

In our Prayers this week

Collect for Sunday next before Lent

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for Ash Wednesday

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Those in acute need

Thomas Dawney
Roger Merchant
George Rabbett-Smith
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 Jennifer Lloyd
Hazel Richardson Lara

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

Thomas Nevell, 3rd March Charlotte Felderhof, 4th March
Ian Wooldridge, 4th March Mary Isa, 5th March
Josephine Grieve, 5th March Derrick Holden-Brown, 6th March
May El-Kadi, 7th March Penelope King, 8th March

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

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 2nd March 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 2nd March – Sunday next before Lent

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **Holy Eucharist with Baptism**
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
*Preacher: Petter Kringberg, LL.M.,
St Thomas, Kensal Town*
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

MONDAY 3rd March

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 4th March – Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
3 pm **Pancakes for St Mary Abbots School**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY 5th March – **ASH WEDNESDAY**

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **School Eucharist for Ash Wednesday**
12 noon **Choral Eucharist for Ash Wednesday**
With Imposition of Ashes
5.30 pm **Said Eucharist for Ash Wednesday**
With Imposition of Ashes

THURSDAY 6th March

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **No School Eucharist**
12 Noon **Holy Eucharist**
2.30 pm **Rainbow Poetry Group**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 7th March – Perpetua, Felicity & Companions

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 8th March – Edward King, Bishop

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

SUNDAY 9th March – 1st Sunday of Lent

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

Message from Mother Emma

Today we mark the final Sunday before Lent with the baptism of Noah at our 9.30 am Eucharist. We welcome his friends and family to the church.




Next Wednesday sees the beginning of Lent, when, on **Ash Wednesday** Anglicans are called to repent of their sins, receiving the imposition of ashes on their foreheads as a sign of penitence and faith. We do hope that you will be able to join us for one of the three different Eucharists taking place that day. Our main Choral Eucharist will be at 12 noon, but with a school service at 9.30 and a Said Eucharist in the place of Evening Prayer at 5.30 pm. If you are aware of anyone who is currently housebound, but would like to receive ashing, please do let us know. We also offer ashing on the street at 4.45 before the 5.30 evening service, so if you would like to come and help hand out prayer cards, please let us know.

This week also sees the start of the **Confirmation preparation sessions**. The first adult session will be on Monday 3rd at 7 pm (after which it reverts to Tuesday evenings) and the first youth session at 4 pm on Tuesday 4th, following the after-school pancake party. Thank you to all those who have returned forms or have been in touch with the clergy or with Leonora. If you are interested and have not yet contacted us, please do so as soon as possible, and if we have sent you a form to complete please send it to Leonora if you have not yet returned it. You should also receive or have received a timetable showing where each session will be held.

Lent is a time which the Eucharistic prayer describes as *"a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline"*, reminding us that *"through fasting, prayer and acts of service [God] brings us back to [his] generous heart. Through study of [his] holy word [he] opens our eyes to [his] presence in the world."* We invite you to journey with us on this pilgrimage through our services in Lent, and in addition, to join our **Lent Course on Wednesday evenings** starting on March 12th at 6.45pm the St Mary Abbots Centre, and/or to attend the **lecture about the Nicene Creed** which will take place in church at 4 pm on Saturday 15th March (details on the newsletter overleaf). Observing Lent together as a community can bring us closer both to one another and to the loving heart of God.

Merciful Father, turn us from sin to faithfulness, and from disobedience to love, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns, now and for ever, Amen [Common Worship, Times and Seasons, Ash Wednesday Preparation]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



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

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

Based on 'Inspired to Follow, Art and Bible Story'
from St Martin in the Fields

Free Entrance
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The Creed & Disagreement


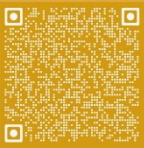
to mark 1,700th anniversary of The Nicene Creed
we present a talk by

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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