

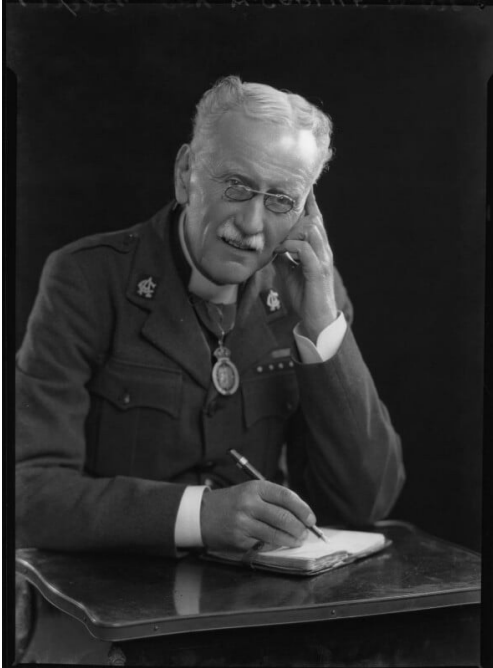
In our Prayers this week

Collect for Matthew the Apostle

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Collect for 14th Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army

Those in acute need

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

Annie Redmile
Sara Strong
Luke Valavanis
Adam
Daphne
George
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

Jean Carr-Gomm, 21st September
Isobel Fletcher, 22nd September Paul Sale, 24th September

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Welcome to St Mary Abbots

Sunday 21st September 2025

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

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**

MONDAY 22nd 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 23rd September

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

WEDNESDAY 24th September

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

THURSDAY 25 September – Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop

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

FRIDAY 26th September – *Wilson Carlile, Founder of The Church Army & St Mary Abbots' Curate*

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am Mini Abbots
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
1.05 pm Royal College of Music free concert
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 27th September – Vincent de Paul

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

SUNDAY 28th September – 15th 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 Mother Emma

Today we celebrate the Feast of St Matthew – some of you may have noticed that we are now using incense to mark all the major feast-days, traditionally known as red letter days in the liturgical calendar.



I am very excited to be able to report that on Tuesday of this week, Hakan Sandal-Wilson was licensed by the Bishop of London at St John's Notting Hill, to become our new Licensed Lay Minister at St Mary Abbots. Hakan has been a well-known member of the parish for several years, as reader, altar-server, coffee-server, member of the PCC and of the Deanery Synod, and he also led one of our Lent discussion groups last year. He has been preaching from time to time during his training to be an LLM, but today we shall welcome him in his new role. Hakan will be preaching once a month, as well as leading or convening various groups, and in due course also leading at Evensong. He has written a short introduction himself (see overleaf).

In addition, many of you will remember Helen Rowland, who has served as our PCC Secretary and a regular member of the servers' team, and who has been exploring a vocation to ordination. In July, Helen was recommended for training for the ordained ministry, and in August, we said goodbye to her as she moved to an ordination placement parish in St Albans Diocese, with the love, thanks and prayers of this parish. Bishop Emma, the Bishop of Kensington, has written to us: *"I want to thank you so much for all your help, prayers and support in helping Helen Rowland discern her calling to ordained ministry in the Church of England. Thank you for the investment of time, energy, resources, and dedication from you and your parishioners. Please pass on my thanks to all those in the parish who have contributed to helping Helen discern her calling. I will be praying for the parish as you continue to discern and accompany those whom God is calling to lay and ordained ministry in the Church and I am confident that many others will be inspired in their contribution to the growth of God's Kingdom"*

Finally, our Parish Manager, Petter Kringberg, who is currently a Licensed Lay Minister at St Thomas' Kensal Town, has also been recommended for training for ordination! We send Petter all our love and congratulations, though I am relieved to say that he will be studying part-time here in London for the next three years, so we don't have to face the prospect of losing him from our staff team yet. Please pray for him, Helen and Hakan on the next stages of their journey.

If, as Bishop Emma suggests, there are others in the congregation who have been wondering if they are hearing God's call to some kind of lay or ordained ministry in the church, please don't be shy about coming to discuss this with one of the clergy.

Next week, Fr Tim will be writing this message about his outreach events – see 'save the date' overleaf - but in the meantime, may I remind you of the Glass Door Sleepout on

3rd October. If you would like to join the team sleeping out in Duke of York Square, please do get in touch with Fr Tim or check the 'what is on' page of the website if you feel able to sponsor them.

Almighty God, you have entrusted to your Church a share in the ministry of your Son, our great high priest: inspire by your Holy Spirit the hearts of many to offer themselves for the ministry of your Church, that strengthened by his power, they may work for the increase of your Kingdom and set forward the eternal praise of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, Amen (Embertide collect, CW Times and Seasons)

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

A message from Hakan, our new LLM



"No words can fully express my joy at becoming a Licensed Lay Minister to serve our St Mary Abbots church community and the wider Church. Studying and working towards becoming an LLM filled me with a peaceful and humbling sense of fulfilment in my calling. But it was not a solitary journey. I felt the love and support of the St Mary Abbots church community at every stage, and I will remain forever grateful for that. As Christians, we are called to service—both in the world and in our own church. Guided by that calling, and trusting in God's love and the equipping of the Holy Spirit, I will do my best to deepen our relationships with one another and with Jesus Christ in every moment I can"



Harvest Festival

Please could you bring a contribution to the church on 5th October for Harvest Festival? All contributions go to The Upper Room, a West London charity that helps feed and rehabilitate the homeless. Their wish list includes sugar, Herbs, spices, stock cubes, rice, chopped tomato, cooking oil, instant coffee and biscuits and more and can be found on our website: About us / affiliated Groups and Charities / The Upper Room

Save the date: Autumn

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| 29 September | Wellbeing Session – Anxiety |
| 3 October | Glass Door Sleep out at 9 pm
Sign up to take part |
| 6 October | Wellbeing Session – Resilience |
| 7 October | Victorian Society in church at 7 pm
Tickets £10 via our 'what is on' webpage |
| 9 October | SMART mental health day in church, 11.30
Free entry |
| 13 October | Wellbeing Session – Minds and Bodies |
| 15 October | Piano Recital by Zoya Shuhatovich
tickets £15. via our 'what is on' webpage |