

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 14th Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessing for this church

O God, from living stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling—a place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you here may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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

and for all who have died recently
Fiona Paine Andrew Wilson

and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time
Marcus Ames-Lewis, 10th September Susan Maxwell, 11th September
Rosalind Woodward Guy, (nee Murphy) 11th September
Michael Gabitass, 11th September
Janet Polley, 15th September
James Dawnay, 15th September

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 10th September 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 10th September – Patronal Festival & The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am **NO** Parish Eucharist

11.15 am **Festive Choral Eucharist for our Patronal Festival and 150th Anniversary**

President and Preacher: The Rev'd & Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London

5.30 pm **Sung Evensong with Voluntary Choir**

MONDAY 11th September

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8.30 am Bible Study via Zoom

9 am Parents Prayer Group

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

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

TUESDAY 12th September

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Communion (BCP)**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

WEDNESDAY 13th September – John Chrysostom

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 14th September – HOLY CROSS DAY

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am **School Eucharist**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 15th September – Cyprian, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 Mini Abbots, St Mary Abbots Centre

12 noon **Holy Eucharist**

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

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SATURDAY 16th September – Ninian, Bishop

12 noon **Holy Communion (BCP)**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SUNDAY 17th September – 15th Sunday after Trinity

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

9.30 am **Holy Eucharist with Baptism**

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

5.30 pm **Taizé Eucharist**

Message from Mother Emma

We are delighted to see you here this morning for our Patronal Festival, as we welcome Bishop Sarah, the Bishop of London, to preside and preach at the Eucharist on her first visit to our Parish.



Although there is no formal Sunday School during this service, there are activity packs available from the sidespeople for older children, and Martina has set up some activities for younger children in the Long Playground next to the church if needed. Please note that children must be supervised outside.

During this service, we shall give thanks for the past 150 years of worship and service in St Mary Abbots' current building, and as we look ahead to the future, Bishop Sarah will bless the outset of our new access project, starting with our new internal wheelchair area and the foundations of our external ramp, as we seek over the next few years to pursue our Mission Action Plan aspiration to grow our welcome to all. We shall re-dedicate our community, named for the Blessed Virgin Mary whose birth is traditionally celebrated at this time, to the service of Christ in the world.

Looking ahead into the autumn, the Glass Door Annual Sleep Out is rapidly approaching (Friday 6 October). Fr Evan will be co-ordinating the team this year. We intend to hold a meeting for all those who might consider sleeping out in Duke of York Square for one night to raise money to support those who sleep out every night on the streets of our city. If you are interested, please contact Fr Evan on frevan@stmaryabbots.org.uk He will be able to give you full details on how to sign up and link your page to the church. If you do not feel able to sleep out yourself, but would be willing to sponsor the church team, we would be very grateful for all donations made to this important cause on our 'what is on' page of the website or using one of the yellow envelopes and marking it 'sleepout'.

O God, from living stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling-place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you at St Mary Abbots may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen [Common Worship, Dedication Festival]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Save the Date

24 th October	Daily Prayers – a Symposium
3 rd November	Bonfire Night
5 th November	All Souls Requiem
12 November	Civic Remembrance Sunday
16 th November	Carol Singing in Kensington
25 th November	Victorian Christmas Fair

Glass Door Sleep Out

Friday 6th October 2023

Please remember to sponsor members of the St Mary Abbots team as they take part in the 11th sleepout to raise money and awareness for homeless charity Glass Door. 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. To donate money towards this vital cause please look on the 'what is on' page of the website or visit www.smaw8.org/glass-door-sleep-out.html

THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY

CAMPAIGNING FOR VICTORIAN AND EDWARDIAN ARCHITECTURE



Kensington's Victorian Churches

Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7pm

For those interested in Victorian architecture and in local churches the Victorian Society are hosting "Kensington's Victorian Churches, A Battle of Styles?" by David McDonald. Tickets are £10 and available on the 'what is on' page of the website or on the door. Money raised will go towards The Victorian Society and St Mary Abbots. Drinks will be available to purchase so please come and listen.

Food Bank

Thank you to all of those who donated towards the food bank over the summer holidays – and please remember to keep donating. The collection 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 directly please visit their website: www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk

OTHER PARISH NEWS

Lecture on Richmond Almshouses:

History, Heritage & Community

Thursday 14th September 2023 at 7pm

Professional soprano and member of the choir, Juliet Ames-Lewis, is also Chief Executive of The Richmond Charities, one of the UK's largest almshouse charities. The lecture is taking place at St Nicholas Church, Church Street, Chiswick W4 2PJ. Tickets can be bought on the door for £12 (£10 concessions). Doors open at 6.30pm when refreshments will be served. For further information please see www.richmondcharities.org.uk or email Juliet at j.ameslewis@richmondcharities.org.uk