

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 3rd Sunday before Lent

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for Archbishop Luwum

O God, whose Son the Good Shepherd laid down his life for the sheep: We give you thanks for your faithful shepherd, Janani Luwum, who after his Savior's example gave up his life for the sake of his flock. Grant us to be so inspired by his witness that we make no peace with oppression, but live as those who are sealed with the cross of Christ, who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



Painting of Archbishop Luwum, St Gregory of Nyssa church, San Francisco

Those in acute need

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

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

Wendell Cadogan, 18 February William Wilson, 18 February
 Ailsie Corble, 18 February Hugh Mainprice, 19 February
 Alison Nicholson, 20 February Samir El-Kadi, 21 February
 Petro Da Gama, 21 February Esme Bass, 22 February

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

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

KENSINGTON

Sunday 16th 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 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**

MONDAY 17th February – Janani Luwum, 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 18th February

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

Wednesday 19th February

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

THURSDAY 20th February

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
 9.30 am **No School Eucharist – half term**
 12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 21st 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 22nd February

12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 23rd February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

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

Message from Father Tim

'Who is my Neighbour?' is the title of our **Lent Course** which begins on Wednesday 12th March. The title you may recognise is taken from a question that Jesus is asked in the Gospel of Luke, to which Jesus responds with the Parable of the Good Samaritan. As



is typical of Jesus's parables, the message isn't always what it seems to be. Jesus says our neighbour isn't necessarily someone next door, or merely nearby, who is just passively sitting there waiting for us to be nice to them. Rather, being a neighbour is being active and involved in each other's lives. And sometimes our neighbour is who we least expect. So, when we begin to examine this idea of 'Who is my Neighbour' we realise that it is a complex area worth exploring and to look at for a deeper understanding, which will hopefully contribute to our mission at St Mary Abbots.

The course will be over 5 weeks, and is inspired by the 'Art and the Bible resource' from St Martin in the Fields. Each week we will be reflecting on a religious painting taken from the National Gallery, which is centred on that week's subject and will help us explore, imagine and reflect on the courses theme. After looking at the picture, we will listen to the related Biblical text and then discuss. There will be opportunity to talk about how this relates to our lives as individual and as a Church. And finally, we will listen to a written reflection which further sheds light on the painting and biblical reading.

If you are interested or curious please get in touch with me and I can explain more. It will be very friendly and accessible and you can try one week to see if it's your thing - it is for all levels of knowledge, and you do not need any prior art or biblical knowledge. With refreshments beforehand it will also be a nice way for us to also get to know each other better.

As Mother Emma mentioned last week hosting a **Confirmation Course**, beginning in March, for both young people and adults, who will learn in separate groups. It's an opportunity to be prepared to take communion but also baptism. We will once more be in partnership with St Phillips Church and I will once more be preparing the youth. If you are interested in either group please contact Leonora with your name and email address, and we will be in touch with more details.

There are other things coming up in the Church diary so please have a look at the 'what is on page' on the website for details. For example, every year the Church supports the work of **homeless charity Glass Door** with the walk and sleep out. The walk will be taken place on March 14th, and is an excellent way to explore central London or save the date for the Victorian Society talk on 24th March.

God Bless you, Father Tim



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 Atack, 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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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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