement ordinand, will be with us on Sunday morning and will lead the intercessions at both services.



On Shrove Tuesday, the last day before Lent, there will be a Pancake Party for children and families at 3.30 pm at the back of the church. Do bring your children along for this traditional feast, or, if you are able to help Martina with preparation or serving, do let her know.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, and Christians have historically been encouraged to attend a service and to receive the sign of the Cross on their foreheads in ash as a sign of our mortality and of penitence. We are offering several opportunities to do this at St Mary Abbots next Wednesday (22nd), with a School Eucharist with ashing at 9.30 am, to which all are welcome, a Choral Eucharist with imposition of ashes at 12 noon, and a quiet Said Eucharist at 5.30 pm, also with ashing. The clergy will also be offering passers-by the opportunity to be ashed outside the church at various points during the day. If you would like to help with this, please let me know.

Emma, our Lent artist-in-residence will be beginning her painting inspired by the story of the Prodigal Son from the beginning of Lent in the Holland Chapel. Please do come and see her work. In tandem with this, we are running our Lent Study Group at 4 pm on Sunday afternoons, based around the same story, and the book by Henri Nouwen, "The Return of the Prodigal Son." Details below.

On the first Sunday in Lent (26th February), we shall commissioning our Confirmation candidates at the end of the 9.30 am Eucharist. Please do hold them in your prayers as they begin this next step on their journey.

For those with children in Year 7 and above, St Mary Abbots has now joined a new network in the local area, entitled "Youth Ministry in Communion", so that young people from a number of churches can meet one another and share in a variety of exciting entertainments and experiences, as well as some opportunities for worship and reflection. The next meeting is on 5th March between 5 pm and 8 pm at St Clement's Church. If you would like to sign up or to find out more, please contact Martina.

Finally, you may have noticed that, following Adam Norton's retirement as Hall Manager at the end of last year, we have begun recruiting for a new Hall Manager. The details are on our website on the about us / vacancies and if you know anyone who might be interested in this role, and in joining our lovely parish team, please do encourage them to get in touch or to fill in an application!

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

## Palm Crosses - Reminder



It is Ash Wednesday this week so we ask if you could please return your Palm Crosses to the virgers in the church so that the crosses can be burned for Ashing after all the services on Ash Wednesday.

## St Mary Abbots Lent Study Course Sunday afternoons at 4 pm during Lent

If you would like to take part in our Lent Study Course please let Father Christopher know. Using extracts from 'The Return of the Prodigal Son, a story of Homecoming' by Henri J. M. Nouwen, the group will study the story, the lessons to be learned from it and its relevance for our daily life. Starting next Sunday (26th February) we will explore "The Prodigal Son in Art". Text books will be provided, but any contributions towards the cost would be welcomed.

## London Walk for Charity Glass Door Friday evening, 10<sup>th</sup> March

If you would like to join the team walking 10k in aid of Glass Door through London on 10<sup>th</sup> March to raise money and awareness of homelessness then please let us know. Each person walking is asked to raise £150 each in sponsorship and it costs £25 to register. Please let Father Christopher or Leonora know if you would like to take part.

## Food Bank

Thank you for all the food that you have been donating and please keep up the good work! 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 their website is [www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk](http://www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk)

## OTHER PARISH NEWS

### London Anglican Lent Appeal

This year the Diocese of London Lent Appeal is raising money for MANNA (the Mozambique Angola Anglican Association) and their 'Healing the memories' campaign. Their focus is to train people to provide pastoral care and support for those who have seen and experienced the most atrocious situations and conditions. Information or donations towards the fund can be found at: [www.london.anglican.org/lentappeal2023](http://www.london.anglican.org/lentappeal2023)

### DEC Turkey / Syria Earthquake Fund

Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) have a fund to raise money for Earthquake Victims in Turkey and Syria. The Government will match every pound donated up to £1 million. Working with charities such as British Red Cross, Save the Children, Action Aid they need money to buy blankets, clothes, food and water. To donate: [www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk)