

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 4th Sunday of Lent

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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

Howard William Hanson Camilla Valentine Isola

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

Bruce Dinwiddy, 1st April John Attack, 3rd April

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

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 30th 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 30th March – Mothering Sunday

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

MONDAY 31st 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 1st April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
4 pm [Youth Confirmation at St Philips](#)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
7 pm [Adult Confirmation at St Philips](#)

WEDNESDAY 2nd April

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 3rd April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **School Eucharist** – all are welcome
2.30 pm [Rainbow Poetry - subject 'Cats'](#)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 4th April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am Mini Abbots in the St Mary Abbots Centre
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
1.05 pm **No** Royal College of Music – resume 9th May
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 5th April

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

SUNDAY 6th April – Passion Sunday

*A representative from **SMART**, a mental health charity we support, will speak at our 9.30am & 11.15am services.*

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

Message from Mother Emma

We are already halfway through Lent, and today we have the joy of celebrating Mothering Sunday as a church family! This will be centred around the Family Eucharist at 9.30 am, at which children (and their mothers) will help with the readings, intercessions and singing, and we shall be giving thanks for our own mothers and all who have loved and cared for us and distributing daffodils to show our gratitude and love. We also give thanks for our Mother Church, and remember the Virgin Mary, our church's patron saint, who experienced all the joys and sorrows of motherhood. At Matins, Fr Peter Galloway will be preaching for us. A reminder that the clocks go forward one hour this Saturday night, so we shall all be trying to remember to come to church at the right time!



As we continue through Lent, we look forward to welcoming you to our fourth Lent group meeting on April 2nd at 7 pm in the Long Room at St Mary Abbots Centre – see below – and we also ask you to remember in your prayers the twelve adults and twelve children preparing at this time for Confirmation in June, especially those who will be baptised on Easter Eve or soon after.

Palm Sunday will be on 13th April, with a full choir and procession along the High Street, and in the evening, there will be the performance of Handel's Messiah parts II and III, with our St Mary Abbots Choir and the Purcell Players at 5.30 pm – tickets can be bought via the what is on page of the website or using the QR code on the poster. These latter parts of the piece begin with the sadness of Christ's betrayal and death and pass to the joy of Resurrection – a kind of mini Holy Week, which offers a beautiful reminder of the events which we shall be marking during Holy Week itself. There will be one change to our Holy Week pattern this year – we are holding the Liturgy of Maundy Thursday at 5.30 pm instead of 8 pm, in the hope that more people will be able to attend this most powerful service. If you have never been before, please do consider joining us.

Our prayer this week is by St Anselm and is commended for use on Mothering Sunday by the Church of England website:

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children. Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; through your gentleness we find comfort in fear. Your warmth gives life to the dead, your touch makes sinners righteous. Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us. In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us, Amen

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
KENSINGTON

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

a performance by Candlelight PARTS II & III
with our Professional Choir & The Purcell Players
at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, W8 4LA

Sunday 13th April 2025 at 5.30pm

Tickets: £15

includes a programme and glass of wine
[www.stmaryabbots.org.uk / what is on](http://www.stmaryabbots.org.uk/what-is-on)

New Electoral Roll – Sign up to be counted!

A reminder to sign up for our “electoral roll” which is now started again from scratch. If you are baptised, are over 16, live in the parish or have attended regularly (for over six months) then please ask Ivell or one of the clergy or virgers for a form. The total number of members is sent to the Diocese of London, and the resulting measure of our parish size can affect how many clergy we have, the number of representatives on church bodies, and fundraising. People on the electoral roll are invited to our general meeting, are able to hold occasional offices at the church such as weddings, and their status is noted in some school applications. The membership list closes on 6th May after which the roll is published in the church.

New Hall Manager for St Mary Abbots Centre

We are looking for a new Hall Manager to join our parish team. They would be responsible for the successful management, maintenance and daily running of our parish centre. The ideal candidate would be a team player, organised, self-motivated, willing to work flexible hours, physically fit, with good communication and diary management skills. The full job description and application form can be found here: www.smaw8.org/job-vacancies.html