

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 8th Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for those suffering the effects of wildfires

Father we pray, in your mercy, restrain the forces of nature from creating catastrophic damage. In your mercy, protect all human and animal life in jeopardy. Guard those who selflessly step into the breach to fight these terrifying fires. Give them courage, skill and protection as they fight nature's fury. Bring comfort and healing to all who suffer loss. **Amen**



Reliquary of St Oswald, Anglo Saxon King, Hildesheim Cathedral

100th Birthday Wishes to
Father Peter Stubbs, 24th July 2023

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Jill Traynor	Long-term need
Evelyn Ellison	Luke Thomas	Hillary Bardsley
Paul Fitch	Adam	Christopher Browne
Adrianna Henley	Gillie	Fiona Paine
Janneke Mulder	Jeremy	Paul Proudman
Rev'd Colin Oxenforth	Luke	Mary Roberts
Buyile Phiri	Nichola	Michael Turner
James Philpot	Olive	James Worsley
George Rabbett-Smith	Stephanie	Conor
Lucille Simpson	Talia	

and for all who have died recently
Hakan Groth

and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time
Dick Madge, 2nd August Peter Watt, 4th August

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 30th 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 30th July – 8th Sunday after Trinity

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

MONDAY 31st July

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.30 am Bible Study via Zoom
9 am **No** Parents Prayer Group (resumes 11 Sept)
12 noon **Informal Eucharist** (Sunday on Monday)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

TUESDAY 1st August

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

WEDNESDAY 2nd August

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.35 am **No** Bitesize Bible Group (resumes 20 Sept)
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

THURSDAY 3rd August

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **No School Eucharist** (resumes 14 Sept)
12 noon Holy Eucharist
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 4th August

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 **No** Mini Abbots (resumes 8 September)
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
1.05 pm **No** Royal College Music (resume 22 Sept)
2 pm **Wedding of Nick and Megan**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SATURDAY 5th August – Oswald, King of Northumbria

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

SUNDAY 6th August – **Transfiguration of our Lord**

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

Message from Mother Emma

As we enter the summer months, we are conscious that many of you, and also some members of the clergy and parish staff, will be taking leave at various times and, as you know, Fr Christopher will be finishing at St Mary Abbots on August 25th. All this means that there will be some services covered by very kind visiting clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers, and very occasionally, a service which is different from the usual pattern. Please do study the newsletter in church or the services page online to check what is happening.



Many of you will remember that Adam Norton, the Centre Manager, retired last November. We are delighted to announce that Dimitrios Spanos, who brings a whole host of wonderful apposite experience – in the construction industry, as a monastery guesthouse manager on Mount Athos, as a religious icon-writer and a former St Mary Abbots School parent! – has just completed a three-month probation period with us, and has accepted a permanent job as Hall Manager from this week. We warmly welcome Dimitrios, who has already made a vast difference to various areas of the Centre, and you can read more about him below.

We hope to see you in church on Sunday, and may I take the opportunity to remind you once again to put Sunday 10th September at 11.15 am in your diaries for the Patronal Festival with the Bishop of London.

Please also see the 'what is on' page on the website for the details of a wonderful concert by soloist Susan Hamilton and Laudonia Ensemble as they finish their Grand Tour with us on Friday 8th September.

As we sing of your love, O Lord, anoint us with the Spirit's seal, that we may praise your faithfulness and proclaim your praise from age to age, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen [Response to Psalm 89, Common Worship, Daily Prayer]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

New Centre Manager



During his probationary period Dimitrios, our new centre manager, has cleared the area behind the centre to create a new garden, sorted out the vast pile of boxes in the attic in the centre (finding many treasures for our Victorian Christmas Fair on 25 November) as well as tidying the store room, boiler room and sheds, painting many of the back rooms and Adam's cottage. Dimitrios says: *"I am thrilled and excited to join the amazing exclusive family of St Mary Abbots Church as the Hall Manager of the Centre. It has already been an incredible three months and I can't wait to grow with this creative team, contribute to their mission and serve their community to the best of my abilities."*

Two new Associate Vicars

Should you have missed our announcement last week we are delighted to announce that we have appointed TWO Associate Vicars for the three years ahead. Fr Evan will be joining us at the end August and Fr Tim at the end October. We will keep you informed about the exact details of their arrival and look forward to welcoming them in person before long.



Fr. Evan McWilliams



Fr. Tim Carroll

Patronal Festival

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Celebrating our 150th Anniversary



President and Preacher

The Bishop of London
The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally
Sunday 10th September 2023
11.15 am

After the service there will be a lunch in the Vicarage Garden to which all members of the congregation are welcome. If you would be willing to bring a contribution of food to the feast this would be very welcome. Please could let Leonora know what you will bring so that we do not end up with many of the same items or over ordering!

Food Bank

While many of us are off enjoying a summer break we urge you not to forget to donate items to the food bank – the need for your contributions continues no matter what the season. As you know the donation boxes can be found at each entrance to in the church. Please remember not to bring any fresh food or ready meals as we have no way of storing them. To make a donation please visit their website: www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk