

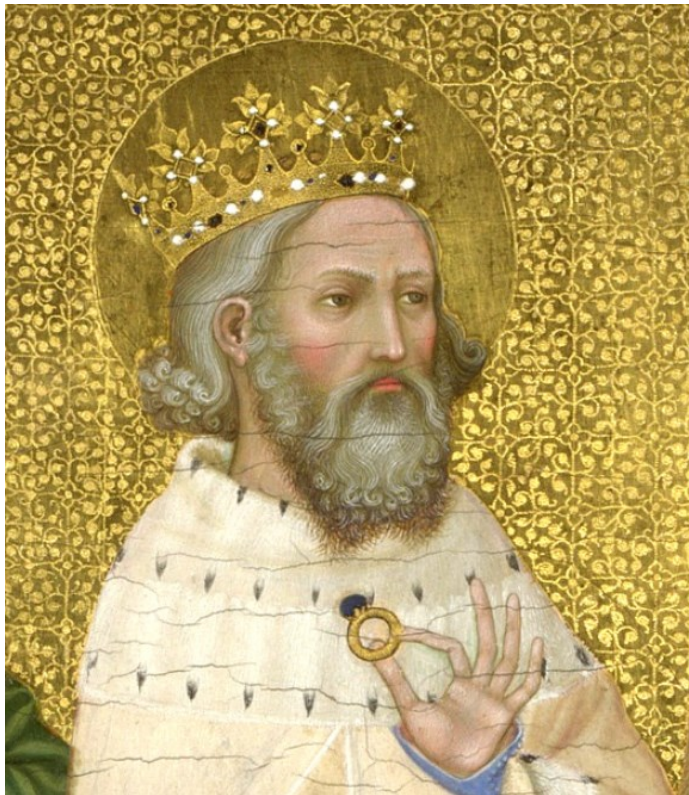
In our Prayers this week

Collect for 18th Sunday after Trinity

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Edward the Confessor

Sovereign God, who set your servant Edward upon the throne of an earthly Kingdom and inspired him with zeal for the kingdom of Heaven: grant that we may so confess the faith of Christ by word and deed, that we may, with all your saints, inherit your eternal glory. **Amen**



Edward the Confessor, Wilton Diptych. National Gallery. Wikipedia

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

and for all who have died recently

Anthony Hopkinson Francis Scott

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 8th October 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 8th October – 18th Sunday after Trinity

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
9.30 am **Holy Eucharist with Baptism**
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong with Voluntary Choir**

MONDAY 9th October

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 10th October – Paulinus, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon **Holy Communion (BCP)**
2 pm **Funeral of Francis Scott**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church
7 pm **Victorian Society talk**

WEDNESDAY 11th October

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

THURSDAY 12th October - Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop

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

FRIDAY 13th October – Edward the Confessor

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 14th October

12 noon **Holy Communion (BCP)**
2 pm **Wedding of Jessica and Joshua**
3 - 7 pm **Peal of Bells: The Foundation of the Parish**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SUNDAY 15th October – 19th Sunday after Trinity

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Taizé Eucharist**

Message from Father Evan

This Sunday marks the beginning of my 7th week as Associate Vicar at St Mary Abbots. It's been an extraordinary time of getting to grips with the particulars of worship, understanding the inner workings of parish practice and procedure, and attempting to remember people's names - possibly my greatest challenge! I have found these weeks exciting and interesting, and I have felt very welcomed by everyone. You have my gratitude for a very positive beginning.



One highlight was last week's Major Churches Network conference in Oxford at which I represented the parish. As one of London's Major Churches, St Mary Abbots plays an important civic as well as pastoral role in the cultural landscape of the city. Speakers at the conference addressed both the abstract idea of 'the church as a beacon of hope in the parish' and practical issues surrounding leading in complex organisations. I have returned with much to ponder.

This week I have the pleasure of joining the parish team for the Glass Door Sleep-Out in Duke of York Square. All funds raised go towards care for the homeless and rough sleepers as well as homelessness prevention. If you have not yet donated to the team, please consider doing so on the 'what is on page' of the website. However, donations will continue to be accepted even after the Sleep Out has taken place.

For those of you who enjoy a lecture (I know I do) the Victorian Society are hosting a lecture on 10 October at 7pm. 'Kensington's Victorian Churches, A Battle of Styles' will examine the 19th-century debate on whether churches should be built in the Classical or Gothic style. Opponents of the Classical called it 'pagan' and lauded the Gothic as 'Christian architecture'. It should be a stimulating evening and a window into our own stylistic heritage at St Mary Abbots. Tickets are available on our website or on the gate.

Entry into the church via the Cloister is soon to be made much easier by the completion of a disabled access ramp. Significant progress has been made each week and, though much of this week's work was taking place off site, we will soon see freshly-cut stone ramp walls and our old flagstones re-laid on the surface, blending the new work into the existing stairs. I'm especially excited for the wrought-iron railings which will echo G.G. Scott's elegant ironwork inside the church. If you would like to donate towards the project please use the QR code in the church, or one of the yellow envelopes on the pews.

Finally, on 5 November our annual All Souls Requiem will provide the opportunity for us to remember our loved ones departed and to pray for them, for ourselves, and for each other. This year the musical setting will be by Gabriel Fauré; a work he himself called '*an aspiration towards happiness above*'. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered

by name during the service, forms will be available by the South Door.

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer. Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to be members of thy blessed body.

Yours in Christ, Father Evan

THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY

CAMPAIGNING FOR VICTORIAN AND EDWARDIAN ARCHITECTURE



Kensington's Victorian Churches

"A Battle of Styles?"

a talk by David McDonald

AT ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, KENSINGTON

Tuesday 10th October 2023

6.30 pm arrival, 7 pm start

Tickets £10

Wine available to purchase



Daily Prayers from the World's faiths - A Symposium

Tuesday 24th October at 7pm

Rev'd Andy Roland and friends are holding a Symposium at the church where representatives from different religions present their prayer techniques, followed by a discussion of differences and similarities. Tickets are £5 and include a glass of wine and available on the 'what is on' page of the website or on the door.

OTHER PARISH NEWS

The Mayor's Charity Bollywood Garba Dance

Thursday 26th October 2023 from 6.30 pm

The Mayor of RBKC, Councillor Preeti Hudd, has chosen The Felix Project as her local charity and will be raising money for them at the Mayor's Carol Service at the church on 4th December (tickets will be available soon). The charity collects fresh, nutritious food that cannot be sold and delivers it to charities and schools to be made into healthy meals. The Mayor has extended an invitation to buy tickets to a fundraiser for the same charity on 26th October at the church of our Lady Of Victories, 234a Kensington High Street - a Bollywood Garba Dance - which are available www.thefelixproject.org/bollywood-garba-dance-event