

In our Prayers this week

Collect for Christmas Eve

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Collect for Christmas

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**



Decorating the Christmas Tree

Those in acute need

Steven Armstrong
Judith Boyd
Sheila Carter
Roger Merchant
Eve Mitleton-Kelly
Robin Price
George Rabbett-Smith

Annie Redmile
Sara Strong
Luke Valavanis
Adam
Jean
Luke
Maria

Long-term need

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

For those who have died recently

Orlando Ames-Lewis Elizabeth Freeman
David Sherman Andreas Whittam Smith

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

Jean Atack, 22nd December Prudence Watt, 23rd December
Caroline Dinwiddy, 23rd December John Worsley, 24th December
Gwen Robson, 25th December Tovah Cameron, 25th December
Robert Cook 27th, December Maggie Currey, 29 December
Christine Zochonis, 30th December Sheila Uglow, 1st December
Hartle Bourne, 3rd January Simon Egert, 3rd January

The Parish and Vicarage offices are open from 10am – 5pm

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Welcome to St Mary Abbots

Sunday 21st December 2025

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

SUNDAY 21st December – 4th Sunday of Advent

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **A service of Nine Lesson and Carols**
by candlelight with our professional choir

MONDAY 22nd December

8 am Morning Prayer and Bible Study on Zoom
9 am **No** Parents' Prayer Group - resumes 12 Jan
12 noon **Informal Eucharist** (Sunday on Monday)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 23rd December

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



WEDNESDAY 24th December – CHRISTMAS EVE

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
2 – 6pm **A peal of bells for Christmas**
4 pm **Children's Crib Service**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
11 pm **Midnight Mass by Candlelight**



THURSDAY 25th December – CHRISTMAS DAY

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am **Festal Choral Eucharist**
11.15 am **Festal Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Christmas Eucharist at the crib**



FRIDAY 26th December – Stephen, Deacon

8 am **No** Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **No** Mini Abbots – resumes 9th January
10 am **Church Opens** – bank holiday opening hours
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
1.05 pm **No** Royal College of Music – resumes 23 Jan
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 27th December – John, Apostle

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



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
KENSINGTON

Sunday 28th December 2025

SUNDAY 28th December – The Holy Innocents

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Parish Eucharist
11.15 am Matins
5.30 pm Sung Evensong

MONDAY 29th December – Thomas Becket, Archbishop

8 am No Morning Prayer or Bible Study on Zoom
9 am No Parents' Prayer Group - resumes 12 Jan
10 am Church Opens – bank holiday opening hours
12 noon Holy Eucharist (No Sunday on Monday)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 30th December

8 am No Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am Church Opens – bank holiday opening hours
12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY 31st December

8 am No Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am Church Opens – bank holiday opening hours
12 noon Holy Eucharist with covenant for New Year
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 1st January – Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

8 pm No Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am Church Opens – bank holiday opening hours
9.30 No School Service – resumes 8th January
12 noon Holy Eucharist
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 2nd January – Basil the Great & Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am No Mini Abbots – resumes 9th January
12 noon Holy Eucharist
1.05 pm No Royal College of Music – resumes 23 Jan
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 3rd January

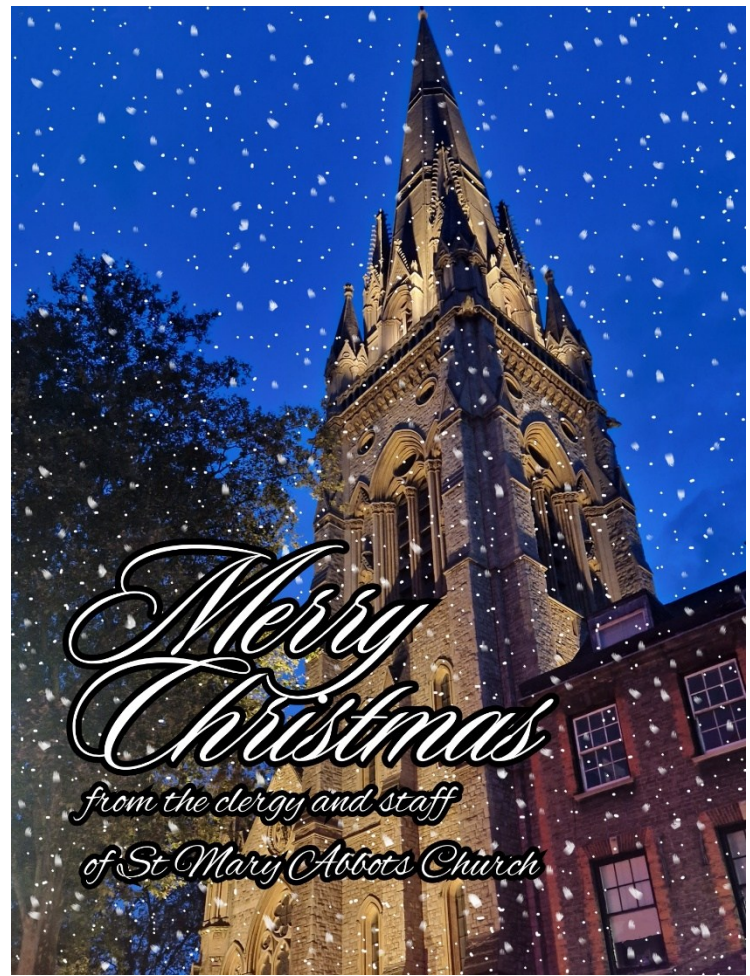
12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 4th January – 2nd Sunday of Christmas

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

Food Bank

A reminder over the Christmas holidays is to keep donating towards the food bank. The donation boxes can be found at the entrance to the church but no fresh food/ready meals as we can't store them! To make a cash donation www.dalgarnotruster.org.uk. We are also looking for large plastic bags so we can pack and deliver the items to the food bank on Thursday mornings.



Message from Mother Emma

As we approach the last Sunday of Advent, this is a two-week edition to cover the Christmas period. Please find overleaf **all our Christmas services**, beginning with the beautiful Nine Lessons and Carols at 5.30 pm this Sunday (21st), and listing all the services over the Feast of Christmas itself. We look forward very much indeed to welcoming you, your friends, families and visitors to St Mary Abbots during this time. If you are away this Christmas, you will be in our prayers and we ask you to take our blessings to whatever church welcomes you on Christmas Day.



May I wish you, on behalf of the clergy and staff, a peaceful and happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year. It has, once again, been a joy and a privilege to minister to such a warm, supportive and faithful community, and we look forward with hope and anticipation for our growth in faith over the year ahead, inspired by the coming of the Christ-child in this holy season.

God our Father, the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she was to be the mother of your Son. Help us, whom you call to serve you, to share like her in your great work of bringing to our world your love and healing. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, Amen. [Common Worship: Times and Seasons, Advent 4]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma