

## In our Prayers this week

### Prayer for the harvest and generosity

Let us ask the God of Creation to send a blessing upon us. Let the earth be fruitful and its resources be hallow. Upon Aid agencies send a blessing O Lord. Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry; where war brings want, and children go hungry; where the poor cry out for bread and for justice, give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous. We pray for your ancient promise that while the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease – let us share your bounty. **Amen.**

### Collect for 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Lent

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves. Through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**



#### 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

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

Henry Roberson, 1<sup>st</sup> October    Cicely Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
Joyce North, 5<sup>th</sup> October

#### 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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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

#### SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Thanksgiving

*Please bring donations of dried & tinned food*

8 am    **Holy Communion** (BCP)  
9.30 am    **Family Eucharist**  
11.15 am    **Choral Matins**  
5.30 pm    **Sung Evensong**

#### MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> October – William Tyndale, Translator

8 am    Morning Prayer or Bible Study on Zoom  
9 am    Parents' Prayer Group  
12 noon    **Informal Eucharist** (Sunday on Monday)  
1 pm    **Wellbeing Session** – Developing Resilience  
5.30 pm    Evening Prayer

#### TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> October

8 am    Morning Prayer via Zoom  
12 noon    **Holy Communion** (BCP)  
5.30 pm    Evening Prayer  
7 pm    **Victorian Society Talk** (£10 tickets on door)

#### WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> October

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

#### THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> October

8 am    Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30    **School Eucharist** – all are welcome  
12 – 4pm    **SMART Mental Health Day** – free entrance  
5.30 pm    Evening Prayer

#### FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> October - Paulinus, Bishop & Missionary

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 11<sup>th</sup> October

12 noon    **Holy Communion** (BCP)  
3 – 7 pm    **Peal of Bells for the Foundation of our Parish**  
5.30 pm    Evening Prayer

#### SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> October – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8 am    **Holy Communion** (BCP)  
9.30 am    **Holy Eucharist with Baptisms**  
*Preacher: Rev'd Marisa Sifontes, Associate Rector, St James Church, Madison Avenue, New York*  
11.15 am    **Choral Matins**  
5.30 pm    **Sung Evensong with voluntary choir**

## Message from Father Evan

We are looking forward to celebrating our Harvest Thanksgiving with you this morning and are grateful to all those who have bought food to the school service or today. This will be given to the Upper Room, a charity who work with the homeless and run a food bank. Your offerings will make a huge difference.



Coming quickly on the heels of a very successful Mental Health/Wellbeing day arranged by Fr Tim, we have another scheduled for Monday afternoon at 1pm, following the noon Eucharist. This session will be about Developing Resilience, and if this is an area of life in which you could use some help, do consider coming along.

On Tuesday at 7pm I will be giving a talk for the Victorian Society on late-Victorian and Edwardian church furnishings. Despite the title, this is really a talk about the culture and theology of the Edwardian period, so no previous knowledge or special interest in church furnishings is required. I've had great fun writing this talk and I hope to see some of you there. Proceeds from £10 tickets are split between the VicSoc and the church.

On Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> we will host St Mary Abbots Rehabilitation and Training World Mental Health Day. This will include activities, lunch, and a panel discussion focussing on mental health and mental health provision in the borough. The event will run from 12-4pm and is free to attend.

Later in the month, on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Zoya Shuhatovich will perform a concert of piano music by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and more. Ms Shuhatovich performs internationally and we are delighted to welcome someone of her quality to St Mary Abbots. The concert is at 7pm and tickets are £15 and available online or on the door.

On Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>, some of us will be walking to Westminster Abbey through the parks of London for the Edwardtide Pilgrimage. Edward the Confessor was king of the English from 1042-66 and is the only English monarch to have been canonised (declared a saint). If you are interested in making this pilgrimage, please speak to one of the clergy. Further details will be forthcoming next week.

Finally, thank you to all who slept out or sponsored others in the Glass Door Sleepout over the weekend. There is still time to donate to Glass Door, so if you haven't yet sponsored one of our team, please consider doing so.

Amidst all the events, fun, and busyness of life, we pray that God will grant continued peace our land, prosperity for all, and mercy to us in our failures. *O God, who hast crowned the blessed King Edward, Thy Confessor, with the glory of eternity: make us, we ask, so to venerate him on earth that we may be able to reign with him in the heavens. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* (Collect for St Edward the Confessor, from The Divine Office)

In the love of Christ, Fr Evan

**ZOYA SHUHATOVICH**  
**IN CONCERT**

As part of her 2025 European tour the American pianist will be performing pieces by Bach - Busoni, Beethoven, Chopin and Albeniz at  
**ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, KENSINGTON W8 4LA**  
**WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 7PM**

*"She has temperament, warmth, command of the instrument, and a big, singing sound..... She is a first rate musician... she dazzles audiences with her musical skills..." Ostsee Zeitung*

**TICKETS: £15**  
**DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE**  
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## SAVE THE DATE – NOVEMBER

### 2<sup>nd</sup> November – All Souls Requiem

A sign up sheet will be available next week to add the names of loved ones which will be read out during the service. The choir will sing extracts from Duruflé's Requiem.

### 7<sup>th</sup> November - Bonfire Night

Tickets will be available on-line soon – watch this space. If you would like to volunteer please talk to Leonora.

### 9<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday

This year we are hosting the civic service for Kensington and Chelsea. Please gather at the war memorial at 10.55.

### 20<sup>th</sup> November - Quiz Night

Ed Warrick and Jamie Dunford-Wood will be hosting a quiz night at the St Mary Abbots Centre. Teams of 8 or alternatively sign up and be assigned to one! Tickets £10 in advance or £12 on the door – tickets available soon.

### 29<sup>th</sup> November - The Victorian Christmas Fair

With carol singers, Punch and Judy, face painting, mulled wine, hot chocolate, children's activities, Christmas stalls, including Beatrix Potter stall. If you could volunteer to help or bring a cake please let Leonora know.