

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 4th Sunday before Lent

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer to answer God's call

Gracious God, whose faithfulness never fails, may those who seek find the kingdom, those who knock see an opened door, those who ask receive the gift of new life which you offer freely to all in Jesus Christ. **Amen**



A previous confirmation group

Those in acute need

Thomas Dawny	Stan Streather	Mavis
Roger Merchant	Luke Thomas	Stephanie
James Philpot	Luke Valavanis	Long-term need
George Rabbett-Smith	Adam	Hillary Bardsley
Hazel Richardson	Jean	Christopher Browne
Sara Strong	Luke	Michael Turner
	Maria	

for those who have died recently

Silvia Harris Glyn Jones Mark Quinn Roden Richardson

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

Antony Carr-Gomm, 9th February Annie Lloyd, 9th February
Richard Gatehouse, 15th February

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

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 9th 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 9th February – 4th 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 <i>Reflection: Hakan Sandal-Wilson, Trainee LLM</i>

MONDAY 10th February

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 11th February

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

Wednesday 12th February

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon	Holy Eucharist
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 13th February

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am	School Eucharist – all welcome
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 14th February – Cyril & Methodius, Missionaries.

	<i>Valentine, Martyr</i>
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 15th February

10.30 am	Wedding of Hugo and Marianna
12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 16th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist
11.15 am	Choral Matins
5.30 pm	Taizé Eucharist

Message from Mother Emma

Candlemas was enthusiastically and prayerfully celebrated at St Mary Abbots last weekend, from the Family Eucharist with a play and children's choir, to the beautiful candlelit Festal Choral Evensong. It was a joy to see so many of you in the church. We were very touched by the number and generosity of the donations towards purchasing the candles we will use this year. Thank you so much to everyone who donated, whether as an offering or in memory of a loved one.



We have now almost reached that time of year where we start to prepare candidates for Confirmation. Confirmation is the moment in the Christian journey when adults or young people confirm for themselves before a Bishop the promises made at their baptism. Bishop Emma, the Bishop of Kensington, will be with us for a Confirmation Service on Thursday 5th June at 6.30 pm, and we would be delighted to hear from anyone of any age (Year 6 and above), who would be interested in taking this step and attending the eight sessions of preparation before then. The adult sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm, but will begin with an introductory session on Monday 3rd March. Sessions for young people will be at 4 pm on Tuesdays, beginning on Tuesday 4th March. If you would like to sign up to take this step, please contact Leonora for a form and timetable of the sessions. If you would like to speak further with one of the clergy first, please do – you know where to find us! A letter and form will go out to Year 6 children at St Mary Abbots School tomorrow, to be returned to Leonora by Monday 27th February at the latest. **Confirmation** preparation sessions offer a wonderful opportunity to reflect on your faith with others on a similar journey, and the service itself is deeply moving and spiritual.

For anyone else who would like the opportunity to deepen their faith, and to reflect on Jesus' teaching and what it means for us today, our **Lenten theme** will be "Who is My Neighbour?". Fr Tim will explain more about the course we shall follow and the ways the subjects will be reflected at our Sunday services in his message next week, but please consider putting the dates from the poster in your diary. The discussion group will meet on Wednesday evenings, starting on 12th March at 6.45 for 7 pm in the Long Room at St Mary Abbots Centre. Please speak to Fr Tim if you have any questions and let him know you plan to attend.

It is, as always, a privilege to travel with you all on this journey of faith. I wish you a peaceful week and look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Lord Jesus Christ, as we sit at your feet, teach us your living way; for you are our Word and Wisdom, one God with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen. [Common Worship Daily Prayer: response to Psalm 119]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



Friends of St Mary Abbots Board and Notices Appeal

The Friends of St Mary Abbots have agreed a two part programme to replace aged/vandalised poster boards outside the church and on the railings. The first stage of this project will be to buy four new sandwich boards to go outside the cloister and school gates. These will cost £340 each including VAT. If you would like to sponsor a board or contribute to the Appeal then please leave your donations in one of the yellow envelopes marking it 'notice board', or send a cheque made payable to 'Friends of St Mary Abbots' to Steve Attack, Founding Patron, Parish Office, St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Road, London W8 or email friends@stmaryabbots.org.uk for transfer details. The second part of the project: the replacement of the larger boards hanging on the railings outside the church, will be announced in due course. The Friend's Appeal is for both sets of boards.

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KENSINGTON

Who is my Neighbour?

A Journey through Lent

Exploring the Christian Faith
using paintings & Bible stories

on Wednesday Evenings
6.45 pm for 7pm start
at St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate, W8 4HN

Wed 12 March	<i>Being a Neighbour To Those Close To Us</i>
Wed 19 March	<i>Giving Hospitality To Strangers</i>
Wed 26 March	<i>Standing Up For The Oppressed</i>
Wed 2 April	<i>Carrying Another's Load</i>
Wed 16 April	<i>Being A Neighbour To Those On The Road</i>

Guest Speakers from neighbouring local charities
will join our Sunday Services at 9.30 am and 11.15 am
at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington Church Street, W8 4LA

Glass Door walk

Friday 14th 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 14th March, and to register for free before 7th March please see here:

www.glassdoor.org.uk/Event/the-london-walk-2025