

In our Prayers this week

Collect for The blessed Virgin Mary

Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**

Collect for 12th Sunday after Trinity

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Those in acute need

Steven Armstrong
David & Judith Boyd
Nigel Grieve
Sue Last
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 Luc Thomas

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

Queen Elizabeth II, 8 September Ella Duffy, 9 September
Marcus Ames-Lewis, 10 September Susan Maxwell, 11 September
Michael Gabitass, 11 September Rosalind Woodward, 11 September

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Welcome to St Mary Abbots

Sunday 7th September 2025

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

SUNDAY 7th September – Patronal Festival

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **No Holy Eucharist**
11.15 am **Festal Choral Eucharist to celebrate our Patronal Festival**
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

MONDAY 8th September – Birth of the Virgin Mary

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 9th September

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

WEDNESDAY 10th September

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

THURSDAY 11th September

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

FRIDAY 12th 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 13th September – John Chrysotom, Bishop

12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
4 pm **Nicene Creed talk 'God the Holy Spirit'**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

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**

Message from Mother Emma

It has been lovely to welcome back many members of the congregation and staff team who have been travelling over the summer, and we were delighted to be able to host the new Reception parents from St Mary Abbots School for coffee in the church this week. Our prayers are with all those starting a new class, a new school or a new job this autumn.



Just in case you have missed our emails whilst you were away, **today is our Patronal Festival; there is NO Eucharist service at 9.30 am, but there will be a joint Festal Choral Eucharist for everyone at 11.15 am (with children's provision), followed by lunch in the Vicarage Garden.** We are delighted to welcome Canon Adrian Daffern as our preacher, and also to have the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of RBKC and their family with us on this special occasion. Thank you so much to all those who have made donations or offered to bring food for the party – it all sounds delicious! People of all ages are very welcome at the lunch; we are praying for good weather, but have some splendid big tents to shelter under if there are temporary showers.

Looking ahead, we have the third and final lecture in our series on the Nicene Creed coming up on Saturday 13th September at 4 pm. The Revd Dr Thomas Sharp will be speaking about '*God the Holy Spirit – how the invisible, silent and humble Spirit is the giver of our life*'. Entrance is free but for numbers it would be helpful if you could book a space via the 'what is on' page of the website. Please do join us in the church for the talk and questions and then tea and cake, followed by Evening Prayer at 5.30 pm if you are able to stay.

You are welcome with us today as we celebrate our wonderful church community, past and present, and join with one another in worship and feasting!

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem; grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (Times and Seasons: Dedication Sunday post-communion prayer)

With my love and prayers

Mother Emma

God the Holy Spirit

*how the invisible, silent and humble Spirit
is the giver of our life'*

a talk to mark the 1,700th anniversary of
The Nicene Creed with
The Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp

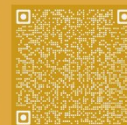
Father Thomas is Tutor in Pastoral Theology at St Augustine's College of Theology. His research focusses on pastoral care and theologies of safeguarding, death and human weakness. He is provincial secretary of the Society of Catholic Priests in Europe, working for inclusive catholic evangelism within the Anglican Communion.



at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, W8 4LA

Saturday 13th September 2025 at 4pm

Free
tickets
below



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Wellbeing sessions to improve our health

We will be hosting a series of workshops at the church: *Understanding Anxiety* on Monday 29 September, *Developing Resilience* on 6 September and *Caring for our Minds and Bodies* on 13 October at 1.15 after Sunday on Monday. Entrance is free but please contact please contact cnwl.recoverycollege@nhs.net, or call 020 3214 5686 or Father Tim if you would like to attend.

Glass Door Sleep Out – join the team!

Over the last five years we have put together a team to take part in the annual London Sleep Out on behalf of homeless charity Glass Door. Last year, ten members of our congregation slept outside to raise over £9,000 which we would like to match or even to better! If you've never taken part in the Sleep Out, perhaps this is the year to try – it is taking part on 3rd October and starts at 9pm - or consider sponsoring someone who does. For more details please talk to Father Tim.

Piano Recital by Zoya Shuhatovich Wednesday 15 October 2025

Playing pieces from Bach – Busini, Beethoven, Chopin and Albeniz. Tickets £15 via the 'what is on' page of website and profits divided between Zoya and Church

YMIC – October Youth Camp

Youth Ministry in Communion (YMIC) have arranged a wonderful camping trip for year 7 and above from 27th – 30th October. On offer are many outdoor activities including high ropes, mountain biking, archery and more. Please contact Martina for more information.