

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for those suffering flood and fire

Compassionate God, source of all comfort, We pray for the people whose lives have devastated by flood and fire. Bring them comfort, we pray. Protect the vulnerable. Strengthen the weak. Give strength to all those working to rescue the stranded and fight the elements. May our response to their suffering be generous and bring you praise.. For we ask it in Jesus name. **Amen** (Chrisian Aid)



Luca di Tommè. Conversión de Saulo. Seattle Art Museum.

Those in acute need

Thomas Dawnay
Glyn Jones
Roger Merchant
James Philpot
George Rabbett-Smith
Sara Strong
Luke Thomas

Luke Valavanis

Adam
Jean
Luke
Maria
Mavis
Stephanie

Long-term need

Hillary Bardsley
Christopher Browne
Michael Turner

for those who have died recently

Jean Attack Robert Butler Robert Jones Ronan O'Hanlon

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

Fredrick Lloyd, 14 January David Wilson, 17 January
Dennis Corble, 19 January, Tony Dawes, 21 January
Barbara Hosegood, 22 January Michale Wilson 22 January
Monica Libby, 22 January

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

KENSINGTON

Sunday 19th January 2025

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 19th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

5.30 pm **Taizé Eucharist**

MONDAY 20th January

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 21st January – Agnes, Child Martyr

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY 22nd January

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8.35 am **No Bitesize Bible Group**

12 noon **Holy Eucharist**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

7 pm **Week of Prayer Christian Unity Service**

THURSDAY 23rd January

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am **School Eucharist** – all welcome

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 24th January – Francis de Sales, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am Mini Abbots in the St Mary Abbots Centre

12 noon **Holy Eucharist**

1.05 pm Royal College Concert – all welcome

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 25th January - Conversion of Paul

12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 26th January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.30 am **Choral Eucharist**

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

5.30 pm **Sung Eucharist**

Message from Father Tim

We are, largely, back into the swing of things at St Mary Abbots. With the routine of weekly assemblies, **Thursday School Eucharists** and catching up with parents and young people being an important weekly focus. We have had the pleasure of meeting the new interim head of the school Mrs Dwulit, who has been very engaged and friendly; we're looking forward to getting to know her better over the next term. Please keep the whole school in your prayers as they begin the spring term, which can be difficult in the gloomy weather we've been having!



Our final **Grow Course** takes place this week. If you haven't heard about our participation, the course is designed to help us focus on Church growth of welcome, discipleship and mission, as set out in our Mission Action Plan. We have also consulted with the congregation on these matters, and it's been encouraging to hear their enthusiasm and insight. We look forward to sharing more about how we can keep the focus on growing as a community this year.

This week is **Christian Unity Prayer Week**, and St Mary Abbots will be hosting an Ecumenical Service for all churches in our area at 7pm on Wednesday 22nd January. This will be an **Evensong Service**, with contributions from our local church friends. Need a reason to come? Unity is important for Christians because it is called for by Christ. It was not peripheral but central in Christ's prayer for us. We are unified with other Churches through the same spirit and in Baptism – as Paul writes in Ephesians *'there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism'*. Last year's event was great, so I would encourage you to come along.

Looking further ahead we are planning our **Lent Course** entitled: *'Who is my neighbour'*. We will be focusing on how we understand Christian ideas on this theme, and how we can build flourishing relationships in our local community. It will either be on Wednesday night or late Sunday afternoons, so let me know which you prefer. More details will follow shortly.

For parents and for young people who are 11+. Our next **YMIC event** is happening on Sunday 9th February. It's called Hope and Anchor because it will be taking place on a boat, traveling up the Thames with lots of fun activities, food and worship. If you want to sign up, please email Martina our children's worker. Places are limited and the last few events have sold out, so be quick!

Lastly this Sunday, the second Sunday of Epiphany, there will be a final chance to sign up for **donate a Candle for Candlemas**. The candles will be presented and blessed during both the 9.30 and 11.15 services and can be purchased in your name or the name of a loved one – or anonymously. A sign-up sheet of candles we still need to purchase will be available in church or please email Leonora. Thank you to all those who have already donated.

God Bless you, Father Tim



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN NOTTING HILL
CHURCHES TOGETHER IN KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

please join us for an

Ecumenical Service of Choral Evensong

Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 7pm

at

St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, W8 4LA

Preacher: Fr Antony Aziz,

*of St Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church and
Convenor, Churches Together in Kensington and Chelsea*

All are welcome

Lecture Series starting 15th March

To celebrate the 1,700 Anniversary of the world's first ecumenical council, The Council of Nicaea, we will be hosting a series of three lectures throughout the year, the first taking place on 15th March. More details will follow but please let Father Evan know if you are interested in attending and finding out more.

Message for parents: Does your child hope to attend a primary or secondary CofE school?



School admissions criteria require very precise numbers of church attendances – anything from 12 to 30 services per year over a period of 1 – 5 years (please check the criteria on the relevant school's website – all schools are different!). The Vicar can only sign the school's form confirming the number of attendances if these have been recorded in the Sunday School register. Please make sure that your child is registered by filling in a form with Martina children@stmaryabbots.org.uk and then check that they are marked on the register each time they attend, whether they join Sunday School or remain in church. Thank you.

Food Bank Donations

A reminder that with this cold snap your donations to the food bank are even more necessary. The blue donation boxes can be found at both entrances to the church but please no fresh food / ready meals as we can't store them. To find out more or donate directly to the food bank please visit the Dalgarno website: www.dalgarnotruster.org.uk.