

In our Prayers this week

Dawn prayer at the Easter Vigil

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light, set us aflame with the fire of your love, and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory. **Amen.**

Collect for Easter Day

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**



Resurrection of Christ and women at the tomb, Fra Angelico, Florence

Those in acute need

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| Steven Armstrong | Sara Strong |
| Thomas Dawnay | Stan Streater |
| Roger Merchant | Luke Thomas |
| George Rabbett-Smith | Luke Valavanis |
| Viv Robinson | Adam |
| Jono Robinson | Christopher |
| Annie Redmile | Jean |
| | Lara |

Luke
Maria
Mavis

Long-term need

Hillary Bardsley
Christopher Browne
David Strong
Michael Turner

for those who have died recently

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| Geoffrey Drage | Philip Goodman | Camilla Valentine Isola |
| | June Scully | |

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

Winifred Howe, 24th April Richard Horsley, 27th April

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

KENSINGTON

Welcome to St Mary Abbots

Sunday 20th April 2024

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

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

MONDAY 21st April

8 am No Morning Prayer – resumes 28 April
8.30 am No Bible study – resumes 28 April
9 am No Parents' Prayer Group - resumes 28 April
10 am Church opens – bank holiday hours
12 noon Holy Eucharist (No Sunday on Monday)
3 – 7 pm Peal of Bells for Easter
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 22nd April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
4 pm No Youth Confirmation - resumes 29 April
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
7 pm No Adult Confirmation - resumes 29 April

WEDNESDAY 23rd April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon HEALING Eucharist
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 24th April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am School Eucharist – all are welcome
12 noon Funeral of Philip Goodman
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 25th April

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

SATURDAY 26th April

12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 27th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Parish Eucharist
11.15 am Choral Matins
5.30 pm Taizé Eucharist

Message from Mother Emma

Today, after the sadness of Holy Week and Good Friday, we come together at last in the church at all our services to unite in the Church's cry of joy, "Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!" We rejoice in the flowers, the glory and the joy, and in this, the foundation of our faith, as we remember that in rising from the dead, Christ has opened for us the gates of heaven and given us the hope of eternal life. You are warmly invited to share with us in singing the familiar Easter hymns, praying together and reflecting on the Easter readings from Scripture. There will be an Easter Egg hunt for children, and we shall be serving Prosecco at 10.45 am between the Eucharist and Matins, for people from both services.

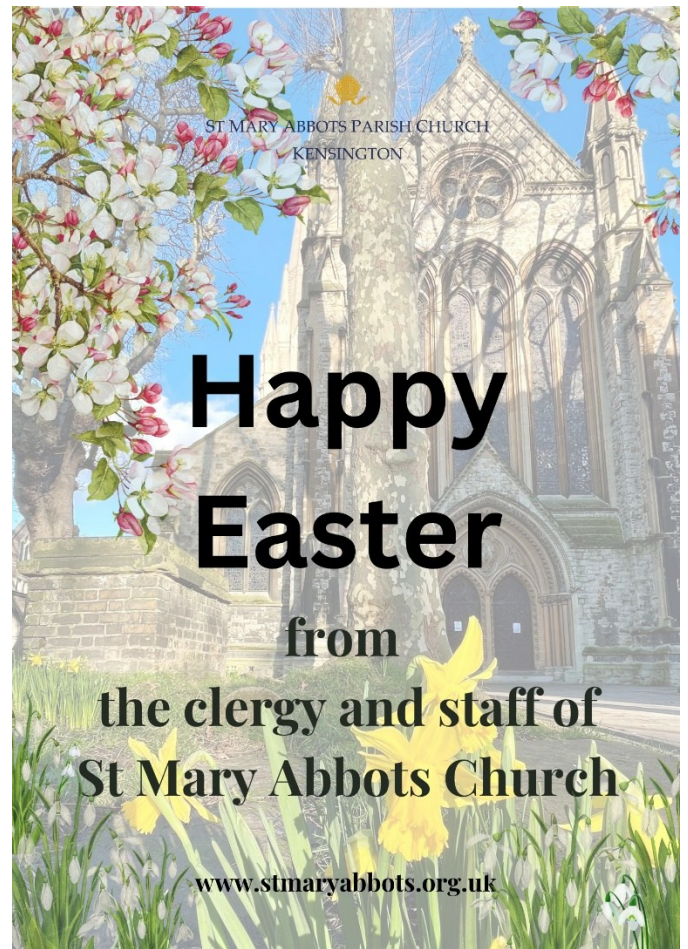
May I wish you, on behalf of the clergy and all the parish staff, a blessed and joyful Easter!

Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden on the morning of your resurrection, so may we meet you today and every day: speak to us as you spoke to her; reveal yourself as the living Lord; renew our hope and kindle our joy; and send us to share the good news with others. Amen.

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Handel's Messiah – a thank you!

A huge thank you to Mark Uglov, the St Mary Abbots professional choir and The Purcell Players for a beautiful and moving performance of Handel's Messiah Part II & III on Palm Sunday evening, with a standing ovation! Thank you also to everyone who came and supported the concert.



V. E. Day Matins Service & Street Party – Sunday 4th May

On 4th May we will be marking the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day at our 11.15 Matins service. After the service Sarah-Jane is arranging a Street Party for local residents. She is looking for volunteers (to help her on the day please email sarahjanep@hotmail.co.uk), donations towards the entertainment (<https://gofund.me/24589657>) and if you are intending to come and enjoy the party and its 1940s dress code please bring something for everyone to share and eat!

'What Really Happened at Easter' – 6th May

Rev'd Andy Roland will hold a talk at the church on his theory about Easter and what actually happened. Doors open at 6pm with some light refreshments, followed by the talk at 6.30 and then a Q&R session. Entrance is free.

Demystifying Death – Planning a Christian Funeral

Sunday 11th May 2025 at 4pm

Last year we discussed the Christian understanding of death and offered practical advice on how to plan a funeral - what to consider in advance, 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. Please let Father Evan or Leonora know if you wish to attend.

Cornerstone University Choral free lunchtime Concert

Tuesday 15th May at 1pm

We welcome Michigan touring group on their first stop on a UK tour which includes Edinburgh, Cambridge and Dublin. Details of their programme can be found on the 'What is on' page of the website.