

## In our Prayers this week

### Prayer for all Saints

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness. **Amen.**

### Collect for all Souls

O Father of all, we pray to thee for those whom we love, but see no longer. Grant them thy peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**



All saints and all souls fresco. St Peter's Church

#### Those in acute need

Steven Armstrong  
Judith Boyd  
Nigel Grieve  
Lord Alton of Liverpool  
Roger Merchant  
Carol Ann Philips  
Robin Price

George Rabbett-Smith

Annie Redmile  
Sara Strong  
Luke Valavanis  
Adam  
Daphne  
George  
Jean

Luke  
Maria

#### Long-term need

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

#### For those who have died recently

Phyllis Beard Hugh Dunford-Wood John Dunkin  
Philip Fryer Brian Johnson Christopher Wilson

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

Ciceley Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> November Joyce North, 5<sup>th</sup> November  
Alexandra Horsley, 6<sup>th</sup> November Olive Fuller, 7<sup>th</sup> November

#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

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

#### SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> November – All Saints & All Souls

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30 am Family Eucharist  
11.15 am Choral Matins  
5.30 pm **The Commemoration of All Souls**  
with movements from Duruflé's Requiem

#### MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Richard Hooker, priest

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 4<sup>th</sup> November

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

#### WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> November

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

#### THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> November

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 **School Eucharist** – all welcome  
2.30 pm **Rainbow Poetry Group** on 'The Far East'  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

#### FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> November – Willibrord Bishop

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  
6 pm **Bonfire Night** (ticketed event)

#### SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> November – Saints & martyrs of England

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

#### SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> November

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)  
9.30 am **Remembrance Eucharist** for families (short)  
10.50 am **Civic Act of Remembrance**  
at the war memorial followed by  
**Service of Remembrance**  
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong** with Voluntary Choir



## Message from Father Tim

Today the Church marks **All Saints and All Souls**. This will be my third time at St Mary Abbots for this service, and it's strangely been one of the most significant for me. I have not lost any body close to me recently but coming together communally for reflection, remembrance and hope is vital for all Christians to reflect on the ongoing connection between the living and those who have died. It is an opportunity for us all to confront grief, honour loved ones and collectively support each other in the light and assurance of God's eternal promise in Christ. It is an opportunity to name and remember the dead and affirm their worth and the importance of our relationships. The actual service incorporates readings, prayers and music that reflect on mortality and the hope of the resurrection. It also gives us an opportunity to think of our own mortality. I find this service not only makes me feel sorrow, but it also gives me life and energy for life. It affirms that life matters, our relationships matter.

We are happy to report and celebrate that we have raised **over £19,000 from our sleep out for homeless charity Glass Door**. 13 members of our congregation ranging from 10 years old to I think 60 years old, slept outside on a blustery night in Chelsea. It has helped raise money for Glassdoor as they open their shelter doors for the winter in November. The shelters provide warmth, safety and care for those in need. A massive thankyou to all who took part and donated, you're all stars! It's truly making a difference.

For events coming up, Leonora is looking for volunteers to help set up during the day for **Bonfire night** – people to set up in the garden and prepare the mulled wine, children's games and sausages! If you like to volunteer at one of the liveliest evenings of the year, do get in touch!

If you're a quiz person, please do put the church **quiz night in your diary, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November**. Ed and Jamie will be quiz masters and they'll be putting on a evening of trivia, fun and a bit of friendly competition. I'm awful at quizzes but like to leech of the knowledge of others, so don't worry if you're not the quick of the draw, like me! You can buy a bottle on the night or bring one and pay corkage and please bring food to share. Tickets £10 in advance online, and £12 on the door, form a team of 8 or be placed in one – and there will be raffle prizes! If you would like to volunteer please contact Leonora who will put you in touch with Ed and Jamie.

Blessings, Fr Tim

## New Bishop of London – your opinion needed

The Church is now entering the formal process to discern the needs of the Diocese, which will ultimately lead to the appointment of a new Bishop of London. They would like to hear from London parishes and you can fill in the survey here: [www.london.anglican.org/articles/help-shape-the-future-of-the-diocese-of-london/](http://www.london.anglican.org/articles/help-shape-the-future-of-the-diocese-of-london/)



## Victorian Christmas Fair, 29<sup>th</sup> November

Sponsored by Riverstone

Leonora is still looking for good quality bric-a-brac for the church stall. Thank you to all who have dropped items off so far, and please add a note as to who you are so that we can say thank you!

For those that missed it last week, thanks to Steve Attack's efforts (founding member of the Friends of St Mary Abbots) we now have a **sponsor for the Fair – Riverstone Living**, Kensington. Riverstone specialise in selling luxury apartments for over 65s who want to keep their independence but with excellent facilities. There is a 24 hour concierge, an on-site maintenance team, a swimming pool, gym, and various weekly exercise classes; an on-site cinema, lectures on opera and meeting rooms as well. See [Riverstoneliving.com](http://Riverstoneliving.com) for more information.

## Church Quiz Night

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7pm

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH  
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**ST MARY ABBOTS**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

RAFFLE

THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

St Mary Abbots Centre, London, W8 4HN

7pm - 10pm

Tickets £10 online  
Tickets £12 on the door

Teams of eight or join a parish team  
Wine available to purchase / bring food to share

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## YMIC Youth Camp trip



This week members of YMIC headed off to the Youth Camp for half term adventures of high ropes, camping, archery and more. The next YMIC event (for year 7+) will be on 12 November at St Andrews church, with laser tag, firepit, games – please contact Martina to sign up.