

## In our Prayers this week

### Collect for 9<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> July

God of truth and justice, in your amazing grace, hearts are turned from indifference to passionate pursuit of liberation. Stir those in power to work for the eradication of all forms of slavery today. Sustain all trafficked and exploited peoples — those who are sold and abused as commodities for others' gratification. May we hear today the fulfilment of your word. **Amen.** *From 'church Times'.*



Portrait of William Wilberforce by Sir Thomas Lawrence 1828

#### Those in acute need

Rhoda Bowker  
Nirupama Bhatt  
Thomas Dawnay  
Emmanuel Kupa  
Ronan O'Hanlon  
Eve Mitleton-Kelly  
Buyile Phiri  
James Philpot  
George Rabbett-Smith  
Al Aslan Sandal

Duncan Stafford Shaw

Andrew Stahl  
Sara Strong  
Luke Thomas  
Adam  
Bob and Edwina  
Carlo  
Cristina  
Emma  
Jean  
Joan

Luke  
Maria  
Natalia  
Stephanie  
Talia  
**Long-term need**  
Hillary Bardsley  
Christopher Browne  
Martin Carroll  
Paul Proudman  
Michael Turner

#### for those who have died recently

Anita Brian Cripps

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

Bill McBryde, 28 July

Richard Pethybridge, 28 July Hillary Pethybridge, 29<sup>th</sup> July  
Dick Madge, 2<sup>nd</sup> August Peter Watt 4<sup>th</sup> August

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

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

KENSINGTON

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> July – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

11.15 am Sung Matins

5.30 pm Sung Evensong

### MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> July - Mary, Martha & Lazarus

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8.30 am Bible study via Zoom

9 am **No** Parents' Prayer Group (resume 9 Sept)

12 noon Informal Eucharist (Sunday on Monday)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> July - William Wilberforce, social reformer (& parishioner of this church), Olaudah Equiano & Thomas Clarkson (anti-slavery campaigners).

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> July

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8.35 am **No** Bitesize Bible Group (resume 11 Sept)

12 noon Holy Eucharist

1 pm Music Institute of Chicago

Virtuoso Strings - free lunchtime concert

raising money for Glass Door

Anita Varma funeral service

3 pm Evening Prayer

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> August

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 2<sup>nd</sup> August

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am **No** Mini Abbots (resume 6 September)

12 noon Holy Eucharist

1.05 pm **No** Royal College of Music (resume 27 Sep)

3 pm Elena and Marsel Blessing

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> August

12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> August – 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Father Tim

It is starting to feel like summer has properly begun here at St Mary Abbots. A significant reason for this is that the school broke up for holidays this week. As you may know the school comes to the Church every Thursday morning for a Eucharist service, as well as clergy taking assembly in the school every Monday morning.



This week we had a special Eucharist service for Year 6 who will be leaving St Mary Abbots School. This was my first experience of this type of service here (or anywhere actually) and I found it to be an amazing combination of joy, sadness and gratitude. Amid the service the pupils were invited to share memories of their time at school. I wasn't expecting the openness and heartfelt reflections from the pupils. They obviously have had a great deal of love for their teachers and each other over the years, and their willingness to share this in front of each other and the whole school and parents was lovely to hear. It made me reflect on my time at primary school and the friends I had made and all the fun stuff I did. You forget sometimes the preciousness of these times at such a formative age. Joining with the school on Thursday is a highlight in our calendar. We are incredibly thankful for all who make the service happen, especially our verger Martina, and Alison from the congregation who plays piano throughout the year. We continue to pray for Year 6 as they move on and for all pupils, parents, teachers, and staff; that they have a blessed summer.

Although we may be in the middle of the summer, we continue to meet for daily offices and midday Eucharists and our Sunday services follow the normal pattern. While there will be no Sunday School provision there will be a pack of activities prepared by Martina for the 9.30 service and families are always welcome. We would love to still see as many children, young people, and parents as possible.

Looking ahead to future events at the Church – on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> there will be a special free concert featuring the music institute of Chicago Virtuoso Strings. A great opportunity to hear quality music during the week from a group of talented musicians of a variety of ages. They have generously asked that the retiring collection at the end of the concert will go towards the work of our partners at Glass Door. Speaking of Glass Door, in October the Church will be taking part in the annual sleep out fundraiser. This is open to all our congregation from teenage years upwards, so if any families want to get involved, please contact me for more details. Lastly there will be a final opportunity to enjoy a summer fete in the Vicarage Garden on August 14<sup>th</sup> arranged by a group of volunteers from M&C Saatchi who are fundraising for refugee charity 'Choose Love'. More details can be found on the what is on page of the website.

For those who are about to go away on holiday, we pray for relaxing time and safe travel. Best wishes, Fr Tim

  
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*Music Institute  
of Chicago*  
**VIRTUOSO STRINGS**  
**Wednesday 31st July 2024**  
**at 1 pm**

**Free lunchtime Concert**  
**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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:

- 8<sup>th</sup> September - Patronal Festival at 11.15 and celebration
- 27<sup>th</sup> September - Royal College of Music concerts return
- 4<sup>th</sup> October - Glass Door Sleep Out
- 7<sup>th</sup> October - Victorian Society Talk
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Demystifying Death - how to plan a Christian Funeral
- 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk).