

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for Palm Sunday

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

Collect for Maundy Thursday

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for him: may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful. **Amen**

Collect for Good Friday

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Fresco by Hippolyte Flandin, Saint Germain des Pres church, Paris

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
Michael Turner
James Worsley
Conor

and for all who have died recently

Fr David Michaels Simon Ward

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

John Attack, 3rd April

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

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 2nd April 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 2nd April – Palm Sunday

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
9.30 am **Procession of Palms and Parish Eucharist**

11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **The Messiah, Parts II & III**
Tickets are available on the door

MONDAY 3rd April – Holy Monday

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon **Holy Eucharist** *with Devotional Address*
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church
7 pm **Online Night Prayer with Reflection**

TUESDAY 4th April – Holy Tuesday

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon **Holy Eucharist** *with Devotional Address*
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church
7 pm **Online Night Prayer with Reflection**

WEDNESDAY 5th April – Holy Wednesday

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon **Holy Eucharist** *with Devotional Address*
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church
7 pm **Online Night Prayer with Reflection**

THURSDAY 6th April – Maundy Thursday

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10.30 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
2.30 pm **Rainbow Poetry Group – Voices of Spring**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church
8 pm **The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper**
with Washing of Feet followed by The Vigil of Gethsemane

FRIDAY 7th April – Good Friday

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon **Hymns and Reflections at the foot of the Cross**
1 pm **Silence before the Cross**
1.30-3 pm **Good Friday Liturgy**
4 pm **Stations of the Cross for children**
with hot cross buns

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SATURDAY 8th April – Holy Saturday, Easter Eve

12 noon **Midday Litany**
1 – 3pm **The Easter Preparation help clean the church**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church
8pm **Easter Vigil with Holy Baptism**

SUNDAY 9th April – EASTER DAY

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
9.30 am **Festal Choral Eucharist with Holy Baptism**
11.15 am **Festal Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Festal Choral Evensong**

Message from Mother Emma

Today is Palm Sunday! At the beginning of Holy Week, as we begin to walk with Jesus on his journey to the Cross, we remember his Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey, as people laid palms on the road and greeted him with cries of "Hosanna". Tonight at 5.30 pm is our performance of Handel's Messiah, parts II and III, which tell the story of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. Tickets are available on the door. Please come to support our professional choir as they sing alongside the Purcell Players and raise money for the church's work, and share with us in this beautiful interpretation of the story which lies at the heart of our faith.



Next week is Holy Week, and we shall be offering a daily Eucharist at 12 noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This is at our usual time, but will replace Sunday on Monday and the BCP Holy Communion Service with a Eucharist and a reflection on the final week of Jesus' life. The reflection will later be available online, from 7 pm, with a service of Night Prayer, so that wherever you are, you can join us on this journey. Links can be found on the 'services' page of our website.

Our services for the Triduum, or Great Three Days leading up to Easter Day, are shown on the posters in the church and on the 'Services' page of the website, and I shall be emailing next week with further details.

Wherever you spend this Holy Week and Easter, we hope that you will find it a holy and uplifting experience. If you are visiting other churches abroad or in this country, please give them our prayers and blessings for this time, as we always invite visitors at St Mary Abbots to pass on our greetings and prayers to their home churches.

Almighty God, as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son, help us to see and know your love for us, so that in humility, love and joy we may place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Amen. [CW Night Prayer for Passiontide]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Outreach at St Mary Abbots

At our outreach Meeting last week some of you spoke very powerfully of the ways in which you have been changed by participating in our homeless ministry, as well as our outreach more generally. We have decided that as the weather gets warmer we should pause the ministry of taking soup and other food and drink to the homeless people in the High Street, and revisit the form of help which we offer later in the year. However we can continue to reach more people through other forms of service – one of which we will explore further is what pre-Covid was referred to as church sitting. This is something to discuss with the PCC, but please do get in touch with me, Father Christopher, if you would be interested in participating in this.




ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
KENSINGTON

Handel's MESSIAH

A Performance by candlelight **Parts II & III**
with our Professional Choir and The Purcell Players

Sunday 2nd April 2023
5.30 pm

Tickets: £15 and includes a programme & a drink
[www.stmaryabbots.org.uk / what is on](http://www.stmaryabbots.org.uk/whatison)



Flower Arrangers – Volunteers needed

Now that Lent is drawing to an end we will once more have flowers in the church each Sunday. These are created by our amazing flower arranger team – however we are still looking for more volunteers to take part. Flower arranging takes place on Friday afternoons or Saturday. If you would like to try your hand, or learn how to create a large arrangement, then please contact Leonora who will add you to the rota and / or arrange a first training session!

Save the Date: Spring Events at St Mary Abbots

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| 5 th May | Civic Service on Eve of Coronation of his Majesty King Charles III at 5.30pm |
| 7 th May | Street Party arranged by Holland Park from 12 noon. Volunteers needed! |
| 10 May | The Laudonia Ensemble evening concert |
| 20 th May | The Clemson University Choir at 1pm |

Food Bank

Thank you for all your donations to the food bank and please keep the steam of wonderful donations coming in – perhaps you could add an [Easter Egg for next Sunday](#). 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