In our Prayers this week

Collect for 6th Sunday after Trinity

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Collect of Mary Magdalene

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to his resurrection: forgive our sins and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in



Mary Magdalene by Carlo Crivelli, Rijks Museum, Amsterdam

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

and for all who have died recently

Iris Michelle Bennie Mark Lengvel

Frances Martin Patrick Tuft, Priest

and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time Robin Greenhill, 17th July Stella Egert, 18th July David Griffiths, 20th July

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 15th 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 16th July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Parish Eucharist 11.15 am Choral Matins

12.30 pm Father Christopher's Farewell Party

5.30 pm Taizé Eucharist

MONDAY 17th July

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 18 July

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

WEDNESDAY 19th July – Gregory, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8.35 am Bitesize Bible Group for Children

12 noon Healing Eucharist

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

THURSDAY 20th July

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am School Eucharist – Leavers' Service

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 21st July

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 No Mini Abbots (resume 8th Sept)

12 noon Holy Eucharist

1.05 pm No Royal College Music (resume 22nd Sept)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SATURDAY 22nd July – Mary Magdalene

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

SUNDAY 23rd July – 7th Sunday after Trinity

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.30 am Choral Eucharist with farewell to Rev'd Dr

Cecilie Jorgensen Strommen

11.15 am Choral Matins

5.30 pm Choral Evensong

Message from Mother Emma

This coming Sunday, we shall be saying our official goodbye to Fr Christopher, who will be officiating and preaching at both the 9.30 am Holy Eucharist and the 11.15 service of Choral Matins. Although



he will not be leaving for his new role as Rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Saint Paul, Minnesota, until late August, we wanted to have an opportunity to say farewell before we all start to disperse on holiday. After the 9.30 am, Martina will be inviting families to join her in the Vicarage garden for activities and street dance, before the Matins congregation joins them for drinks and lunch to wish Fr Christopher Godspeed!

Fr Christopher was licensed to the parish in June 2021, and during his time here has made many connections within the church and in our local community. Taking seriously the Associate Vicar's brief to develop social outreach, building on previous AVs' links with the Foodbank and the Upper Room, he led the welcome and care of Afghan refugees soon after his arrival, and then was involved in the welcome and housing of Ukrainian refugees arriving as the war in Ukraine intensified. He also set up the Monday evening homeless ministry, which has seen members of the congregation taking soup, bread and hot drinks to the homeless along the High Street on Monday evenings and giving time to chat, get to know them and build relationships, which have flourished sides. Although these soup runs have been paused for the summer months, many of the participants continue to watch out for and chat with those they got to know through this project. Fr Christopher also took part in the Glass Door Sleepout and the London Homeless Walk, and served for a while covering the absence of a Glass Door trustee. He played a significant part in the drawing up of the Parish's Mission Action Plan. Many members of the congregation will have inspiring memories of his preaching and are grateful for his attentive pastoral care.

I do hope that you will join us for one of the services, and for the lunch in the vicarage garden, as we give thanks for Christopher's time with us at St Mary Abbots, and wish him every blessing in his future ministry.

As we approach the final week of school, we hold in our prayers all those who are preparing for new schools or new classes, and pray that staff, parents, pupils and governors of St Mary Abbots School and all our local schools will have a good end of term.

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma















