

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 9th Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Summer *(from strength in prayer)*

In the warmth of the summer, as we gather with friends and family, we offer our gratitude for these precious moments. May our gatherings be filled with laughter, love and shared memories that last a lifetime. Bless our time together and help us cherish each moment.



The story of Bartholomew the Apostle

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

Gay Babbage, 18th August Clifford Eastwood, 18th August
Rosemary Rowles, 23rd 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 17th August 2025

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

SUNDAY 17th August – 9th Sunday after Trinity

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

MONDAY 18th 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 19th August

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

WEDNESDAY 20th August – Bernard, Abbot

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon HEALING Eucharist
4 pm Wedding of Hope and Billy
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 21st 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 22nd 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. resumes 26 Sept
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 23rd August

12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 24th August – Bartholomew the Apostle

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Parish Eucharist
11.15 am Cantor Matins
Church Closes
5.30 pm No Evensong

Message from Mother Emma

It has been a great joy to welcome new people to baptism in the church over the summer, most recently Octavio and Shahrzad last Sunday, and to celebrate with a good number of couples (almost one each weekend!) as they marry or come to receive a Blessing on their civil marriage. We pray for God's blessing on them as they receive these sacraments and enter a new stage in their lives.



I am glad to be back in the parish after my holiday, and am very grateful to Fr Tim and Fr Evan, with all the parish team, for leading the church so beautifully in my absence. Our prayers are with all those of you who travel at this time, as well as those who are in Kensington during this extraordinary summer weather, and we look forward to welcoming you to church this Sunday.

We continue to seek new volunteers to be commissioned in September for a wide range of ministries around our church, and ask you to speak to one of the clergy or to email Leonora if you feel God is calling you to serve him here in a particular way.

Many thanks to those who have already added to their regular financial giving for the year ahead; it is only thanks to your offerings in the collection or by standing order that we are able to offer a wide range of services, events and pastoral care, as well as maintaining the fabric of our beautiful building week by week. If you have not yet considered increasing your giving, please do think about this prayerfully and in gratitude for God's good gifts to you.

We are flagging up once again our Patronal Festival on Sunday 7th September. As we have said before, there will be a joint Festal Choral Eucharist for the whole parish at 11.15 am on that day, and there will be NO Parish Eucharist at 9.30 am. The service will be followed by a lunch in the Vicarage Garden, and we are inviting you this year to bring and share a dish which you specially enjoy cooking or eating, or which reflects your family or culture. Please let Leonora know what you will be able to bring.

Do keep an eye on our website and on the posters around the church for all the events coming up this autumn – services, Christian education, concerts and talks. It is a delight to be part of such a thriving and supportive community, and I pray that you are finding time to relax and be restored before the Autumn begins. For those wondering about the status of the West Gates restoration, there has been a pause as a new pipe has been ordered to replace a cracked Victorian one found in the excavations, but we hope to see things moving forward again next week.

A prayer for pilgrims and for those who travel: *Be for us our companion on the way, our guide at the crossroads, our breath in our weariness, our protection in danger, our shade in the heat, our light in the darkness. So, with your guidance, we may arrive safe and sound at the end of our Journey. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Save the Date: Autumn

- 7 September Patronal Festal Choral Eucharist at 11.15
With celebration afterwards
- 13 September Nicene Creed talk in church at 4 pm
Free entry
- 3 October Glass Door Sleep out at 9 pm
Sign up to take part
- 7 October Victorian Society in church at 7 pm
Tickets £10
- 9 October SMART mental health day in church, 11.30
Free entry
- 15 October Piano Recital by Zoya Shuhatovich
tickets £15.

God the Holy Spirit' – a Nicene Creed Anniversary Talk Saturday 13th September 2025 at 4pm

The Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp, Tutor in Pastoral Theology at St Augustine's College of Theology will discuss how the invisible, silent and humble Spirit is the giver of life. As the final of our lecture in the church to mark the 17000 anniversary of The Creed we hope you will attend. Entrance is free but if please let Father Evan know if you are coming to arrange enough cake!


The Victorian Society Presents

LATE VICTORIAN & EDWARDIAN
FURNISHINGS IN THE CHURCHES
OF KENSINGTON & CHELSEA

A TALK BY REV'D DR EVAN MCWILLIAMS

Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 7pm

AT ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, KENSINGTON W8 4LA



TICKETS £10

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