

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 19th Sunday after Trinity

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer in time of Conflict

In these desperate times, Lord, give strength to those who work for peace: diplomats and governments calling for restraint, the Red Cross offering to visit all who are detained, faith leaders proclaiming Your commandments in a world at war and peace lovers praying for justice. Bind up the broken hearted, give grace to those seeking to end the spiral of violence, grant wisdom to those seeking peaceful ways to resolve age old conflicts; and give us the prayers, words, and perseverance needed to make our discipleship, our efforts for peace and justice count. Amen.

United Reformed Church



Alfred the Great sculpture at Winchester by Hamo Thornycroft

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

and for all who have died recently

Gary Codd	Jamie Dundas	Olive Fuller
Anthony Hopkinson	Francis Scott	

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

John Darrell, 22 nd October	Albert Atack, 23 rd October
George Bessada, 26 th October	Lenie Dikhuis, 28 th October

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 22nd 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 22nd October – 20th Sunday after Trinity

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

MONDAY 23rd October

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.30 am	Bible Study via Zoom
9 am	NO Parents Prayer Group
12 noon	Holy Eucharist (NO Sunday on Monday)
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in church

TUESDAY 24th October

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in church
7 pm	A Symposium – Daily Prayers

WEDNESDAY 25th October

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.35 am	NO Bitesize Bible Group
12 noon	Holy Eucharist
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in church

THURSDAY 26th October – Alfred the Great

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am	NO School Eucharist
12 noon	Holy Eucharist (half term)
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 27th October

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30	NO 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 28th October – Simon & Jude, Apostles

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

SUNDAY 29th October – Bible Sunday

8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist (no children's provision)
11.15 am	Choral Matins
5.30 pm	Sung Evensong

Message from Mother Emma

We have been touched to see that many of you have already given us names to be remembered at our All Souls' Service on Sunday 5th November. The lists will continue to be out in church until the day itself, or you can ring or email Leonora. This is one of our most beautiful services, with movements from Faure's Requiem, the reading of names and the lighting of candles. Almost all of us will have people whom we have loved but see no longer, and whose memory we would like to honour before God's altar, and this service provides a wonderful opportunity. Please do consider joining us, even if you have never been before.



We have, as usual, had an astonishing response to the sale of our 3rd November Bonfire Night tickets, and I am afraid these are now all sold out! We are so sorry that Health and Safety concerns mean that we do have to limit the numbers with so much fire around...

This coming Sunday we have a Choral Eucharist, followed by Choral Matins, and then our regular Evensong service, and you are warmly invited to join us for any of these services. This Sunday evening, there will also be a Vigil organised by the Kensington Council of Churches to pray for the people of the Holy Land at Our Lady of Victories RC Church, Kensington High Street at 7 pm. I shall definitely be attending and hope to see others there.

A reminder that next week, the Revd Andy Roland will be leading a Symposium in the church on the subject of Daily Prayer in different faiths on 24th October at 7pm. Tickets are available on the door and via the 'what is on' website page.

This week Bishop Sarah encourages us to join with Archbishop Hosam Naoum of Jerusalem, who has offered the following prayer: *"O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering, we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and for the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as you children – for to all of you are our Heavenly Father. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen"*.

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Children's Gardening Project starts



The Childrens on Sunday over 5 group started work clearing ground at the church hall for their allotment. They will be planting herbs and vegetables next year which they will take home to eat and hopefully share with us!



IN KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

Join us for a Vigil Service of Prayer

For a Just and Lasting peace

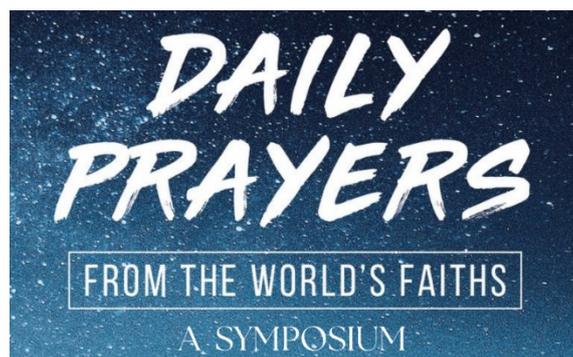
in the Holy Land

Stand in prayer with the peoples of

Palestine Gaza and Israel

Sunday 22nd October 7pm – 8pm

The invitation is from Mgr James Curry, Chair of Kensington Council of Churches (KCC). MGR Jim writes, *"In light of the terrible events unfolding in Palestine, Israel, and the Gaza Strip I am inviting fellow Christians in the name of CTiK&C, and all who wish to attend, to a one hour vigil service of readings and quiet prayer. Please do let me know if you will be able to attend or if a representative from your community can. Also if you are willing to read a passage or an intercession."* The hour of Ecumenical prayer takes place at **Our Lady of Victories Roman Catholic Church, 235a, Kensington High Street, London W8 6SA.** All are Welcome



24th October 2023 at 7pm

Rev'd Andy Roland and friends hosts an evening where members of different religions present their prayer techniques, followed by a discussion of differences and similarities. Tickets are £5 and include a glass of wine and are available on the 'what is on' page of the website or on the door.

All Souls

Sunday 5th November at 5.30 pm

If you have someone that you would like to be remembered before God at our All Souls Requiem please use the list in the church by the cloister door, or you can email or phone Leonora in the vicarage office. All Souls is a beautiful and moving service, as we hear movements from Faure's Requiem, read out the names on our Roll of the Departed and light candles in their memory. All are welcome.