

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 11th Sunday after Trinity

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Collect for 12th Sunday after Trinity

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Father Christopher's leaving party, August

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Jill Traynor	Long-term need
Evelyn Ellison	Luke Thomas	Hillary Bardsley
Paul Fitch	Adam	Christopher Browne
Rev'd Colin Oxenforth	Jean	Paul Proudman
Buyile Phiri	Luke	Michael Turner
James Philpot	Olive	Conor
George Rabbett-Smith	Stephanie	
Sara Strong	Talia	

and for all who have died recently

Hakan Groth	Fiona Paine	Andrew Wilson
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and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

Rosemary Rowles, 23 rd August	Wilfred Urich, 25 th August
Ade Adefuye, 26 th August	Christopher Fernando, 28 th August
Walter Urich, 31 st August	Stuart Gibson, 1 st September
Hilda Greene, 3 rd August	
Graham Winstanley-Hamilton, 3 rd September	

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
KENSINGTON

Sunday 20th August 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 20th August – 11th Sunday after Trinity

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**

11.15 am **Sung Matins**

Preacher: Petter Kringberg, LLM

5.30 pm **Taizé Eucharist**

MONDAY 21st August

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8.30 am Bible Study via Zoom

12 noon **Informal Eucharist** (Sunday on Monday)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

TUESDAY 22nd August

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Communion (BCP)**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

WEDNESDAY 23rd August

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Eucharist**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

THURSDAY 24th August - Bartholomew the Apostle

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Eucharist**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 25th August

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Eucharist**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SATURDAY 26th August

12 noon **Holy Communion (BCP)**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SUNDAY 27th August – 12th Sunday after Trinity

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**

11.15 am **Sung Matins** (*Church then closed*)

5.30 pm **NO Sung Evensong**

MONDAY 28th August - Augustine, Bishop **CHURCH CLOSED**

TUESDAY 29th August – Beheading of John the Baptist

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Midday Prayer**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

WEDNESDAY 30th August – John Bunyan, Writer

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Eucharist**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

THURSDAY 31st August – Aidan, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Eucharist**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

FRIDAY 1st September

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Eucharist**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SATURDAY 2nd September

12 noon **Holy Communion (BCP)**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SUNDAY 3rd September – 13th Sunday after Trinity

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

9.30 am **Family Eucharist**

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

Final Message from Father Christopher

I know some of you will wonder what I'm still doing here, having had my leaving service and party some weeks ago, but I'm now into my last two weeks as I prepare to finish on 25th August. I hope you're having a restful and relaxing summer, and ideally in climes that aren't as wet as London was or as hot as much of southern Europe has been.



I hope that as well as taking time away from work, you are also managing not to fill all your time with activity. I remember the boredom of long summer holidays from school through a soft haze of nostalgia, but I wonder how many of our children will experience the same wandering of the mind that holidays are made for, given the constant stimulation of the smart phone. Boredom and play are I think essential in developing not just our creativity, but also our spirituality. If all is constant stimulation, and scrolling through endless images and information, there is little room for true rest, or indeed for God.

I am still praying that I might find time for that kind of rest, and time with God, before I begin my next job in Minneapolis St Paul, and I pray that you will find it before the busy-ness of September encroaches too. Why not use this summer to try to build in a routine of set times without checking your phone, or even a whole week only checking it once a day? Just an idea....

Please do pray for me, for Mother Emma and Mother Alice and all our staff team, and for Fr Evan and Fr Tim as they prepare to join us.

With enormous thanks for all of your love and support over the last couple of years, and much reciprocated love and prayers,

Fr. Christopher

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

We hope you will join us for this Choral Festal Eucharist at 11.15 am followed by celebratory lunch in the Vicarage Garden and please note that there will be no 9.30 am service. Delayed from last year due to the late Queen's death, we will be able to hold this final celebration of our 150th Anniversary and the site of the new Access Ramp will be blessed. Contributions of food would be very welcome but please let Leonora know so that she does not over order!

The Grand Tour Concert

Friday 8th September 2023 at 7.30.

Join celebrated Scottish soprano Susan Hamilton and the Baroque Ensemble Laudonia for their final concert on their Grand Tour. Featuring music by Corelli, Rosenmuller, Purcell and more. Tickets are £35, which includes a glass of wine, can be bought via the 'what is on' page of the website.

Glass Door Sleep Out

Friday 6th October 2023

Join our team for the 11th Glass Door sleepout to raise money and awareness for the homeless. Glass Door covers West and Southwest London and offers three main services: Hostel accommodation with shower and laundry, hot food given out 7 days a week, and caseworkers providing advice and practical help. If you would like to join us for this sometimes life changing experience and to help us raise money for this excellent cause, please look on the 'what is on' page of the website.

Welcome Father Evan

Sunday 3rd September 2023 at 11.15 am

Father Evan will be preaching at his first Sunday Service as our new Associate Vicar at 11.15 am Matins on Sunday 3rd September. We hope that you will come and hear him preach and welcome him to St Mary Abbots. There will be some celebratory drinks after the service.

OTHER PARISH NEWS

Churches Together in Kensington

Sunday 3rd September at 4.30

St Pauls Bayswater are holding an Ecumenical service on Sunday 3rd September, 'Let Justice and Peace Flow' as part of the Season of Creation. People attending are asked to bring a long blue scarf or blue cloth - the theme of the service is 'A Mighty River'.