

## In our Prayers this week

### Collect for Candlemas

Lord Jesus Christ, light and glory of the nations: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen**

### Prayer to walk in the darkness with light

Jesus, our light and our life, we thank you for coming into the world to save us from our sins. As we walk through these dark days, be with us and guide us with your unending love and mercy. Protect us from all harm and lead us safely into your eternal kingdom. **Amen** (todayprayers.com)



#### Those in acute need

Thomas Dawnay  
Glyn Jones  
Roger Merchant  
James Philpot  
George Rabbett-Smith  
Hazel Richardson

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

Silvia Harris    Mark Quinn    Roden Richardson

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

Leith McGrandle, 4<sup>th</sup> February    Sarah Lamping, 4<sup>th</sup> February  
Robert Lane, 8<sup>th</sup> February    Antony Carr-Gomm, 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Annie Lloyd, 9<sup>th</sup> February

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

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February - **Candlemas**

#### **Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.30 am **Family Eucharist**  
*with blessing of candles*

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

5.30 pm **Festal Choral Evensong**  
*with blessing of candles*

### MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Anskar, Archbishop

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 4<sup>th</sup> February

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)

1-5pm 3D Scan of Church

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Eucharist**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> February

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am **School Eucharist** – all welcome

2.30 pm **Rainbow Poetry Group**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> February

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 8<sup>th</sup> February

12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> February – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.30 am **Holy Eucharist** *with Baptisms*

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

5.30 pm **Sung Evensong** *with Voluntary Choir*  
*Reflection: Hakan Sandal-Wilson, Trainee LLM*

## Message from Mother Emma

We welcome you this Sunday to the wonderful **Feast of Candlemas** (the Presentation of Christ in the Temple). At each service, we shall be remembering the story of Simeon and Anna, who first recognised the infant Jesus as the Saviour, as Simeon declared him to be “a light to the nations”. This Feast marks the end of the forty days of Christmas and Epiphany, and we now turn away from the birth of Jesus to contemplate our journey through Lent, Holy Week and Easter.



We are immensely grateful to all those who have so generously given candles for use in church in the coming year, which, in the words of the **Blessing of Candles**, “*light up this temple to your glory*”. Some candles have been given in Memoriam, and others simply as an offering to the church, and we hope that seeing them in use throughout the different seasons and services of the year will draw us all closer as one community, living and departed, in our shared worship. A list of those who have given, and of those remembered, can be seen in the church, unless you have specifically requested your gift to be anonymous.

It has been widely suggested by people from all our different congregations that **occasional talks and discussions** which deepened our Christian faith and understanding would be helpful, as we respond to the “*Discipleship*” focus in our Mission Action Plan. To that end, we are beginning with a talk on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 4 pm, given by the Revd Simon Cuff (see poster) on “The Creed and Disagreement”. Entrance is free but please book a ticket in advance. This year marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, at which the Creed we say together at the Eucharist was agreed, and we hope that this will be an opportunity to give greater thought to what it is we are actually saying as we “*proclaim our faith*”. Tickets are free, and we do hope to welcome as many of you as possible to support this new season of reflection on our Christian discipleship.

In addition, in next week’s message, we shall also be giving details of our Lenten offering, which will comprise a Wednesday evening study group, sermons, and talks by outside speakers from the charities we support, as we approach the question, “*Who is my Neighbour?*” Watch this space!

*Blessed are you, Lord, our God, King of the Universe: you make our darkness to be light. For with you is the well of life, and in your light shall we see light. Blessed be God forever.* [Times and Seasons, Candlemas]


With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

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# The Creed & Disagreement


to mark 1,700th anniversary of The Nicene Creed  
we present a talk by

Fr Simon Cuff is Vicar of St Peter de Beauvoir Town,  
Vice-Chair of the Just Money Movement and  
Trustee of Migrants Organise & London Catalyst.  
His publications include ‘Only God Will Save Us:  
The Nature of God’ and  
‘The Christian Life, Priesthood for All Believers:  
Clericalism and How to Avoid it’.



at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, W8 4LA  
Saturday 15th March 2025 at 4pm

Free  
tickets  
below



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## YMIC Boat Trip

Next Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 5pm – 8.15 pm

A final reminder that YMIC (Youth Ministry in Communion) boat trip will set off from Putney Pier next Sunday: ‘Hope & Anchor’ with murder mystery, games, silent disco and worship. For year 7 and older, there will be an entrance fee of £6, but please contact Martina for details.

## OTHER PARISH NEWS

### Volunteers need – to help children learn to read.

Are you passionate about supporting families to instil a love for reading and books? If you would like to help then Doorstep Library is looking for Reading Volunteers. The team goes out on Tuesdays and Thursdays during term-time starting at 4.30pm and finishing at 7.00pm. For more info: [doorsteplibary.org.uk/volunteer/#volunteer](http://doorsteplibary.org.uk/volunteer/#volunteer) or email [volunteer@doorsteplibary.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@doorsteplibary.org.uk)

### Glass Door walk

14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Glass door are offering free registration for this year’s London Walk and would love to see people from St Mary Abbots participating again. To find out more about the event, taking place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March, and to register for free please see here:

[www.glassdoor.org.uk/Event/the-london-walk-2025](http://www.glassdoor.org.uk/Event/the-london-walk-2025)