

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for 4th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Prayer for King Charles to seek, find and radiate joy

Eternal God, author of all joyfulness and the music of our dance, may the joy that is yours echo in our hearts. May it shine through us, glowing with faith, uplifting our souls heavenward, as we abide in your hope and love. **Amen**



St Philip & St James, Illuminated Manuscript by Follower of Martina di Bartolommeo. Pintrest

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Paul Proudman	<i>Those in long-term need</i>
Hillary Bardsley	Adam	Christopher Browne
Robby Dundas	Gillie	Mary Roberts
Evelyn Ellison	Luke	Michael Turner
Jill Traynor	Olive	James Worsley
Buyile Phiri	Stephanie	Conor
James Philpot	Talia	

and for all who have died recently

David Michaels, Priest Frederique Ottou

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

Jeff Bardsley, 3rd May Blossom Barrow, 3rd May
Anne Bengé, 6th May

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 30th 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 30th April – 4th Sunday of Easter

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

MONDAY 1st May – Philip & James, Apostles

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 2nd May – Athanasius, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon **Holy Communion (BCP)**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

WEDNESDAY 3rd May

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

THURSDAY 4th May – English Saints & Martyrs

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **School Eucharist** – All are welcome
2.39 **Rainbows Poetry 'Kings, Queens & Crowns'**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

FRIDAY 5th May

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 **Civic Service on Eve of Coronation**

SATURDAY 6th May

12 noon **Holy Communion (BCP)**
3 – 7pm **'Ring for the King'**
a peal of bells for the Coronation
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SUNDAY 7th May – Coronation Celebration

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
9.30 am **Family Eucharist with children's choir**
11.15 am **Choral Matins followed by Street Party**
5.30 pm Said Evening Prayer in church

Message from Father Christopher

We continue to celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord during these 50 days of Eastertide, and this Sunday in our gospel reading we hear about Jesus as the gate to the sheepfold. We're used to hearing about Jesus as the good shepherd, but hearing about Him as a gate takes a bit more imagination! This probably comes from the practice of shepherds lying across the sheepfold in order to keep their sheep safe. Jesus doesn't just keep us safe however. Our reading goes on to tell us that Jesus welcomes us in so that we might also go out, and that He has come so that we might have life, and life in all its fulness.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the fulness of life which you bring to our church family, and which I hope we together bring to those beyond our church in the wider community. There are as ever lots of ways to get more involved, and please do ask if you are interested in talking to one of us about what God might be calling you to contribute as part of our community.

Mother Emma will no doubt be reminding you next week about all of our celebrations for the coronation, but please do see below for details of our celebratory Civic Service the evening before, or our Family Eucharist with children's choir (contact Mother Alice if your child would like to take part) and Choral Matins on the Sunday. There will also be a special peal of bells as we join the national 'Ring for the King', and a street party in Holland Street.

With love and prayers for you this week, Christopher



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. To watch the service with others Opportunity Kensington and RBKC are providing a large free screen in Holland Park so that residents can watch the Coronation Service – please bring picnics and picnic rugs and in the afternoon there will be a peal of bells as we join 'Ring for the King'. On the morning of Sunday 7th we will hold a Coronation Family Eucharist featuring our children's choir who will 'Sing for the King', more of this below, with refreshments after the service. Our principal service is Choral Matins at 11.15am after which we are all invited to attend a nearby street party in Holland Street. A table has been set aside for members of the congregation so please bring food and drink to share. To donate towards the BBQ or entertainment, or volunteer to help, please look at the 'what is on' page of the website or email BigCoronationLunch@gmail.com.

Sing for the King, children's choir

Our children's choir will be leading our worship again at the 9.30am Family Eucharist on May 7th as we celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. Please let Mother Alice know if your child would like to join the choir! Children who take part should turn up early as rehearsals start at 8.45am and they will need to robe before the service starts.

In other choir related news there will be an opportunity for amateur singers to form a choir which will lead our Evensong worship once a month – starting on 14th May. Rehearsal will be at 4.30pm followed by the service at 5.30pm. Please let Mother Alice know if you would like to take part.



Civic Service

*on the Eve of the Coronation of
Their Majesties*

King Charles III & Queen Camilla

Friday 5th May 2023

5.30 pm



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 7.30-9pm

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. joanna.jones@London.anglican.org