

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thomas Cranmer prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the sun of the world, evermore arising, and never going down, which by your most welcome appearing and sight, brings forth, preserves, nourishes, and refreshes all things, as well that are in heaven as also that are on earth; we beg you mercifully and faithfully to shine in our hearts, so that the night and darkness of sins, and the mist of errors on every side may be driven away; with you brightly shining in our hearts we may all our life go without stumbling or offense, and may decently and seemly walk (as in the day time), being pure and clean from the works of darkness, and abounding in all good works which God has prepared us to walk in; you who with the Father and with the Holy Ghost live and reign for ever and ever."

Amen. *The Oxford Book of Prayer*



Trial of Thomas Cranmer by Henry Cole. National Portrait Gallery, Pintrest

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

Billy Green, 17 March Alfred Plumridge, 17 March
Moreen Freed, 17 March Ben Regan, 19 March
Hew Service, 20th March Margy Fitter, 20 March
Berit Kringberg, 22 March

The Parish and Vicarage offices are open from 10am – 6pm

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

KENSINGTON

Sunday 16th 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 16th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

As part of our 'Who is your neighbour' Journey through Lent this week we will be welcoming a speaker to talk about Refugees at our 9.30am & 11.15am Sunday services.

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

5.30 pm **Taizé Eucharist**

MONDAY 17th March – Patrick, Patron of Ireland

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 March

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)

4 pm [Youth Confirmation Class at St Philips](#)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

7 pm [Adult Confirmation Class online](#)

WEDNESDAY 19th March – Joseph of Nazareth

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 20th March – Cuthbert, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am **School Eucharist** – all are welcome

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 21st March – Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop

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 22nd March

12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)

3-6 pm [Peal of Bells for the Annunciation](#)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 23rd March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.30 am **Choral Eucharist**

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

Message from Mother Emma

It was very inspiring to see a good number of you at the **first Lent group** this week, and we look forward to seeing any others who would like to join on Wednesday evenings in the weeks ahead. Many thanks to Fr Tim for co-ordinating the course, and to Hakan Sandal-Wilson, our LLM in Training, who will be leading next week's session. The paintings and Bible passages we discuss give us a new perspective as we seek to "unpack" the question, "*Who is our Neighbour?*"



Today we continue with our **Lenten reflections on the understanding of our neighbour**, and at the 9.30 Eucharist and at Matins we shall be joined by Maryna, a Ukrainian refugee from our congregation, as we think about the ways in which local charities have worked with refugees and how we as a church, led initially by Fr Christopher and a team of volunteers, have engaged in welcoming those who have fled both Ukraine and Afghanistan in recent years. As with our speaker from the Upper Room last week, we are challenged to see the face of Christ in a wide variety of those in different kinds of need. Hakan will be preaching to us.

If you might be interested in hearing about Artistic Houses, London's Pre-Raphaelite Interiors by Jo Banham, the **Victorian Society will be holding a talk on Monday 24th March at 7pm**. Tickets are £10 and will be available in advance online or on the door! The proceeds are split between the Victorian Society and the church, so you will also be helping our mission and ministry whilst spending a fascinating time learning more about our local area.

Finally, you may well have noticed that the **West Gates have been taken away** and replaced with temporary mesh gates. This is the beginning of a project to restore the rusty and out-of-kilter church railings, being carried out by the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, who are responsible for the maintenance of areas of "closed burial ground". We have been told that it may take a few months for the gates to be stripped back and restored to their original strength and beauty, but I am absolutely delighted that the project has begun, and would like to thank RBKC for their work on this. Watch this space!

May God bless us, that in us may be found love and humility, obedience and thanksgiving, discipline, gentleness and peace. Amen [Common Worship Night Prayer in Lent]

With my love and Lenten prayers,

Mother Emma



The Victorian Society
presents

ARTISTIC HOUSES

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) are still available for Monday's Victorian Society talk both online AND on the Door. Jo Banham is a freelance lecturer and researcher. She has worked for over 40 years at Tate Britain, the National Portrait Gallery and the Victoria & Albert Museum. She has published on many aspects of 19th and 20th century interiors and is currently writing a book on the history of wallpaper. The profits from this talk are shared between the Victorian Society and our church, so please come and support us both!

OTHER PARISH NEWS

Refugees at Home

Monday 17th April, 7pm

'Refugees at Home' are running an information evening to find new people with a spare room who might host a refugee. At the event you will hear from current, experienced hosts about what they have learned from the experience, and they will answer all your questions from how they match you to a guest, how long you might host them for, house rules, vetting process and other ways to get involved. www/refugeesathome.org/get-involved/get-involved-id-like-to-host