

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for 1st Sunday of Lent

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer from 'Dust and Glory' booklet

Lord Jesus, you spent forty days in the wilderness: walk with me in the wilderness of Lent and life. Hold my failures in the light of your compassion and guide me each day in your way. **Amen**



Chapel of Our Lady and St Non S of Tyddewi (St David's), Sir Benfro, Wales
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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

Pauline Pretzel Charlotte Susan Readhead
John York Skinner James Smith Frits Van Tuyl

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

Arthur Harriman, 28th February Anthony Minoprio, 29th February
Thomas Nevell, 3rd March Charlotte Felderhof, 4th March
Mary Isa, 5th March Josephine Grieve, 5th March

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 26th 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 26th February – 1st Sunday of Lent

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Choral Eucharist and Commissioning of Confirmation Candidates
Preacher Clare Heard LLM
11.15 am Choral Matins
4 pm Lent Study Group: *The Prodigal Son in Art*
5.30 pm Choral Evensong

MONDAY 27th February – George Herbert, Priest

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.30 am Bible Study via Zoom
9 am Parent Prayer Group in church
12 noon Informal Eucharist (Sunday on Monday)
2 pm Funeral of Charlotte Susan Readhead
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church
6 pm Homeless Ministry

TUESDAY 28th February

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)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

WEDNESDAY 1st March – David, Patron of Wales

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

THURSDAY 2nd March – Chad, Bishop of Lichfield

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am School Eucharist – All Welcome
2.30 pm Rainbow Poetry Group: *Elizabethan Poets*
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

FRIDAY 3rd March

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 4th March

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

SUNDAY 5th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Family Eucharist with children's choir
11.15 am Choral Matins
4 pm Lent Study Group: *The Younger Son*
5.30 pm Sung Evensong

Message from Mother Emma

It was good to see so many of you at our Ash Wednesday services this week, as we marked the beginning of the solemn season of Lent. The Eucharistic Prayer for the season of Lent tells us, "In these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance, that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service, you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word, you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love."

As we begin our Lenten journey together, we hope that you will be able to share in some of the ways St Mary Abbots is offering to help us fulfil this aspiration. There are many opportunities for prayer and study, from our online Bible Study on Monday mornings to our "Bitesize Bible" groups before school on Tuesdays. In addition, we shall be offering a dedicated Lenten study group in the Holland Chapel at 4 pm on Sundays during Lent, beginning this Sunday (26th), and study Henri Nouwen's book, "The Return of the Prodigal Son". If you would like to join us, please come along on Sunday – we have some copies of the book available, or you can obtain your own copy. Participants will be warmly invited (though not obliged!) to stay on for Evensong at 5.30 pm. Emma, our Lenten artist-in-residence will be setting up this coming weekend, as she begins to create her own painting based on the narrative of the Prodigal Son, who is himself brought back to the generous heart of the Father. See our website for more information.

Martina will be distributing copies to families of the Church of England's Lenten book for children, "Dust and Glory – A Lent journey of faith, failure and forgiveness", which is in itself inspired by the book called "Failure", written by our new Bishop of Kensington, Emma Ineson, which is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for this year, and which you might also like to read. We do hope that you will be able to take part in one of these disciplines, so that we can truly experience the sense of travelling together as "Christ's pilgrim people".

We are delighted to welcome Clare Heard, Licensed Lay Minister in the Holland Park Benefice, to preach for us at today's 9.30 am Eucharist. We shall also be commissioning and praying for our Confirmation Candidates, as they too set off on a new stage of their Christian journey, preparing for Confirmation on 25th May.

Finally, I am glad to say that the work has now begun on the tower and spire, so we hope that all masonry will be firmly in place in a couple of weeks' time! (See photos on the gallery page of the website). During this period, the Garth and the North Passage remain closed for safety reasons, but we look forward to re-opening the East



Churchyard, and beginning the work to restore the Friends' Millennium exterior lighting very soon. The final drawings showing the re-hanging of the South Doors to ensure full accessibility in connection with our ramp project are now with the Diocesan Advisory Committee, so watch this space as all our fabric projects begin to take shape this Spring.

Almighty God, may we, by the prayer and discipline of Lent, enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings; that by following in the Way we may come to share in the glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen [Common Worship, Night Prayer in Lent]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

St Mary Abbots Hall Manager – Job Opportunity Application deadline 10th March 2023

We have started recruiting for a new Hall Manager to manage, maintain and run our church hall. In addition to the commercial aspect of the hall, with its onsite ballet school and car park, they would manage bookings from theatre companies, community groups, birthdays to wedding parties, keep the whole site in good condition, manage the website and social media and work closely with the church team on joint events. For a job description and application form see our 'about us / vacancies' page of the website.

London Walk for Charity Glass Door Friday evening, 10th March

If you would like to join the team walking 10k in aid of Glass Door through London on 10th March to raise money for homeless charity Glass Door then please let Leonora know or go to the 'what is on' page of the website to register. To donate towards the teams fundraising efforts then the link is: www.smaw8.org/glass-door-walk.html

PETER ROPER-CURZON
Beethoven Waldstein Sonata
Bach/Busoni Chaconne
Schubert Impromptus
Chopin Sonata
no. 3
15th MARCH, 7.30pm
PIANO CONCERT

Peter Roper-Curzon concert

Tickets (£15) via the 'what is on page' of our website or using the QR code on the posters outside the church.

Victorian Society Talk

Wednesday 22nd March at 6.30pm

The Victorian Society presents a talk by Robert Stephenson on Kensington's Great Sister Cemeteries: Brompton and Kensal Green. Tickets are £10, or £15 with a donation and there will be a paid bar. Tickets can be bought via the 'What is on' page of our website.