

In our Prayers this week

Collect for Holy Cross Day

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Collect for 13th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days. **Amen**



Ninian as intercessor from the Book of Hours. Pintrest

Those in acute need

Steven Armstrong
David & Judith Boyd
Nigel Grieve
Sue Last
Lord Alton of Liverpool
Roger Merchant
George Rabbett-Smith
Annie Redmile

Sara Strong
Luke Valavanis
Adam
Daphne
Christopher
Jean
Luke
Maria

Long-term need

Christopher Browne
Viv Robinson
Jono Robinson
Stefan Rogge
David Strong
Michael Turner

for those who have died recently

Terence Jones-Stanley

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

Janet Polley, 15th September James Dawney, 15th September
Seymour Dallas, priest, 20th September
Jean Carr-Gomm, 21st September

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Welcome to St Mary Abbots

Sunday 14th September 2025

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

SUNDAY 14th September – Holy Cross Day

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Holy Eucharist with Baptisms
11.15 am Choral Matins
5.30 pm Sung Evensong with voluntary choir

MONDAY 15th September

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 16th September – Ninian, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10.30 am St James School Service
12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY 17th September – Hildegard, Abbess

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

THURSDAY 18th September

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

FRIDAY 19th September

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

SATURDAY 20 September – John Coleridge Patterson

12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 21st September – Matthew, Apostle

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Choral Eucharist
Preacher: Hakan Sandal-Wilson, LLM
11.15 am Choral Matins
5.30 pm Taizé Eucharist

Message from Father Evan

What a fantastic time we all had last weekend at the Patronal Festival. It was great to see so many of you worshipping together from our various congregations and joining in the garden party afterwards. The food was incredible, and it was so wonderful to have representative dishes from so many countries and cultures. St Mary Abbots is a beautifully diverse community and it's a great blessing to know that we all have an equal place in the family of God. Photographs of the event can be found on the 'Gallery' page of the website.



The Friends of St Mary Abbots deserve praise too for their generous contribution to new church signage. Quality signage is part of the 'face' of the parish church. A good face can draw people to look further, and we hope this little but important improvement will help others to see that we are an active and engaging place which takes appropriate pride in itself. Photographs of the presentation can be found on the 'Support/Friends of St Mary Abbots' page of the website which also has information about the friends and how to join.

Taking pride in who we are and what we offer, yesterday we held the final lecture celebrating the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp, Tutor in Pastoral Theology at St Augustine's College spoke about the work of the Holy Spirit - a topic I could do with learning more about myself! Thank you to those who joined us and we hope that you enjoyed both the talk and the cake and tea afterwards.

Slightly further ahead, I will be giving a talk for the Victorian Society on Late-Victorian and Edwardian Church Furnishings in Kensington & Chelsea on 10 October. Tickets are £10 and proceeds are divided between the VicSoc and St Mary Abbots. The period from about 1890 to 1914 was a very rich one in terms of church art and I hope to be able to share some highlights from local churches in an engaging and interesting way. Do come along for the fun- no previous experience of church art (or Victoriana) is required. Tickets are available on the 'what is on' page of the website.

O God, you sanctify your universal Church in every people and nation; pour out, we pray, the gifts of your Spirit across the face of the earth, so that your divine grace, which was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, may now spread through the hearts of those who believe in you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen. (Collect from Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit)

In the peace of Christ, Father Evan

Glass Door Sleep Out – 3rd October 2025 at 9pm

Join the team for the annual London Sleep Out raising money for homeless charity Glass Door. Last year, ten members raised over £9,000 which we wish to match! To sponsor www.justgiving.com/team/teamstmaryabbots or to sign up talk to Father Tim – address overleaf.

Patronal Festival and Picnic



At the Patronal, the Friends of St Mary Abbots presented a cheque for £5,000 raised this year for new signage outside the church. Steve Atack, founding Patron, thanked all those who donated towards the fund. If you would like to join the Friends, donate or find out more about their agenda, which aims to raise funds for projects which enhance our beautiful and historical church, please contact Steve Atack directly at steveatack@aol.com



We would also like to thank all the volunteers who came to help beforehand, and wash up and put chairs and tables away after the picnic, and to everyone who bought such generous and delicious amounts of food. We were blessed with the weather after all and it has been lovely to have so many messages from those who enjoyed themselves.

Piano Recital on Wednesday 15th October

Zoya Shuhatovich will perform pieces from Bach – Busoni, Beethoven, Chopin and Albeniz. Tickets £15 via the 'what is on Page' of the website or contact Leonora. Profits will be shared between Zoya & the Church, so please come and enjoy this wonderful autumn concert.