

## In our Prayers this week

### Collect for 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trintiy

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Prayers for Peace and Hope

O God, we pray for all the children of Abraham in Israel and Palestine and in every country of the world. We pray for Muslims, Jews and Christians that we will draw on the best of our traditions to guide us away from words and acts of division and discrimination so that everyone may be free to live in safety. Protect the vulnerable, strengthen the fearful and comfort the grieving. In Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



Olaudah Equiano, writer and anti-slavery campaigner

#### *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

Luke  
Maria

#### **Long-term need**

Christopher Browne  
David Strong  
Michael Turner

#### *for those who have died recently*

Lavinia Zarrelli

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

Brian Cripps, 27 July Richard Pethybridge, 29<sup>th</sup> July  
Dick Madge, 2<sup>nd</sup> August

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

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

# Welcome to St Mary Abbots Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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

### SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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

### MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> July – Mary, Martha & Lazarus

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

### WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> July – William Wilberforce, social reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, anti-slavery campaigners

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

### THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> August

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. Resume 26 Sept  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)  
2 pm Wedding of Charlotte and David  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> August – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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

## Message from Father Tim

This week, the Church has begun to take on the feeling of summer. With our Sunday children's work now on pause, the final day of the primary school term behind us, the choir beginning a well-earned break (aside from weddings), and many of us starting to head off on holiday, there's a noticeable shift in pace. As we move into a quieter season, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has contributed so much to the life of St Mary Abbots over recent months. Your involvement has made our community vibrant, joyful, and spiritually rich.



Though the rhythm of parish life slows slightly over the summer, I want to highlight a few upcoming events in the autumn that you might like to note in your diary:

First, we're looking forward to the final session in our Nicene Creed lecture series. Fr Evan has done a wonderful job organising these talks, and we've been fortunate to have Fr Simon and Fr Jarel guide us through the history and depth of the Creed. We're delighted that Rev Dr Thomas Sharp will be joining us on Saturday 13th September at 4pm to complete the series. Thomas, who teaches at St Augustine's Theological College and has preached here several times this year, brings both theological depth and heartfelt warmth. I encourage you to attend.

Supporting the homeless and those with complex mental health needs remains a key part of our mission at St Mary Abbots. We have a long-standing partnership with Glass Door, a charity working with homeless individuals. Each year, we participate in sponsored walks and the annual Sleep Out, which this year takes place on October 3rd. Last year, ten members of our congregation slept outside to raise over £9,000 for the cause before the winter shelters opened in November. We also work year-round with caseworkers, making referrals for those we meet in our church and parish. If you've never taken part in the Sleep Out, perhaps this is the year to try — or consider sponsoring someone who does.

We are also deepening our collaboration with SMART (St Mary Abbots Rehabilitation and Training), a wellbeing charity with historic ties to our Church. Last year, SMART hosted a Mental Health Fair at the church that brought together over 300 attendees from across the borough. This year, we're excited to host the event again on Thursday 9th October. Mental health touches us all, and this fair is a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness, connect with support services, and strengthen our community. Please consider attending or volunteering.

Even as we enter a quieter summer season, we remain committed to the life of our Church and parish. Behind the scenes, we continue to nurture partnerships, develop projects, and deepen our spiritual life — all in service of building a more compassionate and connected community.

Wishing you a joyful and restful summer. Blessings, Fr Tim

## Vigil for Peace

**A time for silence, solidarity,  
reflections and prayer  
for people and countries  
living with war and conflict**

**First Sunday of every month  
3.00-4.00pm**

**The Alec Clifton-Taylor  
Memorial Garden**  
Kensington Church Walk, W8 4SG.



**For people of all faiths and none.  
Everyone welcome**

for information, including change of venue in bad weather,  
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## Monthly vigils for peace

All are welcome to join the peace vigils in the gardens beside the church which take place on the first Sunday of every month. The vigils were first set up immediately after Russia invaded Ukraine and now include the conflict in Gaza, as well as other areas of conflict as they arise. The prayers are appropriate to people of all faiths and none.



## St Mary Abbots Gardens

Last week Opportunity Kensington officially launched a pollinator pathmaker in St Mary Abbots Gardens, tying in with the new More than Human exhibition at The Design Museum. The Pollinator Pathmaker is an artwork for pollinators, planted and cared for by humans. We were fortunate to host the designer of Pollinator Pathmaker, Alexandra Daisy Ginsberg, along with Chief Executive of the Design Museum, Tim Marlow, to view the garden on Monday, which was planted with the help of St Mary Abbots School children and Tadpoles nursery. Do go and take a look after visiting the church.