

## In our Prayers this week

### Collect for Baptism of Christ

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

### Prayer for Baptism candidates

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth. Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean. Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life. As children of God we have a new dignity and God calls us to fullness of life. **Amen.**



The Baptism of Christ from the Book of Hours. Pintrest

#### Those in acute need

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| Steven Armstrong     | Sara Strong    |
| Judith Boyd          | Luke Valavanis |
| Sheila Carter        | Adam           |
| Roger Merchant       | Daphne         |
| Robin Price          | George         |
| George Rabbett-Smith | Jean           |
| Annie Redmile        | Luke           |
|                      | Maria          |

#### Long-term need

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

#### For those who have died recently

Elizabeth Freeman      David Sherman

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

Robert Layland, 12 January,      Frederick Lloyd, 14 January  
Joan Martin, 15 February,      Samir Abourahme, 17<sup>th</sup> January  
David Wilson, 17<sup>th</sup> January

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

### Welcome to St Mary Abbots Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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

#### SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> January – **Baptism of Christ**

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

#### MONDAY 12 January – Aelred, Abbot

8 am      Morning Prayer  
8.30 am    Bible Study on Zoom  
9 am      Parents' Prayer Group  
12 noon    **Informal Eucharist** (Sunday on Monday)  
5.30 pm    Evening Prayer

#### TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> January – Hilary, Bishop

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

#### WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> January

8 am      Morning Prayer via Zoom  
12 noon    **Holy Eucharist**  
2.30 pm    **Funeral Service of David Sherman**  
5.30 pm    Evening Prayer

#### THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> January

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

#### FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> January

8 am      Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 am    Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Centre  
12 noon    **Holy Eucharist**  
1.05 pm    **No** Royal College of Music – resumes 23 Jan  
5.30 pm    Evening Prayer

#### SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> January – Antony of Egypt

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

#### SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany and Week of prayer for Christian Unity

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

## Message from Father Evan

I hope you all enjoyed Christmas at St Mary Abbots last year. I especially enjoyed the Children's Nativity, with all the children dressed as their favourite nativity characters and really engaging with the service, and then for the final day of Christmas on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January the wonderful turn out for the Epiphany Choral Eucharist. The clergy are feeling very encouraged by the level of engagement with worship and prayer.



To help nourish such engagement we will be putting on a **Teaching Mass** for the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul on Sunday, 25 January - you may remember that last year we held a Teaching Mass at one of the Family Eucharists. The teaching mass takes us through each part of the service and explains the history behind each action, and we hope that it will offer greater depth of teaching and understanding – even for those who attend regularly - so please mark your diaries and come and learn more about the rich history of our worship.

As the great Epiphany celebration continues, we will once again be asking if you might **donate towards the candles** which will be blessed at Candlemas on 2 February. You can choose to sponsor candles ranging from the enormous Paschal Candle, which represents Christ himself, to the small tea lights which represent our prayers. Your donation can be made in memory of someone special which will be added to the service sheet at the Candlemas celebration. Last year your generosity bought most of the candles for the whole year - can we outdo ourselves this year? A sign-up list will be available after the services this week

A reminder to parents that **children hoping to attend a Church School**, whose places are allocated on the basis of weekly attendance over a number of years, should ensure that their children are signed up for Sunday School so that their attendance is marked. If your child is not signed up, please speak to Martina. Further details can be found overleaf.

Finally, we welcome today two baptism families at our 9.30 am Eucharist, where James, Adelaide and Penelope will be baptised witnessed by their family, friends and the congregation. This is an important first step in their Christian Journey.

*O God, to whom glory is sung in the highest, while on earth peace is proclaimed among men of goodwill; grant that same goodwill to us Thy servants; cleanse us from evil, and give peace to all Thy people; through Thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. Amen.* (from the Spanish Mozarabic Liturgy)

With love, Fr Evan



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IN KENSINGTON  
& CHELSEA

and Churches Together  
in Notting Hill



Etchmiadzin Cathedral, Armenia  
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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026



## Churches Together in Kensington & Chelsea Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026

This year's annual service for Christian Unity Week will be held at Kensington United Reform Church, Allen Street, W8 6DL with the Rev'd Fr Shnork Bagdassarian, Pastor of St Sarkis Church on the theme of 'One body, One spirit'. There will be light refreshments after the service and all are welcome.

### MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

#### Does your child hope to attend a Church of England primary or secondary school?



School admissions criteria require very precise numbers of church attendances – anything from 12 to 30 services per year over a period of 1 – 5 years (please check the criteria on the relevant school's website – all schools are different!). The Vicar can only sign the school's form confirming the number of attendances if these have been recorded in the Sunday School register. Please make sure that your child is registered by filling in a form with Martina [children@stmaryabbots.org.uk](mailto:children@stmaryabbots.org.uk) and then check that they are marked on the register each time they attend, whether they join Sunday School or remain in church.

#### Lecture: The Nunnery at Hammersmith

Thursday 12 February 7pm

Alex Dijkhuis will be giving a talk in the chapel on Hammersmith Broadway (212 Hammersmith Road) about the extraordinary and wonderful goings on at the clandestine convent that operated there! Nuns in disguise; lying in court; and a new discovery that the organ there, smuggled out of Paris by nuns, is one of the rarest in Europe. *'The talk was absolutely fascinating, and delivered with intelligence, warmth and humour. I urge everyone to go next time!'* They are raising money for the restoration of their cloister paintings. Tickets are £12 and you can email: [comms@sacredh.lbhf.sch.uk](mailto:comms@sacredh.lbhf.sch.uk)

#### Food Bank Donations

A reminder that at this time of year your donations to the food bank are even more necessary. The donation boxes can be found at the entrance to the church but please no fresh food / ready meals as we can't store them! To find out more or donate in cash the website is [www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk](http://www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk).