In our Prayers this week

Collect for St Barnabas

O Lord God Almighty, who didst endue thy holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost: Leave us not, we beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect 1st Sunday after Trinity

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**



St Catherine, St Barnabas and St Augustine, the Altar piece of St Barnabas by Botticelli, Uffizi gallery, Pinterest

Those in acute need	Adam	Those in long-term need
Martin Carroll	Gillie	Hillary Bardsley
Evelyn Ellison	Jeremy	Christopher Browne
Jill Traynor	Luke	Fiona Paine
Luke Thomas	Nichola	Paul Proudman
Buyile Phiri	Olive	Mary Roberts
James Philpot	Stephanie	Michael Turner
Janneke Mulder	Talia	James Worsley
		Conor

and for all who have died recently

Robby Dundas Mike Margolis Josephine Nyabunze Frederique Ottou

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

Penelope Hawkes, 12th June Bess Chamberlain, 13th June

Sylvia Scott, 17th June Richard Costley-White, 17th June

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 11th June 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 11th June - Barnabas the Apostle

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) 9.30 am **Holy Eucharist** *with Baptisms*

11.15 am Choral Matins

5.30 pm **Sung Evensong** with Voluntary Choir

MONDAY 12th June

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom8.30 am Bible Study via Zoom

9 am Parents Prayer Group in church

12 noon Informal Eucharist – Sunday on Monday

2.30 pm Funeral Service for Lady Dundas

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

TUESDAY 13th June

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

WEDNESDAY 14th June

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8.35 am Bitesize Bible Group for Children

12 noon Holy Eucharist

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

THURSDAY 15th June

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am **School Eucharist** – all are welcome

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 16th June – Richard, Bishop of Chichester

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Hall

12 noon Holy Eucharist

1.05 pm Free Royal College of Music concert

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SATURDAY 17th June

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

SUNDAY 18th June – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am **Parish Eucharist** 11.15 am **Choral Matins**

12. 30 3rd Party Giving Meeting

5.30 pm **Taizé Eucharist**

Message from Mother Emma

Today is the Feast of St Barnabas (whose name means "Son of Encouragement") and we are delighted to be baptising Asta and Olive at our 9.30 am Eucharist. We welcome their families and friends and hope that our regular



congregation will be there to offer them spiritual encouragement as they begin their journey with God. In the evening at 5.30 pm, our monthly Voluntary Choir will be meeting again to lead the Anglican chant at Evensong. Last month there was a noticeable uplift in our joy and confidence in singing together this historical glory of the Anglican Church as we praised God together, and we do hope that you will join us again. If anyone would like to sing with the choir, please let Mother Alice know or turn up for the rehearsal at 5 pm latest.

Christians are called not only to worship God and to care for our beautiful buildings erected to God's glory, but also to live out our faith and to reflect Christ's compassion towards our fellow human beings and towards God's Creation. Looking ahead in June, we have been invited by the Church of England to think especially of refugees during Refugee Week (June 19-25). Our community, led by Fr Christopher, has been closely involved with both Afghan and Ukrainian refugees over the past few years, and we continue to hold them in our prayers and thoughts. The Diocese of London has produced some ideas for 10 simple acts of compassion which we could take during this week – please see here:

https://www.compassionatecommunitieslondon.org.uk/conversations/simple-acts-of-compassion-refugee-week-2023.

The following week (June 24th – July 2nd) is London Climate Action Week, and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea has invited us to join with them in drawing attention to how the whole of society can together shape and drive climate action. In connection with this, we will be reflecting on "Our Stewardship of God's Creation" at our services and activities throughout Climate Action Week, culminating in a special themed Family Eucharist at 9.30 am on Sunday 2nd July. It would be wonderful if, now that we have reached the long, green Sundays of the Trinity Season, we could turn our attention to living out our Christian faith in practical ways during these summer months.

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace: let the design of thy great love lighten upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows: and give peace to thy Church, peace among nations, peace in our dwellings, and peace in our hearts: through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. [churchofengland.org, topical prayers]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Bronze Eco Church Award

Mother Alice says "I am so thrilled to share with the Church community that we have been awarded our A Rocha Bronze Eco Church Award. In order to achieve this award we had to do a full environmental audit of our parish buildings, land, worship,



teaching, as well as reflecting on how we engage with praying for and supporting local and international environmental initiatives. Due to the hard work and commitment of the parish team we were able to show how in every area of Church life we are reflecting on our energy usage and stewardship of resources, and we were able to identify ways in which we can look to further reduce our carbon footprint and use the land around the church and centre to promote biodiversity and perhaps even plant fruit and vegetables!

Care for Creation is one of the Anglican 5 Marks of Mission, and it is wonderful to have begun our journey of thinking deeper how we achieve this here at St Mary Abbots."

Full Time Associate Vicar Application closes Monday 19th June 2023

Applications close on Monday 19th for those applying to join our team as our full-time Associate Vicar in our large and busy parish. The candidate will share in Sunday & weekday services, school Eucharists, pastoral care, outreach, community events and administration. The post comes with a 3 bedroom cottage. A full job description and application form can be found via the front page of the website.

Youth Event in the Vicarage Garden Sunday 9th July 2023 from 5pm – 8 pm

We are very pleased to be hosting the Summer Festival for local parish network YMIC (Youth Ministry in Communion) in the Vicarage Garden for Years 6 and 7. The events includes inflatables, silent disco, BBQ and more. To find out more or to book a place, please contact Martina.

OTHER PARISH NEWS

Shop volunteers needed at Cancer Research UK

Cancer Research, 219 Kensington High St, London W8 6BD are looking for volunteers to help in their shop. They say: 1 in 2 of us will get cancer in our lifetime. But we can all support the research that will beat it. Every shirt you steam, book you sell, hour you donate, or shopper you serve – we all have a part to play. Together we will beat cancer. The volunteer work is easy and flexible (even a couple of hours) and can fit around your current commitments. It is a great way to make new friends in the community and join a fantastic team, improve your wellbeing, grow your confidence and making a difference to those with cancer. For more details contact Siobhan.gallagher@cancer.org.uk or 07799243406.