

In our Prayers this week

Collect for Palm Sunday

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may
be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the
path of glory. **Amen**

Easter Eve

In the depths of our isolation we cry to you, Lord God:
give light to our darkness and bring us out of the prison of our
despair. **Amen**



Christ's entry into Jerusalem, Albani Psalter, Lectionary Art

Those in acute need

Steven Armstrong
Thomas Dawnay
Roger Merchant
George Rabbett-Smith
Viv Robinson
Jono Robinson
Annie Redmile

Sara Strong
Stan Streater
Luke Thomas
Luke Valavanis
Adam
Christopher
Jean
Lara

Luke
Maria
Mavis
Long-term need
Hillary Bardsley
Christopher Browne
David Strong
Michael Turner

for those who have died recently

Geoffrey Drage Philip Goodman Howard William Hanson
Camilla Valentine Isola June Scully

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

Mary Jean Khoury, 14th April Edward Adnams, 15th April

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Welcome to St Mary Abbots

Sunday 13th April 2025

The Church is open daily from 8.30am to 6pm and
from 10am - 6pm on Saturdays and Bank Holidays

SUNDAY 13th April – Palm Sunday

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Procession of Palms
and Holy Eucharist

11.15 am Choral Matins

5.30 pm Handel's Messiah II & III
Tickets online or on the door



HOLY MONDAY 14th April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom and Bible Study

12 noon Holy Eucharist with Devotional Address

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

HOLY TUESDAY 15th April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon Holy Eucharist with Devotional Address

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

HOLY WEDNESDAY 16th April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon Holy Eucharist with Devotional Address

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

6.45 pm Final 'Who is my Neighbour', a journey
through Lent at the St Mary Abbots Centre

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17th April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

5.30 pm The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday with
Washing of Feet followed by
The Vigil of Gethsemane until 8pm

GOOD FRIDAY 18th April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am Church Opens - bank holiday hours

12 noon Hymns and Reflections
at the foot of the cross

1 pm Silence before the Cross

1.30-3pm The Liturgy of Good Friday

4 pm Stations of the Cross for children
with hot cross buns

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

HOLY SATURDAY 19th April

12 noon The Litany

1 - 3pm The Easter Preparation
come and help clean and prepare the church

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

8 pm Easter Vigil with Holy Baptisms

SUNDAY 20th April - EASTER DAY

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Festal Choral Eucharist with Baptisms

11.15 am Festal Choral Matins

5.30 pm Festal Choral Evensong

Message from Mother Emma

First of all, a final warm invitation to the performance of **Handel's Messiah**, parts II and III tonight. Tickets are £15 available on the door, and we do hope that you will be able to come and support the church and our wonderful professional choir, whilst hearing the story of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection set to beautiful music.



Today is **Palm Sunday**, and at our 9.30 Eucharist we have our annual procession along the High Street, complete with palms and hymns, as we remember Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. The service continues with a dramatized reading of the Passion according to St Luke, and we leave with our palm crosses blessed and hearts and minds prepared for the week ahead. At Matins, our preacher will be our PCC Secretary, Helen Rowland, who has been preaching for us at a number of services recently.

Next week **Holy Week begins**, as we travel with Jesus the Way of the Cross. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week we will have a Said Eucharist at noon each day, with a short devotional address. On Wednesday evening (16 April) at 6.45, there will be the final session in our Lent group "Who is my Neighbour?" – the subject '*Being a neighbour to those on the road*'. As Fr Tim said in church last Sunday, these sessions to some extent stand alone, so please don't worry if you haven't attended earlier sessions, but would like to join us for this one as part of your Holy Week devotions - we would be delighted to see you.

As Fr Evan mentioned last week, the **Sacred Triduum or Great Three Days** begin on **Maundy Thursday** (17 April), with a Said BCP Eucharist at 10.30 am, which will be taken by Fr Philip Barnes from St Stephen's, Gloucester Road, as the SMA clergy will be at St Paul's Cathedral, renewing our ordination vows. In the evening we have the Liturgy of Maundy Thursday, this year at 5.30 pm (please note, as this is earlier than usual). The list over the page shows the rest of the services taking place over the weekend. We often say that it is hard to enter fully into the joy and celebration of Easter morning, if you have not experienced any of the sadness and pain of Holy Week, so please do try to attend at least part of the Triduum with us.

I pray that this year, as ever, Holy Week will inspire you and draw you closer to Christ, who suffered for us, and the clergy look forward to travelling that journey with you next week.

Almighty God, as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son, help us to see and know your love for us, so that in humility, love and joy, we may place at his feet all that we have and all that we are: through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Amen [Common Worship, Night Prayer, Passiontide]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

TONIGHT – tickets available on the door!

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)

14-16 April	HOLY WEEK BEGINS On Holy Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday <i>Jesus at the Temple, his enemies plot to kill him</i> Holy Eucharist with Devotional Address
12 noon	
17 April	MAUNDY THURSDAY <i>The Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane the betrayal and arrest</i> Holy Communion (BCP) The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday <i>with Washing of Feet followed by</i> The Vigil of Gethsemane
10.30 am	
5.30 pm	
18 April	GOOD FRIDAY <i>The Crucifixion</i> Hymns & Reflections at the Foot of the Cross Silence before the Cross The Liturgy of Good Friday Stations of the Cross for children <i>with Hot Cross Buns</i>
12 noon	
1 pm	
1.30 – 3 pm	
4 pm	
19 April	HOLY SATURDAY, Easter Eve <i>Jesus's body lies in the tomb</i> The Litany The Easter Preparation <i>help us clean, scrub and polish the church</i> Easter Vigil <i>with Holy Baptisms</i>
12 noon	
1 - 3 pm	
8 pm	

Demystifying Death – Planning a Christian Funeral Sunday 11th May 2025 at 4pm

Last year we ran an evening to discuss the Christian understanding of death and practical advice on what to consider in advance – including what a funeral is for, planning the service and how we wish to be remembered. If you are interested in arranging your own funeral or that of a loved one then please save the date. More details to follow after Easter.