

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 1st Sunday after Trinity

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen.

Collect for the Birth of John the Baptist

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake. **Amen**



Birth of John the Baptist by Jacopo de Pontormo - Wikipedia

Those in acute need

Steven Armstrong
David & Judith Boyd
Nigel Grieve
Roger Merchant
George Rabbett-Smith
Viv Robinson
Jono Robinson

Annie Redmile
Stefan Rogge
Sara Strong
Luke Thomas
Luke Valavanis
Andrew Watson
Adam
Christopher

Jean
Luke
Maria

Long-term need

Hillary Bardsley
Christopher Browne
David Strong
Michael Turner

for those who have died recently

Mavis Gibson Stan Streather
Richard Ames-Lewis

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

Susannah Farrant, 24 June Olwen Haslam, 27 June

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Welcome to St Mary Abbots

Sunday 22nd June 2025

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

SUNDAY 22nd June – 1st Sunday after Trinity

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

MONDAY 23rd June – Etheldreda, Abbess

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

TUESDAY 24th June – Birth of John the Baptist

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY 25th June

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

THURSDAY 26th June

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **School Eucharist** – all welcome
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 27th June

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 – *final this term*
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 28th June – Irenaeus, Bishop

12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 29th June – Peter and Paul, Apostles

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **Choral Eucharist**
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

Message from Mother Emma

It was such a joy to welcome the Georgia Symphony Orchestra Chorus, the Uzee Brown Society of Choraliers and the London African Gospel Choir to our church on Tuesday, and to hear their life-affirming choral singing and see them living out their message of fellowship and unity. Many of us were very moved by the music, and honoured that they chose to finish their tour of the UK and Ireland with us.



The summer sun has definitely arrived, and with it the midsummer festival of St John the Baptist on Tuesday, and next Sunday (29th) the **Feast of St Peter and St Paul**, the pillars of the Christian Church. In honour of Peter and Paul, there will be a Choral Eucharist next Sunday at 9.30 am. This week is also London's Climate Action week, with events taking place across the Borough. As we remember Peter and Paul on Sunday, planting seeds of faith across the world, we shall also think of God's gift to us in his creation and our responsibility for stewarding its resources for the benefit of all his people now and for generations to come.

This may seem a very early announcement for September, but our Patronal Festival this year falls on Sunday 7th September, the first Sunday back after the holidays, and I wonder if I could ask you to **put it in your diary now**. The **Patronal Festival** is the day we remember the Blessed Virgin Mary, for whom our church is named, and also give thanks for all those who have contributed to the parish's long history of worship and care over the centuries, and all of you who continue to make it a wonderful witness to God's glory and love today. Because this is a "whole parish" event, there will be NO 9.30 Eucharist on 7th September, but instead a Festal Choral Eucharist at 11.15 am (with provision for children), followed by a celebratory picnic. We have invited as preacher Canon Adrian Daffern, the Church of England's Senior Officer for Cathedrals and Major Churches, who works with the Major Churches Network, of which St Mary Abbots is a member.

As the holidays approach, please remember those for whom the lack of school meals over the summer can be difficult and consider donating to our Foodbank collection? Just leave any donations in the box at the church door, or take it to the Vestry. Thank you so much.

We continue as a church to pray for God's peace and justice in these anxious times, and our thoughts go out to those in our congregations who have relatives and friends in areas of conflict.

O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world. Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief. We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin. Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. [Church of England website: Topical Prayers]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



An event for year 6 and above. If your child would like to come along please let Martina know. The party last time was epic with so much to enjoy and try out, so don't miss out!

Royal College of Music Concert – Final this term
Next Friday (27th June) at 1.05 we will hold our final Royal College of Music free lunchtime concert of the summer term. Featuring pieces from Debussy, Ravel, Salzedo and Taffanel. We hope the students have a good summer and look forward to their return on Friday 26th September.

Climate Action Week

Saturday 21st to Sunday 29th June

There is a full week of events, workshops and activities happening across Kensington & Chelsea to mark Climate Action week. There is something for everyone: from hands-on fun and family-friendly sessions to inspiring talks and creative workshops. Visit www.rbkc.gov.uk/events to see the full range of events.

July Events

Monday 7th July in the church at 6.30pm

Rev'd Andy Roland Book launches his book 'The church has a past, but does it have a future?' Entrance is free and light refreshments will be provided.

Thursday 10th July in the Vicarage Garden at 7 pm

Churches together in Kensington and Chelsea are holding their AGM and party. RSVP to Chris.Luxton@specr.org

Saturday 12 July in the Vicarage Garden from 12 noon

Friends of St Mary Abbots School summer party and fundraiser run by the parents. Children's activities galore.

Sunday 13th July in the church at 5.30 pm

Fr Jonathan MacNeaney, our former Associate Vicar, will be bringing his choir from St Mary's Balham to join ours for Sung Evensong, and will give a short sermon.