

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 8th Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for the summer holidays

Lord, I ask for your watchful eye to be upon me, my family, and all travellers. Grant us the wisdom to make responsible choices and grace to extend kindness to others we meet along the way. May this time of exploration be filled with joyful experiences and cherished memories. Thank you for your loving care both on the road and in my heart. Amen. *From 'strength in prayer'.*



Mary Magdalene, French sculpture c.1500/1550. The Met Museum. Wikipedia

Those in acute need

Rhoda Bowker	Al Aslan Sandal	Luke
Nirupama Bhatt	Duncan Stafford Shaw	Maria
Lysbeth Cooke	Andrew Stahl	Natalia
Brian Cripps	Sara Strong	Stephanie
Thomas Dawnay	Luke Thomas	Talia
Emmanuel Kupa	Adam	
Ronan O'Hanlon	Bob and Edwina	Long-term need
Eve Mitleton-Kelly	Carlo	Hillary Bardsley
Buyile Phiri	Cristina	Christopher Browne
James Philpot	Emma	Martin Carroll
George Rabbett-Smith	Jean	Paul Proudman
	Joan	Michael Turner

for those who have died recently

Jill Traynor

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

Elsie Wilson, 25 July, Dorothy Coleman, 25 July
Richard Pethybridge, 28 July Bill McBryde, 28 July

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 21st July 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 21st July – 8th Sunday after Trinity

- 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30 am Choral Eucharist *with Commissioning of Altar Servers*
- 11.15 am Choral Matins
- 5.30 pm Taizé Eucharist *Eve of Mary Magdalene*

MONDAY 22nd July - **Mary Magdalene**

- 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

TUESDAY 23rd July

- 8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 9.30 am **School Leavers Service**
- 12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY 24th July

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

THURSDAY 25th July - **James the Apostle**

- 8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 9.30 am No School Eucharist (resumes 5 September)
- 12 noon Holy Eucharist
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 26th July

- 8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 9.30 am No Mini Abbots (resumes 6 September)
- 12 noon Holy Eucharist
- 1.05 pm No Royal College of Music concert (resumes 27 September)
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 27th July

- 12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 28th July – 9th Sunday after Trinity

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

Message from Mother Emma

Many thanks to all those who contributed to making Fr Peter's 40th Anniversary of Priesting such a very beautiful and happy occasion last Sunday. Fr Peter was extremely touched by the service and by the reception afterwards, and many of his guests have expressed their warm appreciation for their visit to St Mary Abbots.



This Sunday at the 9.30 am, we shall be commissioning all those who have offered to serve at the altar during the year ahead, and also to individuals who have been approved by the PCC to administer the chalice during Communion. If you are already part of the serving team, or would like to join, please do come along and speak with the clergy, or with Laura-Ann, who is our servers' rota co-ordinator.

This will also be the final Sunday at which we shall have our full professional choir, before they take a well-deserved break over the summer. We shall be maintaining one Cantor each week to help lead our worship during the remainder of July and in August at both the Eucharist and Matins, but this week will be a choral feast as the choir sings at both the Eucharist and Matins. We are so very lucky to have the support of the choir to enhance our worship, and I would like to thank them, on behalf of both the clergy and of the many congregation members who tell me how much their music inspires them and brings them closer to God. A particular thank you goes to Mark Uglow, our Director of Music, for his tireless help in arranging the many, many different services we offer here, and in both playing the organ and conducting the choir so wonderfully.

On Sunday evening, we have our Taizé Eucharist at 5.30 pm. This is a beautiful reflective service, with gentle Taizé chants and the lighting of candles as we pray. As Sunday is the Eve of the Feast of St Mary Magdalene, we shall be remembering her particularly at the service. If you have never been to this service, I do encourage you to try it – some who have previously thought it would not be "their thing" have been both surprised and moved by the liturgy.

Next week sees the end of term for St Mary Abbots School, and we give thanks for the staff, pupils, parents and Governors, who have worked hard together to support and develop our children academically, physically, emotionally and spiritually. We wish them all a peaceful and restorative break, and we pray especially for those leaving us to move on to other schools. Our prayers will also be with all those travelling this summer – as well as those remaining in London – and we would assure you that all services will continue as normal over the summer, with the clergy and staff covering for one another during holiday periods.

God of life and love, whose risen Son called Mary Magdalene by name and sent her to tell of his resurrection to his apostles: in your mercy, help us to proclaim the good news that he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen [Common Worship, Festivals, Mary Magdalene]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

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*Music Institute
of Chicago*
VIRTUOSO STRINGS

**Wednesday 31st July 2024
at 1 pm**

**Free lunchtime Concert
Wednesday 31st July at 1pm**

We are delighted to welcome the Virtuoso Strings group to the church at the end of July. They will be playing a mixture of classical and modern pieces - for a full programme and information on the group please look at the 'what is on' page of the website. Entrance is free and we hope to see you there.

Save the Date

The summer period is a time for the parish staff to have to catch their breath, catch up with projects put on hold during a very busy programme of summer events, and to plan for the Autumn and Christmas period which includes Bonfire Night, the Christmas Fair and all the charity carol concerts and services taking place every night in the church from the end of November until Christmas. There are however a number of events for you to put into your diary - more details to follow in this newsletter over the next few weeks:

- 31st July - Virtuoso Strings, Free lunchtime concert
- 14th August - Charity Fundraising Event in the garden
- 8th September - Patronal Festival at 11.15 and celebration
- 27th September - Royal College of Music concerts return
- 4th October - Glass Door Sleep Out
- 7th October - Victorian Society Talk
- 23rd October - Demystifying Death - how to plan a Christian Funeral
- 24th October - Quiz Night arranged

Food Bank Donations

Please remember that over the summer break the food bank will still need your donations for the people who use their services. The donation boxes can be found at each entrance of the church but no fresh food or ready meals as we have no way of storing them! To make a donation or find out more about them please visit their website: www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk.