

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 1st Sunday of Lent

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer from Watch and Pray

Loving God, you have created the world and everyone in it. Help us to watch out for signs of your goodness in our world, in other people and in ourselves. **Amen.** *CoE Watch and Pray booklet*



Jesus tempted by beauty, James Tissot, Pintrest

Those in acute need

Rhoda Bowker	Duncan Stafford Shaw	Stephanie
Brian Cripps	Sara Strong	Talia
Paul Fitch	Jill Traynor	Long-term need
June Hirschmiller	Luke Thomas	Hillary Bardsley
Emmanuel Kupa	Adam	Christopher Browne
Buyile Phiri	Jean	Evelyn Ellison
James Philpot	Julia	Paul Proudman
George Rabbett-Smith	Luke	Michael Turner

and for all who have died recently

Kenneth Burrell	Juliet Fenwick	Colin Oxenforth, Priest
	Robert Pickard	

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

Wendell Cadogan, 18 th February	William Wilson, 18 th February
Hugh Mainprice, 19 th February	Alison Nicholson, 20 th February
Simir El-Kadi, 21 st February	Pedro da Gama, 21 st February
Esme Bass, 22 nd February	Ivan Cameron, 25 th February

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 18th February 2024

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 18th February – 1st Sunday of Lent

8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist with Commissioning of Confirmation Candidates
11.15 am	Choral Matins
5.30 pm	Taizé Eucharist

MONDAY 19th February

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

TUESDAY 20th February

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

WEDNESDAY 21st February

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

THURSDAY 22nd February

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30	School Eucharist, all are welcome
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 23rd February – Polycarp, Bishop

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30	Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Centre
12 noon	Holy Eucharist
1.05 pm	Royal College of Music, all are welcome
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 24th February

12 noon	Holy Eucharist
2 pm	A service of Remembrance for the regiments of Gurkha Rifles who fell at Gallipoli, 1915.
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 25th February – Second Sunday of Lent

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

Message from Father Tim

We began the season of Lent with two services on Wednesday; a choral Eucharist at lunch time and a said evening Eucharist with the imposition of ashes during each service. We also went outside and offered ashes to those who walked by the Church. Some took us up on the offer and many walked by, but I think it's a worthwhile opportunity to illustrate that the Church is involved with what is happening beyond its four walls and services. Our Church is on a busy and very diverse high street and the opportunity to be of service there is worthwhile, even though some may have been a little confused about 2 men in cassocks smearing ash on some foreheads! If you'll excuse me this following reference, Lent is a bit like a football match, it's in two halves. The first is when we focus on ourselves, our habits and attitudes but, like the second half of a match when we turn around and face the other way, in Lent we turn to Christ who is the centre and the norm of our Christian life together.

Today we are welcoming and commissioning our confirmation candidates. There will be an opportunity for us to introduce them and to pray alongside them as they go on the next step of their faith journey. This offers us all a time to reflect on our own commitment of faith in God and to join as a community in encouraging others who are making this step.

Tickets are now available for Part 2 and 3 of Handel's Messiah which will be performed on March 24th at 5.30pm. The money raised for this performance goes towards the work of the church and our excellent music provision. If you attended the first part at Christmas, I think you'll agree that this will be a great event at Church, ending Christ's story with the Passion, crucifixion and resurrection.

I am looking forward to taking part in the Glass Door fundraising walk. Glass Door works with those who have no shelter and it provides many services to help solve the issue of homelessness in the city. The church has long term links with the charity, and we have a few signed up to take part in the 10k walk. If you like to support this good cause, or join the team, please look at our Glass Door website page.

Lastly, we have begun our Lent reflections. Father Evan has written our first one and we will have one each week of Lent. We hope these can help us reflect together as we journey as a community this Lent season. You can find these on the service / Lent Easter page website.

God Bless you, Father Tim



Tuesday 12th March 2023 at 7pm

From Palaces of Art to the Studios of Bohemia: Artists' houses in Victorian Kensington and Chelsea a fascinating talk taking place at the church by Joanna Banham. Tickets are £10 (£15 with donation) with the money being divided between the Victorian Society and our church. There will be a paid bar before and after the event for those wishing for a drink. www.smaw8.org/victorian-society-talk

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
KENSINGTON

Handel's Messiah
A Performance by Candlelight **Parts II & III**
with our Professional Choir and The Purcell Players
at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, W8 4LA

Sunday 24th March 2024
at 5.30 pm

The poster features a central image of a golden crown of thorns on a dark purple background. The text is in white and gold, providing details about the performance of Handel's Messiah at St Mary Abbots Parish Church.

Tickets for the Messiah, Parts II and III are now on sale on our website. The tickets are £15 and include a programme and glass of wine. If you are free to come and help set up or sell tickets on the door please let Leonora know - she is always looking for new volunteers for this and other events!

Mother Emma update

For those who missed last week's update, Mother Emma who was due to have a hospital procedure on 23rd January, had to delay for a few weeks due to a cancellation and bad case of flu. The procedure took place on Tuesday 6th February. All went well and she is now recovering and hopes to be back at work by the end of the month. She is very grateful for all the good wishes, prayers and messages she has received.

Food Bank

Thank you to those who donate to the food bank or deliver the food to the Dalgarno Trust each Thursday. Donation boxes can be found at both entrances to the church, but please no fresh food or ready meals as we have no way of storing them. To find out more www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 10th March 2024

If anyone can come and help Martina to prepare the daffodils for handing out on Mothering Sunday please let her know. Timings and details to follow!

