

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 4th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Prayer for the wisdom to make the right choices

Lord Jesus, during these times of uncertainty, I seek your divine presence and guidance. Illuminate my heart and mind with your wisdom, that I may make bold decisions according to your will. Grant me the courage to choose what is right, even when faced with adversity. Let your grace strengthen my resolve, and may your mercy always be upon me in my moments of doubt. Amen



A 6-winged Seraph, Azrael by Mikhail Vrubel. Wikipedia

Those in acute need

Steven Armstrong	Sara Strong	Luke
Thomas Dawnay	Stan Streater	Maria
Roger Merchant	Luke Thomas	Mavis
George Rabbett-Smith	Luke Valavanis	Long-term need
Viv Robinson	Adam	Hillary Bardsley
Jono Robinson	Christopher	Christopher Browne
Annie Redmile	Jean	David Strong
	Lara	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

Noel Coleman, 13 May Ruby Jeffreys, 13 May
Peter Stubbs, Priest, 16 May
Hugh Thomas, 17th May Violet Sale, 17th May

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Welcome to St Mary Abbots

Sunday 11th May 2025

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

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

MONDAY 12th May

8 am Morning Prayer or Bible Study on Zoom
9 am Parents' Prayer Group
12 noon Informal Eucharist (Sunday on Monday)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
7pm Common Fund Meeting (private event)

TUESDAY 13th May

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
4 pm No Youth Confirmation – SATS week
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
7 pm No Adult Confirmation – SATS week

WEDNESDAY 14th May - Matthias the Apostle

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

THURSDAY 15th May

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am School Eucharist – all are welcome
1 pm Cornerstone University Chorale
Free lunch time concert – all are welcome
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 16th 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 17th May

10.30 am Visiting Bell Ringers
12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 18th May – 5th 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 we welcome Anwen, Sophia and Athena to be baptised at our 9.30 am service this morning. This afternoon, at 4 pm, we are offering another opportunity for people to come and think about planning Christian funerals with Fr Evan, myself and Philip Smyth from JH Kenyon Funeral Directors in the High Street. A few people have wondered if this is too gloomy a thought to contemplate on a sunny afternoon, but please may I say that in my experience, if the recently bereaved are able to say, "These were his/her favourite hymns/readings/pieces of music", they find planning a funeral much more comforting than if they have no idea what the person wanted. In the same way as making a will, leaving instructions like these for your funeral service is a great kindness to those you leave behind. Fr Evan and I have both already prepared our funeral services, and look forward to sharing them with you to give you ideas! If you are planning to attend, it would be wonderful if you could let Fr Evan know, so we can provide enough cake...



Next week we look forward to welcoming students from Cornerstone University Choral who will be performing a free lunchtime concert at 1pm on Thursday 15th May.

Three important dates for your diary looking ahead:
On Wednesday 21st May, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in the Long Room at St Mary Abbots Centre. Everyone is warmly invited to hear about the Church in 2024, and those on the Electoral Roll can vote for churchwardens and PCC members.

On Thursday 29th May, we shall have a Choral Eucharist at 12 noon for the Feast of the Ascension, the fourth most important festival of the Christian year, and our preacher will be the Revd Canon Dr Philip Hobday, Canon Missioner at Wakefield Cathedral.

On Saturday 7th June, we are holding the ever-popular Summer Garden Party in the Vicarage Garden from 11.30 to 2.45, this year kindly sponsored by Winkworth Estate Agents. There will be live music, children's entertainers, face painting, BBQ, Ice cream, tea and cake, Pimms, G&T, wine, beer and children's games and activities. Entrance is free but children's vouchers can be bought on the gate. Leonora is looking for as many willing volunteers as possible, besides people happy to make and donate cakes and other goodies for sale. If you would like to make a cash donation towards the cost of food or drink or the entertainment, please contact Petter.

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen. [Prayer for VE Day, Church of England website]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

RECITAL
CORNERSTONE UNIVERSITY CHORALE
from Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA
Director: Dr Kent Walters

Thursday 15th May 1:00 PM
St Mary Abbots
Kensington Church St, London W8 4LA
FREE ADMISSION
DONATION TO GLASS DOOR CHARITY WELCOME

PLEASE JOIN US!
Please email performancesbooking@gmail.com for information and seats reservation

V.E Day Matins and Street Party



Congratulations to the committee, residents, volunteers and parents for an excellent street party last Sunday and in particular to Sarah Janes for all her hard work.

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
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
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