

## In our Prayers this week

### Prayer of Commemoration for the fallen

Father of all, remember your holy promise, and look with love on all your people, living and departed. On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever all who have suffered during war, those who returned scarred by warfare, those who waited anxiously at home, and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned; those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss. Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world. And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** (CoE website)



#### *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*

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

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

Terry Pritchard, 11 November    Christiana Abegunde, 13 November  
Emily Plane, 16 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 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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

#### **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

#### **MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> November** – Leo the Great, Bishop

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 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Martin, Bishop

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

#### **WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> November**

8 am    Morning Prayer via Zoom  
12 noon    **Holy Eucharist**  
5.30 pm    Evening Prayer  
6.30 pm    **Volunteers Party** (*invitation only*)

#### **THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Charles Simeon, priest

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

#### **FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> November**

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 15<sup>th</sup> November**

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

#### **SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> November** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

8 am    **Holy Communion** (BCP)  
9.30 am    **Holy Eucharist** with Baptisms  
11.15 am    **Choral Matins**  
5.30 pm    **Taizé Eucharist**

## Message from Mother Emma

This year we are once again honoured to host the Civic Remembrance Service for Kensington and Chelsea. The Mayor and Councillors of RBKC and representatives of the Royal British Legion, service and civilian organisations, gather at the War Memorial at 10.50 am to remember before God those who have died fighting for their country in the cause of peace. This is followed by the Service of Remembrance in the church, and all are warmly invited to join us. Our preacher will be the Revd Dave Matthews, Chaplain to the Mayor and Associate Vicar of St Luke's, Redcliffe Gardens. Our 9.30 Family Eucharist will also reflect on the issues raised by remembering those who have fallen in war and by pledging to work for peace in our world.



Looking further ahead, we are turning our minds towards the Advent and Christmas period, beginning with the Christmas Fair on 29<sup>th</sup> November, sponsored by Riverstone. Leonora is continuing to recruit anyone who could volunteer to help on the day itself, and also to ask for donations of good quality bric-a-bric or homemade cakes for sale.

Please make a note in your diary that the beautiful Advent Service of Light with our professional choir will take place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30 pm, and tickets are now on sale for Handel's Messiah (part 1) on 14<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30 pm – please check on the 'what is on' page of the website for details or contact Leonora if you do not have access to a computer.

You may be interested to read the Diocese of London's website, which features an article from Fr Tim and the work he has been leading on mental health in the parish, which is now expanding to help train clergy and church workers across the Diocese: [www.london.anglican.org/articles/grace-in-action](http://www.london.anglican.org/articles/grace-in-action).

Thank you all for your continued support and faithfulness. We are delighted to welcome you at all our services and, as ever, would be glad to receive any feedback on aspects of our worship or community outreach which you think might be helpful as we grow in numbers and in depth of faith.

*Majestic and gracious God, more awesome than the agents of war, more powerful than the wrath of nations, restrain the violence of the peoples and draw the despised of the earth into the joyful life of your kingdom, where you live and reign for ever and ever, Amen.* [Common Worship: Response to Psalm 76]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

## 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. 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/)

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH  
KENSINGTON

# Victorian Christmas Fair

at St Mary Abbots Church  
Kensington, London, W8 4LA

Victorian Carol Singers,  
Punch & Judy  
Face painting  
Childrens Games & activities  
Christmas stalls  
BBQ & home made cakes  
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**Saturday 29th November 2025**  
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## Victorian Christmas Fair, 29<sup>th</sup> November

### Sponsored by Riverstone



As mentioned by Mother Emma we are looking forward to seeing you at our Christmas Fair on 29<sup>th</sup> November sponsored by Riverstone. We now have a full contingent of Christmas stalls which are in the back of the

church and include jewellery, creams and lotions, cakes and jam, Christmas decorations, beautiful scarfs and fabrics, candles and plants as well as the 'church merch' stall, featuring our beautiful Christmas cards, aprons, mugs, tote bags and bookmarks, and then the churches toy and joke stall, bric-a-brac (still looking for more if you have some), and books. Next week we will take a look at the entertainment and refreshments, but in the meantime please put a note in the diary for a bit of Christmas shopping.

## Christmas Outreach – Buy a Gift

Lucille and her helpers are once more arranging a Christmas Day lunch at the St Mary Abbots Centre for vulnerable residents from the borough. On the day they arrive, sing carols and eat a wonderful lunch. They are also given a present and it's this part we would love your help with. If you would be willing to buy a gift for someone on the list please let Leonora know, and she will send you the item that they would really like to have!