



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
KENSINGTON

Welcome to St Mary Abbots

Sunday 3rd May 2024

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

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 3rd Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Collect for VE Day

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those men and women who have died in active service, particularly in the Second World War, whose sacrifice brought Victory in Europe. As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. **Amen**



Image of VE Day celebration from Pinterest (Ve-vjday80.gov.uk)

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 Camilla Valentine Isola June Scully

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

Anne Bengé, 6th May Rodney Bennett, 10th May

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

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SUNDAY 4th May – 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

MONDAY 5th May

8 am No Morning Prayer or Bible Study on Zoom
9 am No Parents' Prayer Group
10 am Church opens (bank holiday hours)
12 noon Holy Eucharist (No Sunday on Monday)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 6th May

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
4 pm Youth Confirmation – at St Philips
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
6.30 pm The Real Story of Easter – a discussion
7 pm Adult Confirmation – at St Philips

WEDNESDAY 7th May

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

THURSDAY 8th May – Julian of Norwich

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am School Eucharist – all are welcome
12.30-4.20 Oxford Philharmonic Rehearsals
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 9th May

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am Mini Abbots – at St Mary Abbots Centre
12 noon Holy Eucharist
1.05 pm Royal College of Music – free concert
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 10th May

12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 11th May – 4th Sunday of Easter

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Holy Eucharist with Baptism
11.15 am Choral Matins
4 pm Demystifying Death - planning a Funeral
5.30 pm Sung Evensong with Voluntary Choir

Message from Father Evan

I hope you are all enjoying the continuing celebration of the Resurrection as the days get longer and the sun brighter. The coming of spring and summer means that the annual **St Mary Abbots Summer Party** is not far away and we are especially grateful to Winkworth, Kensington for their sponsorship. Leonora has been contacting our volunteers to ask for their help on the stalls so if you would be willing to be part of the BBQ, cakes, drinks or children's games please let her know. In the meantime please save the date in your diaries: 7 June from 11.30am to 2.30pm.



Today we celebrate 80 years of Victory in Europe with a **special VE Day Choral Matins**, where we give thanks for peace and pray for lands where there is no peace. We hope you will join us for the street party afterwards which has been organised by members of the congregation, local residents and parents from the school.

As we consider the eternal result of Christ's resurrection, the defeat of our old enemy Death and the peace of Heaven, we are hosting a second **'Demystifying Death'** session on 11 May at 4pm in church. If you would like to consider how to think about and plan a Christian funeral, please do attend this session. Mother Emma and I will be sharing our own thoughts on funerals and we are delighted to be joined by Philip Smyth from JH Kenyon Funeral Directors who will offer some practical wisdom.

We would also like to **thank the Friends of St Mary Abbots** for their generous and successful fundraising towards our new A-frames and noticeboards. Along with the restoration of the west churchyard gates, these boards will go a long way towards making the public face of the church more appealing and approachable. If you wish to contribute to the cost of the boards, check the newsletter below for further details.

Next week sees the return of our **Royal College of Music free lunchtime concerts** on Friday 9th May and there are many more events this week (see dates overleaf). A **full programme of May events** can be via the 'what is on page of the website'. Looking even further ahead there will be a second lecture on the **Nicene Creed on 14th June** at 4pm in the church. Fr Jarel Robinson-Brown will be addressing the question *'Who on earth is Jesus Christ? An Early Church Conundrum'*. This will be a fascinating and engaging talk by an expert in the thought of the Early Church.

O God, who dost heal the sick world by the solemn gladness of the Passover, continue, we beseech thee, to pour forth thy heavenly gifts upon thy people, till the same shall bring them into perfect liberty, and finally avail them unto life everlasting. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (Collect for Easter Monday, Tridentine Missal).

In the peace of Christ, Father Evan

'What Really Happened at Easter' – 6th May

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

Demystifying Death

How to plan a Christian Funeral

Practical and spiritual advice on how to arrange your funeral, your own or a loved one to remove future stress and uncertainty for friends and families.

There will be practical advice from a funeral home director, with the clergy discussing the emotional and spiritual expectations and how to choose prayers, readings and music that best reflect you.

Sunday 11th May 2025 at 4pm
at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, W8 4LA

Friends Appeal for Notice boards.

The Appeal launched by the Friends to replace the old sandwich boards and the larger damaged or aged notice boards on the railings outside church is now in full swing. In two months since the launch they have raised £5,200 of the £7,600 required and we are very grateful to all who have donated so far. They are asking everyone to consider supporting this Friends of St Mary Abbots Appeal. Cheques made payable to "*Friends of St Mary Abbots Church Kensington*" can be sent to the parish office or left in the vestry, given to the Clergy or Virgers or to make a transfer please contact Founding Patron Steve Attack at steveattack@aol.com for the bank details.

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KENSINGTON

Summer Garden PARTY

Saturday 7th June 2025
at St Mary Abbots Vicarage, Kensington, W8 4HN
11.30 am - 2.30 pm

Live Music, Face Painting, Traditional Games
Children's Entertainers and Bouncy Castle,
BBQ, Homemade Cakes, Ice-cream, Tea Stand
Pimms, Gin & Tonic, Wine and Beer

Free Entrance
Children's tokens available on the gate

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