

## In our Prayers this week

### Collect for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### David, Patron of Wales

“Be joyful and keep your faith and your creed. Do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about. I will walk the path that our fathers have trod before us.”



David, Patron of Wales. Stain glass. Pintrest

#### *Those in acute need*

Thomas Dawnay  
Roger Merchant  
George Rabbett-Smith  
Hazel Richardson  
Viv Robinson  
Jono Robinson  
Sara Strong  
Stan Streater

Luke Thomas  
Luke Valavanis  
Adam  
Jean  
Luke  
Maria  
Mavis  
Stephanie

#### *Long-term need*

Hillary Bardsley  
Christopher Browne  
David Strong  
Michael Turner

#### *for those who have died recently*

Michael Brotherton, Priest      Glyn Jones

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

Ivan Cameron, 25<sup>th</sup> February    Arthur Harriman, 28<sup>th</sup> February  
Anthony Minoprio, 29<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 23<sup>rd</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 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

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

### **MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> February**

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

### **WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> February**

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

### **THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> February – George Herbert, priest**

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

### **FRIDAY 28<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 1<sup>st</sup> March – David, Bishop & Patron of Wales**

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

### **SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Sunday next before Lent**

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

## Message from Father Evan

It's hard to believe that we celebrated the Feast of Candlemas was only a couple of weeks ago. We are passing swiftly through the brief interlude of Ordinary Time before Lent begins on **5 March, Ash Wednesday**. If you have a Palm Cross left over from last year, please bring it to church this week as these will be burned to create the ash used this year. I will remind myself to take mine from two years ago (!) off the refrigerator.



Amongst all the busyness and excitement of the transition from winter to spring activity, let me encourage you to give some attention to **how you might keep Lent** this year. Lenten discipline isn't just about 'giving up' things, but about forming us as better people and more faithful Christians. As a member of our congregation said to me recently, mindfulness isn't new; the Church has been doing it for centuries. Through prayer, self-discipline, and the carving out of time for God, Lent helps us be mindful of the relationship that most powerfully sustains us: our relationship with Jesus Christ. May you be given the grace to draw closer to him this Lent and find greater peace of mind and heart.

As Father Tim mentioned last week our **Lent Course 'Who Is My Neighbour'** will begin on 12 March and continue for five weeks, ending on 16 April. That week we also host the first of three **lectures related to the Nicene Creed** in church on Saturday 15 March at 4pm followed by tea and cake. Fr Simon Cuff will lead us in considering 'The Creed and Disagreement', exploring the lessons we can learn from arguments in the early Church, the Creed within the context of divisions around key issues of faith, and how the text functions as invitation to living well today. Please look at our '*what is on*' page of the website to book a **free place**. If you'd like to offer to bring cake please let me know.

In other event news on 24 March at 7pm the Victorian Society offers another excellent talk, this time on the subject of '**Artistic Houses: London's Pre-Raphaelite Interiors**'. The speaker, Jo Banham has worked for 40 years in some of our nation's chief artistic institutions and is currently writing a book on the history of wallpaper! Tickets are £10.

Lastly Leonora will be sending out an email to **all our volunteers asking you to save the date** for the Messiah Part II & III in Holy week, the Summer Fair, Bonfire Night, Christmas Fair, and Messiah part I performance. We're so grateful to each of you who give generously of your time to make these annual events a success. If you would like to help please contact her.

*O God, by the light of your Word you scatter the darkness of ignorance. Increase in our hearts the power of faith which you have given us, that no temptations may put out the fire your grace has caused to burn in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (adapted from the Gelasian Sacramentary, 8<sup>th</sup> century)*

In the peace of Christ, Fr Evan

# ASH WEDNESDAY

*'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return'*



## Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

9.30 am School Eucharist

12 noon Choral Eucharist

*With imposition of Ashes*

5.30 pm Said Eucharist

*With imposition of Ashes*

**Friends of St Mary Abbots Board and Notices Appeal**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Part completed!**

We are delighted that The Friends of St Mary Abbots have raised enough money for the first part of their campaign to replace the A-frame sandwich boards outside the church. A huge thank you to all those who donated towards the new boards and to Steve Attack, Foundeember of the friends, for all his hard work. 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 Victorian Society  
presents

**London's Pre-Raphaelite Interiors**  
a beautiful home is "the most important production of art"  
A talk by Jo Banham

**Monday 24 March 2025 at 7 pm**  
at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, W8 4LA

Tickets £10

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