

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 16th Sunday after Trinity

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Collect for Michael & All Angels

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; **Amen**



Mosaic of 4 archangels, St John's church, Wikipedia

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

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

Paul Sale, 24th September Henry Roberson, 1st October

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 24th 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 24th September – 16th Sunday after Trinity

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
9.30 am **Choral Eucharist**
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
Preacher: The Rev'd Preb Gillean Craig
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

MONDAY 25th September – Lancelot Andrewes

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 26th September

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

WEDNESDAY 27th September – Vincent De Paul

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.35 am Bitesize Bible Group
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

THURSDAY 28th September

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **School Eucharist**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 29th September – **Michael & all Angels**

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 Mini Abbots, St Mary Abbots Centre
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
1.05 pm Royal College of Music free concert
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SATURDAY 30th September

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

SUNDAY 1st October – **Harvest Thanksgiving**

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
9.30 am **Family Eucharist with children's choir**
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

Message from Mother Emma

It has been lovely to catch up with many of you following the summer break and my absence, and I look forward to seeing others very soon. Today we are delighted to welcome Fr Gillean, the former Vicar, who will be preaching for us at our 11.15 am Matins service, and will also be joining the coffee between services.



Looking ahead to the following Sunday, we shall be celebrating our Harvest Thanksgiving with a Family Eucharist, and as we give thanks for all God's good gifts to us, we ask you to bring donations which can be shared with others. The Harvest offerings go to the Upper Room who run, amongst other things, a food bank and soup kitchen. You can find out more www.smaw8.org/harvest-thanksgiving.html. We do hope that you will be able to join us for this joyful service. If your child would like to read, serve, or welcome, please contact Martina; if they would like to sing in the children's choir, please contact Mother Alice.

As autumn comes near, we remember all those who are driven to sleep on the streets of our city in all weathers, and we do hope very much that you will feel able to sponsor the St Mary Abbots team of volunteers who will be sleeping out in Duke of York Square in a couple of weeks. We are very grateful to all those who have already contributed – and to the sleepers themselves! (see opposite)

It is with great excitement that we see the progress on our Access Project. The internal wooden ramp to the Holland Chapel, blessed by the Bishop on her visit, now makes it possible for everyone to join in when we have refreshments or Bible Studies there, and we can now also offer a dedicated space for wheelchair users close to the front of the church for concerts and services alike. The stone ramp outside the South Door is also taking shape before our eyes, and I am very grateful to the Friends who made both of these possible. The final stage of this project to make us fully welcoming is to re-hang and alter the doors, so that access will be much easier, and this will be started shortly. We are still fundraising for this final stage, so if you feel able to contribute, please do either contact Petter in the parish office, or use one of the QR codes in church. Leonora is documenting the whole timeline of this project on the boards in church and on the 'what is on' page of the website.

As we continue to expand our welcome to all through the generosity and support of our church family, we remember the prayer of Bishop Thomas Ken (1637-1711): *O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, and a heavenly Father's care; and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and hate. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged enough to turn back the tempter's power: make it a gateway to thine eternal kingdom. Amen.*

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Rainbow Poetry Group

5th October 2023 at 2.30 pm

Rainbow Poetry, founded by Hugh Helicar, is a multi-centre organisation devoted to the promotion and enjoyment of poetry in an inclusive atmosphere. The group, which meets in the church on the first Thursday of each month at 2.30, have met for many years and kept going on Zoom or in the open air during the pandemic. They all enjoy reading and sharing poetry and count a couple of published poets among their members. Next month on 5th October Professor Richard Bauckham, one of the groups Patrons, a noted theologian and a poet of some standing, will give his views on the creative process and its connection to religion. The group are always on the lookout for potential new members to share their passion - why not go along to a session as a taster?



Glass Door Sleep Out

Friday 6th October 2023 from 10 pm

A last chance 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, A Battle of Styles?

Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7pm

Tickets are still available for the talk on Victorian architecture in local churches by David McDonald and hosted by the Victorian Society. 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 – we hope to see you there.

Flower Arranging volunteers.

The flowers that adorn the front of the church throughout the year are created by a group of talented volunteers. We are immensely grateful for their efforts and time which result in such beautiful arrangements. If you have a spare couple of hours on a Saturday and would like to try your hand at creating your own display then please contact Leonora to find out more. You do not need to be an experienced arranger – just wish to learn a new skill.