

## In our Prayers this week

### Collect for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father, the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### Prayer for Environment by Bishop of Oxford

Creator of our common home. You fill the earth and sea and sky with life. Forgive us our neglect of your creation, the choking waste of our pollution. The damage done by careless habits and our indifference to future generations. Help us to amend our lives To refuse more plastic if we can't reuse it, to lift our voice for lasting change and to live well and gently on the earth. Amen



Climate Change: Drought by Jody Dell Davis. Pixabay

#### *Those in acute need*

Martin Carroll  
Evelyn Ellison  
Jill Traynor  
Luke Thomas  
Buyile Phiri  
James Philpot  
Lucille Simpson  
Janneke Mulder

#### Adam

Gillie  
Jeremy  
Luke  
Nichola  
Olive  
Stephanie  
Talia

#### *Those in long-term need*

Hillary Bardsley  
Christopher Browne  
Fiona Paine  
Paul Proudman  
Mary Roberts  
Michael Turner  
James Worsley  
Conor

#### *and for all who have died recently*

Iris Michelle Bennie Sir Peter Marshall Frances Martin  
Josephine Nyabunze

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

Carys Wynne, 2<sup>nd</sup> July Ethne Rudd, 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Sarah Lamping, 7<sup>th</sup> July

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

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

KENSINGTON

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 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 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Climate Action Week**

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
9.30 am **Family Eucharist with Children's Choir**  
11.15 am **Choral Matins**  
*Preacher: Rev Dr Andrew Bowyer, Dean of Divinity, Magdalen College, Oxford*  
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

#### **MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Thomas the Apostle**

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 4<sup>th</sup> July**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> July**

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 6<sup>th</sup> July**

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 am **School Eucharist – all are welcome**  
2.30 pm **Rainbow Poetry Group on "Summer Days"**  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

#### **FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> July**

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Hall  
12 noon **Midday Prayer**  
1.05 pm **No Royal College Music** (resume 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept)  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

#### **SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> July**

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

#### **SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
9.30 am **Holy Eucharist with Baptism**  
*Preacher: Mthr Liz Brown, Pioneer Priest, Becontree South*  
11.15 am **Choral Matins**  
5 – 8pm **YMIC Summer Festival**  
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong with Voluntary Choir**

## Message from Mother Emma

We are absolutely delighted this week to bring you some good news on the access project at the South Door! Firstly, we have (after going through many layers of consultation and design) received the Faculty (the legal church permission for the project to go ahead). Then, last Sunday, we received a wonderful donation from the Friends of St Mary Abbots for £50,000 for the stone entrance ramp. We are hugely grateful to everyone who contributed to this fundraising effort, Friends, members of the congregation and local businesses. We have received three tenders for the work; there are one or two clarifications to be made, but the work should begin soon. We will keep you updated.



The Founding Patron of the Friends, Steve Attack, also made a presentation to Nigel Grieve, who was retiring after years as Treasurer to the Friends, and thanked him warmly for his very hard work – as do we all!

This Sunday is London Climate Action Week, and we are looking forward to hearing our children's choir at our special creation themed Family Eucharist and to welcoming the Revd Dr Andrew Bowyer, Dean of Divinity at Magdalen College, Oxford, who will preach on our stewardship of God's Creation at our 11.15 Matins service. We are proud to report that we have received our Bronze Eco Church Award, awarded thanks to Mother Alice's hard work on a full environmental report on our worship and teaching, as well as a more practical look at our parish buildings, identifying ways in which we can work to reduce waste, and use the land around the church and centre to show biodiversity.

Looking ahead to next month, on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July there is a YMIC Youth festival in the Vicarage Garden for years 6 and 7 with Laser Tag, BBQ an ice cream van and much more – for more details contact Martina. For Father Christopher's leaving party on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July, Silva Ace, Fitness Trigga, who appeared at our Summer Party, will entertain the children in the Vicarage Garden after the 9.30 Service, with everyone else invited to join us after 11.15 Matins for a farewell lunch. We are asking if you might bring contributions of salad, quiche or pudding, but please bring details of the ingredients for those with food allergies. Donations are being collected for his leaving present and those who might wish to contribute can contact Petter the Parish Manager or leave a donation in one of the yellow envelopes marked 'Fr Christopher leaving present'.

*Living God, you call us to be good stewards of this earthly home, strengthen us to care for your creation; forgive us when, through our greed and indifference we abuse its beauty and damage its potential. Empower us, through your Spirit so to nurture and love the world, that all creation sings to your glory. (Creation Care Prayers, CofE)*

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



## Bronze Eco Church Award

Mother Alice said on receiving the 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!"* Work has been taking place at the church hall (the centre) for the last month



## Friends of St Mary Abbots news

As well as presenting a very generous cheque of £50,000 towards the access ramp (see Mother Emma's message) the Friends of St Mary Abbots said goodbye, after many years of dedicated service, to Nigel Grieve their hard working Treasurer, who announced his retirement. Steve Attack, Founding Patron of the Friends commented *"We cannot thank Nigel enough for his stalwart service as our Treasurer, guiding us so professionally through many years. I am delighted to announce that Nigel will continue to remain active in the Friends and as a Trustee.* A new Treasurer will be announced in due course. To join the Friends or renew your membership please email [friends@stmaryabbots.org.uk](mailto:friends@stmaryabbots.org.uk)

## Mother Alice Half Marathon for Royal Parks Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Mother Alice is raising money to support the work of The Royal Parks charity who maintains our local park, Kensington Gardens and Hyde Park. If you would like to support her, please visit this link: [ALICE ORMONDROYD is fundraising for The Royal Parks \(Limited\) \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/alice-ormondroyd)