

In our Prayers this week

Collect for the 3rd Sunday before Advent

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Prayer for Elizabeth (Justus Anglican prayers)

Almighty God, by whose grace your servant Elizabeth of Hungary. Recognized and honored Jesus in the poor of this world: Grant that we, following her example, may with love and gladness serve those in any need or trouble, in the name and for the sake of through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



St Elizabeth of Hungary spinning for the poor, Marianne Stokes

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

John Dunkin Philip Fryer Brian Johnson Christopher Wilson

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

Emily Plane, 16 November Penelope Carver, 17th November
Guy Libby, 17th November Penelope Fergusson, 22nd November

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Welcome to St Mary Abbots

Sunday 16th November 2025

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

SUNDAY 16th November – 2nd 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**

MONDAY 17th November – Hugh, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer or Bible Study on Zoom
9 am Parents' Prayer Group
9.30 am **Deanery training day** (ticketed event)
12 noon **Holy Eucharist** (NO Sunday on Monday)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 18th November - Elizabeth, princess

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

WEDNESDAY 19th November – Hilda, Abbess

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

THURSDAY 20th November – Edmund, King

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

FRIDAY 21st 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 22nd November

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

SUNDAY 23rd November – **Christ the King**

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **Choral Eucharist**
Preacher: Rev'd Folli Olokose,
Kensington Area Director of Ordinands
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
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5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

Message from Father Evan

Thank you so much to everyone who made last week's Remembrance Day services such a success. Many of the dignitaries and local counsellors commented favourably on how well St Mary Abbots acquitted itself at the Civic Service; we should be very proud of our church!



The Advent Challenge:

This year we would like to **challenge you to engage more fully with the prayer and worship aspect of Advent by committing to attend one extra service per week during the four weeks of the season.** Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for receiving Our Lord Jesus Christ and contemplating not only his first coming as a baby in Bethlehem, but his future second coming as the one who will 'judge the living and the dead'. Prayer and public worship with other believers is a key part of our growth as Christians.

There are 23 services a week at St Mary Abbots: daily Morning Prayer (via Zoom) at 8am, the Mass at 12 noon in St Paul's Chapel every day except Thursday, daily Evening Prayer at 5.30pm in the Resurrection Chapel and the four Sunday services at 8am, 9.30am, 11.15am, and 5.30pm. You can see a full list of these services and their variations on the newsletter, on our website services page or on posters outside church. You can also take this copy of the newsletter home with you so you have it to hand!

Each of the weekday services take around 30 minutes so I hope you will find the time for just a little extra heaven-focussed prayer in the otherwise often very worldly build-up to the Christmas holidays. You might, for example, commit to attending Morning Prayer online for four Mondays or a Saturday noon Mass for the four weeks of Advent. If you are interested in Morning Prayer in particular, please email one of the clergy who can send you the Zoom link. Please also note that because of evening carol services there will be **no Evening Prayer in church between Monday 1st to Friday 12th December.**

Among the many upcoming events for the Advent season, let me draw your attention especially to the Quiz Night at 7pm on 20 November at St Mary Abbots Centre. I attended this for the first time last year and had an uproariously fun evening. Tickets are £10 online or £12 on the door- and worth every penny. You can either form a team of 8 people or make up the numbers on an existing team when you arrive.

Preparations for the annual **Christmas Fair** continue and we are excited to welcome a fine list of entertainers including Punch and Judy, the ballet School, carol singers and Facepaint – more details and timings can be found on the next page. Many thanks to Riverstone Living for their support of this year's fair. Visit www.RiverstoneLiving.com to learn more about our generous sponsor.

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Postcommunion for the 1st Sunday in Advent)

In the love of Christ, Fr Evan



Victorian Christmas Fair, 29th November

Sponsored by Riverstone

We are delighted to announce the line up of wonderful entertainers for the Christmas fair in a couple of weekends time: Professor James will be returning with his **Punch & Judy show**, the students of **Natalia Kremen Ballet School** will once more delight us with a display of ballet and we have a brand new group of **Carol singers** who will keep us in the Christmas spirit and in the children's entertainment area we have **JoJos Amazing Face Painting**. The fair opens at 11.30 and ends at 2.30, so we hope you will join us for some Christmas shopping, drink some mulled wine or hot chocolate, or come and eat a delicious burger. Entrance is free – we hope to see you there.

Food Bank Donations

A reminder as the weather gets colder the amount of people resorting to the food banks increases, so the next time you are shopping please **consider buying an extra item** to be donated to the food bank in the church. The blue donation boxes can be found at both entrances but please remember not to bring any fresh food / ready meals as we can't store them. The food is then taken to the food bank by volunteer drivers on Thursday in the late morning. If you would be willing to drive the food to the Dalgarno trust please Leonora know. To find out more or donate directly to the food bank please visit the Dalgarno website: www.dalgarnotruster.org.uk.