

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Prayer for King Charles as a symbol of the Nation

Almighty God, let thy wisdom be his guide, and let thine arm strengthen him; let truth and justice, holiness and righteousness, peace and charity abound in his days; direct all his counsels and endeavours to thy glory, and the welfare of his subjects. **Amen**



George and the Dragon by Raphael, the Louvre. Pintrest

Those in acute need

Hillary Bardsley
Robby Dundas
Evelyn Ellison
Jill Traynor
Buyile Phiri
James Philpot

Paul Proudman

Adam
Gillie
Luke
Olive
Stephanie
Talia

Those in long-term need

Christopher Browne
Mary Roberts
Michael Turner
James Worsley
Conor

and for all who have died recently

David Michaels, Priest Simon Ward

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

Winifred Howe, 24th April Richard Horsley, 27th April
Oliver Philpott, 28th April

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 23rd 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 23rd April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

MONDAY 24th April – George, Patron of England

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.30 am Bible Study via Zoom
9 am Parents Prayer Group in church
12 noon **Informal Eucharist** – Sunday on Monday
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

TUESDAY 25th April – Mark the Evangelist

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10.30 am **Funeral of Simon Ward**
12 noon **Holy Communion (BCP)**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

WEDNESDAY 26th April

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

THURSDAY 27th April

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

FRIDAY 28th April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Centre
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
1.05 pm Free Royal College of Music concert
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SATURDAY 29th April – Catherine of Siena

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

SUNDAY 30th April – 4rd Sunday of Easter

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

Message from Mother Emma

It is wonderful to see the signs of Spring all around us as we continue to celebrate Eastertide, and to remember the risen Christ's appearances to his disciples during this period. We welcome you to our services today and we are delighted that Revd Cecilie Strommen will be preaching for us at Matins.



I would like to update you on some further relaxation of our Covid restrictions after our PCC meeting last night. Although we know that the risk of Covid has not completely gone away, many churches including St Paul's Cathedral, no longer require clergy to wear masks to distribute Communion and the PCC agreed that we will follow suit. I am so grateful for the understanding and support I have received as an extremely clinically vulnerable person over the past few years. If you would still prefer to receive communion from someone wearing a mask please inform the sidespeople on arrival and we will bring Communion to your pew. In addition we will resume the collection taken during the Offertory hymn, rather than taking a retiring collection at the door. Many of you now use the electronic giving devices and lots many give by regular standing order (extremely helpful as we plan our annual budget), so we will provide cards for those people to put in the collection plate. The Peace should be shared by handshake or bow/wave, as you feel comfortable, but please remain conscious of the sensitivities of others. We hope that this will be a welcome return to "normality", but please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns.

Another more bureaucratic announcement: we are currently reviewing our Electoral Roll, the register of those who are baptised, over 16 and either live within the parish boundaries or who have worshipped regularly at St Mary Abbots for more than six months. The list is up in the church, so please check for your name. If you are not there and qualify please ask Ivell on the door, who is our Electoral Roll officer, for a form. Being on the Roll means that you are entitled to vote at our Annual Parochial Church meeting and the number on the roll helps us in our planning, budgeting and applications for grants.

Another thing discussed by the PCC is the idea of a return to weekday church welcomers, who assist those visiting the church. At first we are hoping to set up a rota from 3 – 5 pm each weekday. If you might consider being a daytime welcomer, please could you get in touch with me, and in due course we shall be organising a rota and training.

Looking ahead, please SAVE THE DATE for the church's Summer Garden Party on 10th June, and look in the newsletter for tickets for our May events, as well as details for the Coronation weekend.

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



Coronation Weekend Celebrations

To Celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III & Queen Camilla we will be holding a Civic Service on Friday 5th May (the Eve of the Coronation) at 5.30 pm, to which all are warmly invited. On the morning of Sunday 7th we will hold a Coronation Family Eucharist – with refreshments and Games provided after the service - and a Choral Matins, our Principal Service, at 11.15am. Worshippers are invited to attend a nearby street party and a table has been set aside for members of the congregation – if you would like to donate towards the food and entertainment costs please use the QR code on the poster which can be found on the 'what is on' page of the website. If you would like to volunteer to help at one of the stands then please write to BigCoronationLunch@gmail.com. The Church of England has produced a booklet of Daily Prayers and reflections for the Coronation which you can pick up in the church. Lastly the council are providing a large screen in Holland Park so that residents can watch both the Coronation Service on Saturday and the Concert on Sunday in the evening.

Laudonia – the Grand Tour: POSTPONED Wednesday 10th May at 7.30 pm

Soloist Susan Hamilton and the Laudonia Ensemble will now postpone their concert which was due to take place next month due to unforeseen circumstances. They hope to return in September. If you have already booked a ticket please contact them directly to gain a refund.

Clemson University Choir Saturday 20th May at 1pm

A Free lunchtime concert by a 50+ strong choir of students from Clemson University. A collection will be taken for the church and for homeless charity Glass Door. Please come and support them and us!

www.smaw8.org/the-clemson-university-singers.html

Growing Younger "Faith at Home" session Thursday, 11th May at 7.30-9pm

Would you like support and encouragement with sharing faith with young people at home? The Diocese of London have invited us to attend a free local 'hub' workshop for parents and carers on how to grow and foster faith in our children at home. The event will include live-streamed conversation with a feedback session afterwards.

For more information: joanna.jones@London.anglican.org

Marina's Paralympics GB Campaign

KarmaBank, one of our local charities, is raising money for Marina, a former athlete and refugee who suffered a terrible spinal injury in February and is now, undaunted, training to be a Paralympian. She is raising funds to buy a hand bike to help her join team GB: <https://gofund.me/12eca0b0>