

## In our Prayers this week

### Collect for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

### Intercession for George, Patron of England

Faithful servant of God and invincible martyr George; favoured by God with the gift of faith, thou didst fight valiantly against the dragon of pride, falsehood, and deceit. Neither pain nor torture, sword nor death could part thee from the love of Christ. I fervently implore thee for the sake of this love to help me by thy intercession to overcome the temptations that surround me, and to bear bravely the trials that oppress me, so that I may patiently carry the cross which is placed upon me. Valiant champion of the Faith, assist me in the combat against evil, that I may win the crown promised to them that persevere unto the end.

**Amen**



St George and the dragon by Raphael, Louve Museum. Wikipedia

#### Those in acute need

Stephen 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 Camilla Valentine Isola  
June Scully His Holiness Pope Francis

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

Richard Horsley, 27 April Oliver Philpott, 28 April  
Elva McPherson, 28 April  
Jeff Bardsley, 3 May Blossom Barrow, 3 May

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

# Welcome to St Mary Abbots Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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

### SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30 am Parish Eucharist  
11.15 am Sung Matins with cantor  
5.30 pm Taizé Eucharist

### MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> April - George, Patron of England

8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom  
8.30 am Bible study on Zoom  
9 am Parents' Prayer Group  
12 noon Informal Eucharist (Sunday on Monday)  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> April – Mark the Evangelist

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)  
2 pm Funeral of June Scully  
4 pm Youth Confirmation – at St Mary Abbots  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer  
7 pm Adult Confirmation – at St Mary Abbots

### WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
12 noon Midday Prayer – NO Holy Eucharist  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> May – Philip and James, Apostles

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 am School Eucharist – all are welcome  
2.30 pm Rainbow Poetry Group – subject 'May Day'  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Athanasius, Bishop

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 3<sup>rd</sup> May

12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30 am Family Eucharist  
11.15 am Choral Matins to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of V.E. Day  
5.30 pm Sung Evensong

## Message from Mother Emma

I do hope that you had a very happy Easter. We were humbled to welcome over 1,000 worshippers at our various different services on Easter Eve and Easter Day, and to baptize a total of seven adults and children into the Church as we gave thanks together for the joy of Christ's Resurrection from the dead. This morning the celebrations continued with the Resurrection Service for St Mary Abbots Primary School, at which we lit a new candle for the school from our Paschal candle, lit on Easter Eve from the Easter Fire, and carried it into the school as a symbol of the Light of Christ which continues to shine there. Photographs of all our Easter Services can be found on the Gallery page of our website.



As we now turn our attention to the Sundays of Eastertide, Fr Evan, Fr Tim and I will be preaching at the Eucharist on most Sundays on the readings from Revelation, in response to the relatively large number of people who at a recent discussion group expressed their discomfort in reading or studying this final book in the Bible. We hope that you will find this helpful.

Next Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, falls close to the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day, and our Matins service, in the presence of the Mayor of RBKC, will reflect on this theme. The Eucharist that day is a Family Eucharist, and **Martina** would love to hear from any children who would like to take part, by reading, praying, singing, welcoming or serving. After the service we are invited to join the Street Party in Holland Street with entertainment for the children, live music, BBQ and more. The party has been arranged by Sarah Jane and local residents. If you could volunteer to help, contribute towards food by bringing food to share, or donate towards costs then please contact her on [sarahjanep@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahjanep@hotmail.com) or <https://gofund.me/24589657>

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 4 pm, we shall be offering a second opportunity to join our session on "Demystifying Death", when we invite you to think about what a Christian funeral entails, and what you would like to be included in your own funeral, or how you might plan those for people close to you. This is in response to a feeling that the previous evening session was rather late for some people to attend. We do hope that you will join us, as Fr Evan and I share our own funeral plans! Please let us know if you would like to attend for catering purposes.

Finally, as you will by now have gathered, we are still in the period (for about another week) when we have to renew the Church's Electoral Roll (the list of those who worship with us). If you are baptized, over 16, live in the parish or have worshipped with us for more than six months, but have NOT completed a form in the past few weeks, please do ask Ivell or email me for a form as soon as possible. Thank you so much for your help with this – it is much appreciated.

*We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for your resurrection is a revelation to the whole world. As you revealed yourself powerfully to so many, reveal yourself now as the hope for our world. Amen* [Times and Seasons, Easter Stations]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

  
ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH  
KENSINGTON



## Choral Matins

to celebrate the

**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of V.E. Day**

and remember the men and women who fought in unity  
with our Allies to bring peace in Europe

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

at 11.15 am



**V.E. DAY STREET PARTY**  
SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

Please join us to celebrate the 80th anniversary of V.E. DAY and to commemorate the men and women who fought in unity with our allies to bring PEACE to Europe.

**12 NOON TO 4.30 PM**  
BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Live Music  
Stalls, V.E. Day crafts & Games  
1940s dress code  
and bring food to share  
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## Cornerstone University Choral free lunchtime Concert

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## APCM Meeting and electoral roll.

Notice is given that our APCM will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> May at the St Mary Abbots Centre at 6.30 pm. The meeting may be attended by those on our electoral roll and those who are resident in the parish. At the meeting the church wardens will be elected and then the Deanery Synod representatives and 4 members of the PCC.