

Services this Week

SUNDAY 1st February - **Candlemas**

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.30 am **Family Eucharist**

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

5.30 pm **Festal Choral Evensong**

MONDAY 2nd February

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 3rd February – Anskar, Archbishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY 4th February

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Eucharist**

5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

With Imperial College Chamber Choir

6.30 pm **Safeguarding Training – Basic**

THURSDAY 5th February

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am **School Eucharist** – *all welcome*

2.30 pm **Rainbow Poetry Group**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 6th February

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Centre

12 noon **Holy Eucharist**

1.05 pm Royal College of Music

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 7th February

12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)

1.30 pm **Memorial Service for Robert Prior**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 8th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.30 am **Parish Eucharist** with Sunday School

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

Safeguarding

St Mary Abbots Church regards the safe care and protection of children and vulnerable adults as of the utmost importance. Please contact Rona at Safeguarding@stmaryabbots.org or the Diocesan helpline: 02079321224.

This Week can you help with.....

Food Bank Donations

At this time of year your donations to the food bank are even more necessary. We support the Dalgarno trust whose donation boxes can be found at the entrance to the church - but please no fresh food / ready meals as we can't store them! For more info: www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk.



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 1st February 2026

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



Presentation of Christ at the temple. Window from Shrine of our Lady of La Salette.



Please join us for coffee between our 9.30am Eucharist service and 11.15 Matins. Attenders from both services are welcome.



Thank you for supporting our church's work, worship and upkeep. There are cash donation safes and standing order forms by the South Door and card readers at both entrances, or you can scan the QR code.

See overleaf for this week's services.

Message from Mother Emma

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you to our **Teaching Eucharist** last week, and I hope you found it helpful. If you would like more information, or would like a copy of Fr Evan's script, please do let us know. We hope to do another one for children, with more details about the physical actions later in the year. A huge thank you, too, to Martina, our children's worker, and to all the Sunday School leaders, helpers and parents who helped to facilitate the new-look Sunday School procession and format. Of course, this will become smoother as we all get used to it, but we hope that it will enable families to be more closely involved with the worship, and the children to see more connection between church and their group activities. All feedback gratefully received!



This week we celebrate the wonderful Feast of Candlemas (the Presentation of Christ in the Temple), as we mark the end of Christmas and Epiphany and begin to look ahead to Lent, Holy Week and Easter. As the liturgy puts it, "We turn from the Crib to the Cross." We shall also be blessing all the candles which you have so kindly donated to be used in all our different services throughout the year; we are very grateful for your generosity, and hope that you will enjoy seeing the candles you have given being used to remind us of Christ, the Light of the World.

A reminder that sadly, **Fr Tim's last day with us will be on Sunday 1st March**. If you would like to contribute to a leaving present for him, please do put it in the collection in a separate envelope, marked "For Fr Tim's gift", or contact Pether for details of how to give online. There will be refreshments to toast Fr Tim and wish him well between the Eucharist and Matins on 1st March, so please do put this date in your diary now. He will be leading and preaching at both services that day. **The date of his Induction and Collation as the new Vicar of St Peter de Beauvoir, Hackney, has now been set for 7 pm on Wednesday 18th March**. The clergy and staff teams will be travelling together to the church to support him and would be glad if anyone would like to join us – please let us know.

Almighty and everlasting God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen [Collect for Candlemas]

With my love and prayers, Mthr Emma

Parish News

Imperial College University Chamber choir

Wednesday 4th February 2026 at 5.30 pm

We are delighted that the students from Imperial College Union will be returning for a second Choral Evensong on 4th February at 5.30pm. They will be performing traditional music written for this beautiful service by the great composers of the past but also, for the first time, music they have composed especially for the Psalm. They hope that the music, words and silence create a time for reflection, stillness and peace. All are welcome.

'Jump Start' – YMIC event

22nd February, 5 pm – 7.30 pm

YMIC (Youth Ministry in Communion) are holding their first event of the year which will be at a Trampoline Park in W3. This is for years 7 – 13, tickets are £5 and dinner is included. Please contact Martina to sign up.

Organ Outreach Project – St Mary Abbots School

St Mary Abbots School will be taking part in St Paul's Cathedral Organ Outreach Project on 3rd February with a digital organ being delivered to the school so that workshops led by Jeremiah Stephenson (Organ Education Lead) can then take place. Year 5 will then go to a special organ project day at the cathedral in March. They are only

one of three LDBS schools taking part – well done the school!



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
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Choral Evensong

ICU Chamber Choir

Imperial College Union Chamber Choir
Wednesday 21st January 2026, 5.30 pm
Wednesday 4th February 2026, 5.30 pm
Wednesday 4th March 2026, 5.30 pm

At St Mary Abbots Church,
Kensington, W8 4HN

This week we pray for

Steven Armstrong	Mike Roberts	Long-term need
Steve Atack	Sara Strong	Christopher Browne
Judith Boyd	Luke Valavanis	Nigel Grieve
Eric de Bellaigue	Adam	Viv Robinson
Roger Merchant	George	Jono Robinson
Robin Price	Jean	Stefan Rogge
George Rabbett-Smith	Luke	David Strong
Annie Redmile	Maria	Michael Turner

For those who have died recently

Robert Prior Daphne

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

Sarah Lamping, 6th February Robert Lane, 8th February

How to contact us

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