

In our Prayers this week

Collect for Palm Sunday

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

Lent Prayer

Help us to watch and pray with you this Holy Week. Help us trust in you in moments of sadness and praise you in times of Joy. **Amen.**
CoE Watch and Pray booklet



L'entrata in Gerusalemme, by Giotto Scrovegni Chapel, Padua, Italy.

Those in acute need

Rhoda Bowker	Sara Strong
Brian Cripps	Jill Traynor
Paul Fitch	Luke Thomas
June Hirschmiller	Adam
Emmanuel Kupa	Jean
Buyile Phiri	Julia
James Philpot	Luke
George Rabbett-Smith	Maria
Duncan Stafford Shaw	Natalia

Perdita
Stephanie
Talia

Long-term need

Hillary Bardsley
Christopher Browne
Evelyn Ellison
Paul Proudman
Michael Turner

and for all who have died recently

Libby Boone Ailsie Corble
Liz Robson Jonah Walker-Smith

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

Brian Sale, 26th March Arthur Bliss, 27th March

The Parish and Vicarage offices are open from 10am – 5pm

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

KENSINGTON

Sunday 24th March 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 24th March – Palm Sunday

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **Procession of Palms and Holy Eucharist**
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Handel's Messiah Parts II & III**
Tickets available on the door

MONDAY 25th March – Holy Monday

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.30 am Bible Study via Zoom
12 noon **Holy Eucharist** with Devotional Address
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
7 pm **Online Night Prayer** with Reflection

TUESDAY 26th March – Holy Tuesday

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon **Holy Eucharist** with Devotional Address
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
7 pm **Online Night Prayer** with Reflection

WEDNESDAY 27th March – Holy Wednesday

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.35 am **No** Bitesize Bible Group (resume 17th April)
12 noon **Holy Eucharist** with Devotional Address
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
7 pm **Online Night Prayer** with Reflection

THURSDAY 28th March – Maundy Thursday

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **No** School Eucharist (resume 18th April)
10.30 **Holy Communion** (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
8 pm **The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday** with **Washing of Feet** followed by **The Vigil of Gethsemane**

FRIDAY 29th March – Good Friday

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **No** Mini Abbots (resume 19th April)
10 am **Church opens** (bank holiday hours)
12 noon **Hymns & Reflections** at the foot of the Cross
1 pm **Silence before the Cross**
1.30 – 3pm **The Liturgy of Good Friday**
1.05 pm **No** Royal College of Music (resume 19th April)
4pm **Stations of the Cross** for children
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 30th March – Holy Saturday

12 noon **The Litany**
1 – 3pm **Easter Preparation** – we clean the church
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
8 pm **Easter Vigil** with **Holy Baptisms**

SUNDAY 31st March – Easter Day

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

Message from Mother Emma

We now stand on the threshold of Holy Week, the week in which we remember Jesus' final days, leading up to his death on the Cross. This is the most poignant time of the Christian year – the climax of our narrative and the very foundation of our faith. We have the opportunity here at St Mary Abbots to walk the way of the Cross with Christ, remembering his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, his Last Supper with his disciples, his betrayal and trial, and the Crucifixion itself, before we gather together, first on Easter Eve and then on Easter Day, to experience the joy of the Resurrection. Recalling Christ's suffering, as well as his glorious rising from the dead, can bring us hope and comfort in the knowledge that he travels with us on our own journeys, in good times and in bad. I do hope and pray that you will feel able to join us for as many of the services as possible.



Today we mark Palm Sunday, with the procession of palms. Please arrive promptly for the 9.30 service and take up a pew close to the West Doors of the church, ready to process with our blessed palm crosses. The procession is followed by the dramatized reading of the Passion according to St Mark, as we hear the first powerful re-telling of the story of Holy Week.

In the evening, we have our performance of Handel's Messiah, parts 2 and 3. If you do not yet have a ticket, please may I encourage you one final time to come at 5.30 pm for this moving and special rendering of the Holy Week and Easter stories.

You will all be in the prayers of the clergy during this time, as we move together through Jesus' story towards the glory of the Resurrection which lies at the heart of our shared faith.

Almighty God, as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son, help us to see and know your love for us, so that in humility, love and joy, we may place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Amen. [Common Worship, Night Prayer, Collect for Passiontide]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Handel's Messiah
Parts II & III
A Performance by Candlelight
with our Professional Choir
and The Purcell Players
at St Mary Abbots Church,
Kensington, W8 4LA
Sunday 24th March 2024
Tickets : £10 / £15 **at 5.30 pm**

www.stmaryabbots.org.uk/what-is-on

Holy Week Reflections

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we will be offering online prayers and a reflection at 7pm as part of our Holy Week provision. The link to each reflection can be found on our website: www.smaw8.org/holy-week--online-reflections-2024.

Free Lunch Time Concert

BRIGHTON COLLEGE CHAMBER CHOIR
WINNERS OF BARNARDO'S NATIONAL CHORAL COMPETITION 2023
LUNCHTIME RECITAL
FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2024
1:00PM
ST. MARY ABBOT'S PARISH CHURCH
KENSINGTON CHURCH ST, LONDON W8 4LA
FREE ADMISSION
E-MAIL BOOKINGENQUIRIES@BRIGHTONCOLLEGE.NET FOR MORE INFORMATION

On Friday 12th April we are delighted to welcome the Brighton College Chamber Choir who will be performing a free lunchtime concert at 1pm – we hope that you will come and support them.

School Passion Play

This Thursday the school re-enacted the Passion with Year 6 narrating and all the other years taking part. Below Jesus



and donkey enter Jerusalem and then later Simon helps Jesus carry the cross.

