

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 7th Sunday after Trinity

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer in time of natural disaster

Almighty God, by your Word you laid the foundations of the earth, set the bounds of the sea, and still the wind and waves. Surround us with your grace and peace, preserve us through these storms. By your Spirit lift up those who have fallen, strengthen those who work to rescue or rebuild, and fill us with the hope of your new creation. **Amen**



Mary Sumner, founder of the Mother's Union

Those in acute need

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

Annie Redmile
Sara Strong
Luke Valavanis
Adam
Daphne
Christopher
Jean
Luke
Maria

Long-term need

Christopher Browne
Stefan Rogge
David Strong
Michael Turner

for those who have died recently

Luc Thomas

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

Peter Watt, 4th August

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

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Welcome to St Mary Abbots

Sunday 3rd August 2025

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

SUNDAY 3rd August – 7th Sunday after Trinity

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

MONDAY 4th August

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 5th August – Oswald, King & Martyr

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

WEDNESDAY 6 August - Transfiguration of our Lord

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

THURSDAY 7th August

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 8th August – Dominic, priest

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 9th August – Mary Sumner

10am Wedding of Anastasia and Alexander
12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 10th August – 8th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Holy Eucharist with Baptism
11.15 am Cantor Matins
5.30 pm Sung Evensong with Voluntary Choir

Railings Project – The work starts

Message from Father Evan

Those of you who have passed the church recently may notice that there are works taking place at the west entrance to the churchyard. We are delighted to say that the newly-restored gates are soon to be replaced and will look very fresh and Victorian indeed! New stone footings will precede the gate installation which should be completed by mid-August. We are grateful for the patience of our summer brides who continue to brave the unsightly temporary gates to enter the church and make their vows.



The third and final lecture on the Nicene Creed will be taking place on 14 September at 4pm (followed by tea and cake). The Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp will be leading a deep-dive into the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the life of the Church. For those of us who say the creed each Sunday at the parish eucharist, this lecture will help us to speak with greater confidence and understanding when we confess what we believe. Free tickets are available on the website or via QR code on the event poster.

We often think of summer as a slow time of year, and it can sometimes feel unproductive. But we shouldn't forget that a good farmer lets their field lie fallow from time to time to allow the soil to replenish its nutrients. Rest and 'unproductive' time are important, and they are not only opportunities for recuperation but for real personal growth. If you're feeling the need to keep up the pre-summer pace, perhaps take a moment to reflect on the value of time spent in slowness and lack of doing. God's best work often requires us to stop and simply be in his presence. Let me encourage you to allow your summer to be one of quiet presence; I assure you, you will see the benefit of it.

Thank you to those of you who continue to volunteer to serve in the sanctuary, to welcome people to church, and to read from the scriptures at services. We are grateful for your gift to our parish community. St Mary Abbots thrives because people offer themselves; we are glad that our church is worthy of your offering.

"Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen". (Collect for the 22nd Sunday after Trinity)

In the peace of Christ,

Fr Evan

Answering God's Call

Saturday 13th September 2025

If you have ever considered joining the Ordained Ministry or have thought about becoming a Licenced Lay Minister Bishop Emma will be leading a workshop with guest speakers, discussions, prayer, and a Q&A session at St Stephens Church in Twickenham, TW1 2ED. To find out more and book a place: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/answering-gods-call-tickets-1336372388789?aff=oddtcreator

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**

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