

## In our Prayers this week

### Collect for Christ the King

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

### Prayer for those who mourn (CofE)

Father, you know our hearts and share our sorrows. We are hurt by our parting from those whom we loved: when we are angry at the loss we have sustained, when we long for words of comfort, yet find them hard to hear, turn our grief to truer living, our affliction to firmer hope in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Christ the King. Pintrest

#### *Those in acute need*

Steven Armstrong  
Judith Boyd  
Nigel Grieve  
Lord Alton of Liverpool  
Roger Merchant  
Robin Price  
George Rabbett-Smith  
Annie Redmile

Sara Strong  
Curtis Thurn  
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*

Orlando Ames-Lewis    Monika Ahlström    John Dunkin  
Philip Fryer    Barb Thurn

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

Joseph Crosthwaite, 24 November    Suzanne Green, 28<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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

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

### SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Christ the King

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.30 am **Choral Eucharist**

Preacher: The Rev'd Folli Olokose,  
Kensington Area Director of Ordinands

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

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5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

### MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> November

8 am Morning Prayer and Bible Study on Zoom

9 am Parents' Prayer Group

12 noon **Informal Eucharist** (Sunday on Monday)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> November

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)

3 pm [Funeral Service for John Dunkin](#)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> November

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Eucharist**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> November

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 **School Eucharist** – all welcome

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### FRIDAY 28<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 concert (*last in 2025*)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> November

11.30 – 2.30 **Victorian Christmas Fair**

[Sponsored by Riverstone. Free entry](#)

12 noon **No Holy Communion** (BCP)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> November - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

5.30 pm **Advent Service of Light**

## Message from Mother Emma

Today we are very much looking forward to welcoming **The Revd Folli Olokose, Area Director of Ordinands for the Kensington Area**, to preach to us at both the Eucharist and Matins on the Feast of Christ the King. This feast marks the end of the church's liturgical year (the next one begins on Advent Sunday), and we do hope you will be able to come and celebrate with us as we are privileged to hear sermons from one of the senior leaders in our Episcopal Area.



Preparations for the Advent season start in earnest next week, with our **Christmas Fair**, sponsored by Riverstone, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, and the wonderful **Advent Service of Light by candlelight** at 5.30 pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> with our professional choir. Please join us for both these time-honoured traditions in St Mary Abbots' church and community life. If you are still able to help with the Fair, or willing to bring a cake to the homemade cake stall please contact Leonora. You can visit [www.RiverstoneLiving.com](http://www.RiverstoneLiving.com) to learn more about our generous sponsor.

I would also encourage you to take up the **Clergy Challenge** set out by Fr Evan last week, to attend one extra service each week during Advent as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ. A full list of our services can be found on the 'Sunday and Weekday services' page of our website.

We were delighted to be able to host a Diocese-wide event for clergy, parish staff and volunteers from a wide variety of churches on Monday, as we received excellent training from CNWL Recovery and Wellbeing College, NHS Central & North West London, and CNWL Peer Lived Experience Workforce on the subject of '**Grace in Action - supporting Mental Health with compassion and confidence**'. My thanks to Fr Tim for building these wonderful links and planning the event, and to Leonora for the publicity and all the parish staff for their help on the day. Pictures from the event can be found on the gallery page of our website.

As I write we are preparing for the church quiz which is taking place tonight in the centre and we are grateful to Jamie Dunford Wood and Ed Warrick for arranging and leading the evening to raise funds for the work, worship, upkeep and outreach of our lovely church. Thank you to all who volunteered and gave raffle prizes.

*King of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high: we pray for the peoples and nations of the earth. Grant that the world may be made subject to your just and gentle rule: that your children may learn to live together in peace, justice and freedom. Amen.* [Christ the King, 'Look with Mercy', Eric Simmons CR]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

## Food Bank Donations

A reminder that food bank is in need of your donations - 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. To find out more or donate directly to the food bank please visit the Dalgarno website: [www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk](http://www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk).

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  
mulled wine, hot chocolate & more!

**Saturday 29th November 2025**  
**Free entry**      **11.30 am - 2.30 pm**  
Children's activity voucher £10 & £6 on the door

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

A final reminder that our Christmas Fair takes place next Saturday – it opens at 11.30 and ends at 2.30, so we hope you will join us for some Christmas shopping, enjoy our entertainers, with lots of activities for the children, drink some mulled wine or hot chocolate, or come and eat a delicious burger. Entrance is free – but there will be vouchers for the children's activities and toy stall.



## Handel's Messiah (part 1)

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 5.30 pm

A reminder that tickets are now available for part 1 of Handel's Messiah, sung by our professional choir and The Purcell Players. Tickets are £15 per person and include a glass of mulled wine and mince pie. The performance, by candlelight, is the perfect way to hear the story of the nativity. If you do not have access to a computer please let Leonora know and she will leave tickets on the door for you.