

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 5th Sunday after Trintiy

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for James the Apostle

Merciful God, whose holy apostle James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay. **Amen**



James the Apostle, by Rubens

Those in acute need

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

Annie Redmile
Stefan Rogge
Sara Strong
Luc Thomas
Luke Valavanis
Adam
Daphne
Christopher
Jean

Long-term need
Christopher Browne
David Strong
Michael Turner

Luke
Maria

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

David Griffiths, 20 July Elsie Wilson, 25 July
Dorothy Coleman, 25 July Brian Cripps, 27 July

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Welcome to St Mary Abbots

Sunday 20th July 2025

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

SUNDAY 20th July – 5th Sunday after Trinity

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

MONDAY 21st July

8 am Morning Prayer or Bible Study on Zoom
9 am **No Parents' Prayer Group -resumes 11 Sept**
12 noon **Informal Eucharist** (Sunday on Monday)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 22nd July

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

WEDNESDAY 23rd July

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

THURSDAY 24th July

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **No School Service – resumes 4 September**
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 25th July – **James the Apostle**

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **No Mini Abbots – resumes 5 September**
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
1.05 pm **No Royal College of Music. resumes 26 Sept**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 26th July – Anne & Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

SUNDAY 27th July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

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

Message from Father Tim

Dear all

As we approach the end of the school year, there is much to be thankful for. I believe Mother Emma and Father Evan would agree that our relationship with the school has been especially fruitful this year—not only in how we've been able to serve the school community, but in how the school, its children, teachers, and parents have enriched our Church life in return.



This week we held our leavers' service, a wonderful opportunity to worship one last time on a Thursday with our Year 6 pupils. Many in the year group were confirmed this year, and it has been so encouraging to see how deeply faith is woven into their lives. We will miss them and we pray they flourish in the next stage of their journey. We look forward to hearing how they get on at their new schools—please do remember them in your prayers.

In wider school life, the Church hosted the FOSMAS Summer Fair last week. Thank you to everyone who came and contributed—especially those brave souls who volunteered for the wet sponge stall! It was yet another lovely expression of the healthy and vibrant relationship between Church and school.

We are especially grateful to **Ms Dwulit for her leadership as Acting Head Teacher this year**. Her warmth, direction, and openness have been deeply appreciated. We now look forward to the start of the new term with our incoming Head, Mrs Djerehe.

Over the summer months, things are naturally a little quieter as families, congregants, and staff take some well-deserved time off. As Mother Emma mentioned in her previous email, **Father Evan and I will be sharing responsibility for the incumbency over the summer**. For the next two weeks, please direct any questions or pastoral needs to me, and then to Father Evan afterwards.

Although there are fewer events during the holidays, our regular pattern of services continues throughout the week and on Sundays. On Wednesday we held our monthly Healing Service—a beautiful time of prayer, where we seek God's protection and healing for body, mind, and spirit. People come to be prayed for, both for themselves and on behalf of others. If you've not attended before, I warmly encourage you to consider coming to the next one. It's a very special service, and we enjoy lunch together afterwards.

This Sunday evening we also have our monthly Taizé service—a candlelit, contemplative service using chants from the Taizé community in France. If you haven't experienced it yet, please do consider joining us. It's one of my favourites.

Lastly, we have our **final Sunday School session of the year**. A heartfelt thank you to Martina, our wonderful Children's Worker, who faithfully crafts a programme each week for a lively group ranging from babies to Year 6. Huge thanks also to our amazing volunteers who support her throughout the year—your dedication and care make it all possible. Enjoy your break.

With love and prayers,

Father Tim



Patronal Festival

Choral Eucharist

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Preacher:

The Rev'd Canon Adrian Daffern FSA

Senior Cathedral and Major Churches Officer for the Church of England

Patronal Festival

Sunday 7th September 2025 at 11.15

A reminder to parents heading off on holiday next week that our Patronal Festival will be on 7th September at 11.15 am – almost as soon as you return from the summer holidays. There will be **no 9.30 am service** as the special Patronal celebration will be a combination of both services. As we celebrate the breadth and diversity of our parish community, we would love to invite you to **bring a contribution to the lunch in the Vicarage Garden, which reflects your personal tastes or the country or the culture you come from**. We will have sign-up sheets in church over the summer.



Dalgarno food bank

How to donate: You can bring donations directly to the centre, have it delivered, or contact us to arrange your donation.

Food items	Non food items
Cereal	Deodorant
Soup	Toilet paper
Pasta	Shower gel
Rice	Shaving gel
Tinned tomatoes	Shampoo
Pasta sauce	Soap
Lentils, beans, pulses	Toothbrushes
Tinned meat	Laundry detergent
Tinned veg	Washing up liquid
Tea/coffee	Toilet rolls
Tinned fruit	Sanitary towels & tampons
Biscuits	Nappies
Baby food	Baby wipes
UHT milk	Tooth paste
Fruit juice	

£5 - Could buy a care bag of toiletries
£15 - could provide a person with a bag of food for the week
£45 - Could go towards feeding a family of four for one week

If you would like to make a financial donation, please do so at www.justgiving.com/dalgarnotrust or contact us about other ways to donate.

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Food Bank Donations

A reminder over the holidays to keep donating to the food bank over the summer holidays – a list of what they need can be found above. The blue donation boxes can be found at both entrances to the church but please no fresh food / ready meals as we can't store them. To find out more or donate directly to the food bank please visit the Dalgarno website: www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk.