

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 14th Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for the Middle East

O God, we pray for all the children of Abraham in Israel and Palestine and in every country of the world. We pray for Muslims, Jews and Christians that we will draw on the best of our traditions to guide us away from words and acts of division and discrimination so that everyone may be free to live in safety. Protect the vulnerable, strengthen the fearful and comfort the grieving. **Amen.**



Gregory the Great, Bishop. Fr Francis Bradley, Flickr

Those in acute need

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

Duncan Stafford Shaw
Andrew Stahl
Sara Strong
Luke Thomas

Adam
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

Brian Cripps Mary Roberts Tony Rowlands Al Aslan Sandal
Timothy Dudley Smith (Bishop)

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

Stuart Gibson, 1st September Graham Winstanley-Hamilton, 3 September
Hilda Greene, 3 September Mary McKenna, 5 September
Eughenia Burlac, 5 September Queen Elizabeth II, 8th September

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

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 1st September 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 1st September – 14th Sunday after Trinity

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

MONDAY 2nd September

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 3rd September - Gregory the Great, Bishop

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

WEDNESDAY 4th September

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.35 am **No** Bitesize Bible Group (resume 11 Sept)
12 noon Holy Eucharist
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 5th September

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **No** School Eucharist (resumes 12 September)
12 noon Holy Eucharist
2.30 pm **Rainbow Poetry Group (Subject 'Birds')**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 6th September

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am Mini Abbots in the St Mary Abbots Centre
12 noon Holy Eucharist
1.05 pm **No** Royal College of Music (resume 27 Sep)
4 pm **Wedding of Christopher and Priya**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 7th September

12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
3-7pm **Peal of Bells for Patronal Festival**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 8th September – Patronal Festival

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am **NO** Holy Eucharist
11.15 am **Festal Choral Eucharist to celebrate our Patronal Festival followed by celebration.**
5.30 pm **Said Evensong**

Message from Mother Emma

We hope that you have been able to have some refreshing time over the summer, and we welcome particularly our families back at 9.30 am for the monthly Family Eucharist, at which children will read, pray, serve and sing during Communion. If your child would like to take part next time please contact Martina.

Another reminder that next Sunday (8th) will be our Patronal Festival; there will be NO 9.30 Eucharist, but we shall all meet at 11.15 for a Festal Choral Eucharist (with Sunday School) to give thanks for our church, to remember our patron saint, the Blessed Virgin Mary and to celebrate together, first through our praise and worship in church, and then at our picnic in the Vicarage garden. We would be very grateful if anyone felt able to donate something towards our shared picnic – such as quiches, sandwiches and cakes – please could you get in touch with Leonora, to let her know what you are able to bring, so we don't end up with a lot of one item but have a good range. Drinks will all be provided by the church, thanks to earlier generous donations. We do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come and mark this important moment in the Church's year. I can hardly believe it, but on that day I shall also be celebrating my 5th anniversary as Vicar of St Mary Abbots, and will also be giving heartfelt thanks for the joy and privilege of serving such a dedicated and loving congregation. Thank you all so much.

In addition, we shall be saying farewell to Nick O'Neill, who has served St Mary Abbots and its former daughter parishes in various organist roles since 1997. Nick has now been appointed as Director of Music at Christchurch, Hampstead, and we wish him every blessing. If anyone would like to contribute to his leaving gift, please speak to the clergy.

Fr Tim is about to sign up the full team for the Glass Door Sleep Out on October 4th starting at 9pm. If you have been wondering about it, do give it a try. You will be in the company of a regular team who sleep out every year, and talk about how much they have learned from the experience; and the money raised goes to the wonderful cause of supporting local shelters for the homeless and case workers for those seeking to move on from homelessness. Once we have a definite team, we shall be asking others, who can't sleep out, to join this project by sponsoring our church sleepers.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, and then especially on Sunday 8th.

Eternal God, calm and quieten our souls; keep us humble and full of wonder and trusting as we live in your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. [Common Worship, Daily Prayer, response to Psalm 131]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



Patronal Festival

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 8th September 2024

11.15 am

YMIC event 'Peace and Reconciliation'

Sunday 6th October, 5pm - 8pm

Places are available for the Youth Ministry in Communion (YMICs) event, with laser tag, graffiti art, sourdough pizza truck, arcade & gaming, worship for year 7+. They'll be joined by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Taking place at St Mary Church, Putney (SW15 1SN) please contact Martina for more details.

'The Lost Gardens of London' Victorian Society Talk

Monday 7th October 2024, 7pm

The Victorian Society present a talk at the church by Todd Longstaffe-Gowan which will focus on and celebrate the evanescence of the metropolis's vast and varied garden legacy, and will provide insights into his forthcoming exhibition *Lost Gardens of London*. Tickets are £10, can be found on the 'what is on' page of the website.

Thursday 10th October – Mental Health Community Day

Father Tim has arranged for Saint Mary Abbots Rehabilitation and Training (SMART) to hold their Mental Health Community day at the church – more details to follow shortly. SMART is a charity promoting mental health through purposeful activity, encouraging people to participate in community activities, supporting work and training projects in gardening, floristry, IT and catering and running evening and weekend social clubs programmes. www.smartlondon.org.uk

Opera Holland Park Community Concert

Wednesday 16th October 2024, 1pm

A concert at the church for elderly members of the community at risk of social isolation, those with mental health conditions who may benefit from music, people with dementia and their carers, vulnerable and homeless community. Contact Leonora.

Demystifying Death – Planning a Christian Funeral

Monday 23 October 2024, 6.30pm

Father Evan considers the Christian understanding of funerals. Philip Smyth from Kenyon's will discuss the process from death to cremation while Mother Emma and Leonora will and look at the practicality of planning your own and how we can help with this. This will be followed by Q&A session. Spaces are limited so please contact Father Evan if you would like to attend.