

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 1st Sunday of Lent

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer to be like the Good Samaritan (Re-Worship)

God of love, give us a deep love for you, so that we can see the world as you see it, feel the compassion you feel, and be a people whose lives mediate your love to others. So open our eyes that we might see what the Good Samaritan saw. Grant us the insight to see the need in others, the wisdom to know what to do, and the will to do it. **Amen**



Folk Art Landscape painting by Issam Lochtioui. Pinterest

Those in acute need

Steven Armstrong
Thomas Dawnay
Roger Merchant
George Rabbett-Smith
Viv Robinson
Jono Robinson
Sara Strong
Stan Streater

Luke Thomas
Luke Valavanis
Adam
Jean
Lara
Luke
Maria
Mavis

Long-term need

Hillary Bardsley
Christopher Browne
David Strong
Michael Turner

for those who have died recently

Michael Brotherton, Priest Howard William Hanson
Jennifer Lloyd Hazel Richardson

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

Alfred Bailey, 10 March Jock Peas, 10 March Dianne Gabitass, 11 March
Owen Lloyd, 12 March Alick Macvie, 13 March Eileen Haddad, 13 March
John Hogarth-Cleave, 14 March Helene Wigley, 15 March

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

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

KENSINGTON

Sunday 9th 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 9th March – 1st Sunday of Lent

Representatives from *The Upper Room*, a local charity we support, will speak at our 9.30am & 11.15am Sunday services.

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

MONDAY 10th 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 11th March

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
4 pm **Youth Confirmation Class**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
7pm **Adult Confirmation Class**

WEDNESDAY 12th March

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
6.45 pm *'Who is my Neighbour', a journey through Lent at St Mary Abbots Centre - free entry*

THURSDAY 13th March

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

FRIDAY 14th March

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 of Music – free concert
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 15th March

12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
4 pm *'The Creed and Disagreement' lecture at the church - free entry*
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 16th March – 2nd Sunday of 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

As we begin our journey in Lent, we might start by giving thanks for the amazing, mild and beautiful spring weather this week! At the Ash Wednesday service for St Mary Abbots School on Thursday, Fr Tim explained that the word "Lent" comes from an old word for Spring (the time when the days lengthen). He suggested to the children that Lent is also a good time for a spring clean, but one in which we clear and clean our hearts in preparation for Easter, through study, prayer and acts of service. Now that Lent has begun, we invite you to travel with us during our season of sermons, talks and evening Lent groups which we have entitled, "*Who is my Neighbour?*", and we hope will provide opportunities for all these Lenten disciplines.



Each Sunday in Lent at both the 9.30 Eucharist and 11.15 Matins, we shall be addressing in a short sermon the question of who we might see as our neighbour; and each week we will have a short talk from a visitor from the **charities with which we partner as a church**: The Upper Room, refugee charities, Glass Door and SMART (St Mary Abbots Rehabilitation and Training, which is a local mental health charity historically linked with the church). Each Wednesday, as you have already heard, there will be a **Lent discussion group at 6.45 for 7 pm in the Long Room** at St Mary Abbots Centre, in which we also reflect on our neighbour, but in the context of famous works of art and Biblical passages. We really hope to see as many of you as possible at these groups – don't worry if you can't make every one, it would still be good to have you at some.

Another reminder, too, of **the lecture by Fr Simon Cuff** (unrelated to the Lent group) **on Saturday 15th March at 4 pm**, about the development of the Nicene Creed which we say each week. This is free, but please sign up via the 'what is on page' of the website so we have a rough ideas of numbers. We shall be serving tea and cake afterwards – if you feel able to donate a cake, we would be very grateful – please let Leonora know.

Please do stay up-to-date with everything we are offering during this period by looking at our website. There are also other events unconnected with Lent, such as the fascinating-sounding talk arranged by the Victorian Society on Artistic Houses, London's Pre-Raphaelite Interiors – more information can be found overleaf.

Almighty God, may we, by the prayer and discipline of Lent, enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings; that by following in the Way we may come to share in the glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. [Common Worship, Night Prayer, Lent]

With my love and prayers for a holy Lent

Mother Emma

The Creed and Disagreement

Saturday 15th March 2025 at 4pm in the church

Fr Simon Cuff is Vicar of St Peter de Beauvoir Town, Vice chair of the Just Money Movement and Trustee of Migrants Organise and 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' He will be speaking to us about the Disagreements around the Nicene Creed, part of a series to make the 1,700th Anniversary of the Nicene Council. Entrance is free, tea will be on offer and do bring cake!



Monday 24th March 2025 at 7pm

The Victorian Society returns to our church for a talk by Jo Banham on Artistic Houses, London's Pre-Raphaelite Interiors. Tickets are £10 and can be bought on our 'what is on' page of the website. The profits from this talk are shared between the Victorian Society and our church, so please come and support us both!



Volunteers – please save these dates:

Messiah Part II & III at 5.30 on Sunday 13th April

Summer Garden Party on 7th June from 11.30 – 2.30 pm

Patronal Festival and lunch on 7th September, 9.30 set up

Bonfire Night on 7th November at 6.30

Victorian Christmas Fair on 29th November 11.30 – 2.30pm

Messiah Part I on 14th December at 5.30pm

Also: Ed and Jamie's Quiz Night on 23rd October

If you would be willing to volunteer for any of these events please let Leonora know and she will be in touch closer to the time with details of what time, what needs doing, available stalls and activities, food prep and drink pouring!

URGENT – Drivers needed!

We are urgently looking for volunteers who can drive our donations for the food bank from the church on Thursday mornings between 10.30 and 12 noon – although we could do earlier if necessary - to the Dalgarno Trust food bank which is close to Ladbroke Grove. Two of our regular volunteers have dropped out, so if you have a car and could help please let Simon or Leonora and they will let you know more. To find out about the food bank please visit the Dalgarno website: www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk.