

Services this Week

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** *with voluntary Choir*

MONDAY 9th 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 10th February

- 8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
- 7.30 pm **Deanery Synod** at St Mary Abbots

WEDNESDAY 11th February

- 8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 12 noon **HEALING Eucharist**
(moved for Ash Wednesday next week)
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 12th February

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

FRIDAY 13th 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 14th February – Cyril & Methodius, Missionaries

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

SUNDAY 15th February – Sunday next before Lent

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

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.....

Volunteering

There are many volunteer roles at the church: on Sundays Welcoming, Readers, Altar Servers, Coffee Team, Sunday School and voluntary choir, or during the week: Mini Abbots Baby & Toddlers, Food Bank, Bell Ringing, Flower Arranging and during the year help at our church events and YMIC youth group. To find out more ask the Clergy for a Volunteer form and Confidential Declaration.



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 8th February 2026

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



Cyril and Methodius from Ecumenical Encyclopaedia of Saints, Joachim Schafer.



On Sundays, everyone attending the 9.30 Eucharist or 11.15 Matins is warmly invited to join us for coffee and biscuits in the school hall next door at 10.30 am.



Thank you for donating to support our church's work, worship and upkeep. There are cash 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 so good to celebrate the **Feast of Candlemas** with you at our different services last Sunday – many thanks to the children who participated in our Family Eucharist and the choir who sang so beautifully at Evensong. Particular thanks to everyone who donated candles for the year ahead; I hope that you will enjoy seeing them reflecting the Light of Christ in our church as the seasons and special occasions go by.



I am delighted to say that the Bishop of Kensington (and Acting Bishop of London), Bishop Emma, will be joining us again on Thursday 4th June for a **Service of Confirmation**. Every year we combine with our neighbouring parish, St Philip's Earls Court Road, to

prepare both youth and adult candidates to take the next step on their Christian journey through Confirmation. We offer eight preparation sessions between the start of Lent and the Confirmation Service itself (avoiding the Easter holidays, SATS week and bank holidays), and this year these will take place on a Monday, at 4 pm for the youth (Year 6 and above) and at 7 pm for the adults. The venues will move between St Mary Abbots Church or vicarage and the church or vicarage at St Philip's. If you would be interested in joining, please speak to or email one of the clergy as soon as possible and definitely before 23rd February, when the sessions begin. If you are not yet baptised, but would like to be confirmed, we can arrange baptism first at the Easter Vigil on Saturday 4th April at 8 pm. We shall be sending out letters to the parents of all Year 6 children at St Mary Abbots School, but if your child is at another school and would like to join the classes, please let us know.

As Lent approaches and we prepare to mark **Ash Wednesday** on Wednesday 18th February, with a Choral Eucharist at 12 noon and a Said Eucharist at 5.30 pm, each with ashing, we ask if you would kindly **return your palm crosses from last year**, to be burned into the holy ash used on Ash Wednesday. There will be a box by the church door or give them to one of the virgers.

God of mercy, by whose grace along we are accepted and equipped for your service: stir up in us the gifts of your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. [Common Worship: Post Communion prayer for Confirmation]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



Blessing the candles generously donated for Candlemas last week.

Tour and lunch at Riverstone Wednesday 25th February at 11am

Riverstone who sponsored our Christmas fair are inviting a group from St Mary Abbots for a tour of the apartments followed by a lunch. Riverstone specialise in beautifully designed residences for those over 65 who value independence, individuality and well-being. Please contact Jenny Gilder by **18th February** to join the tour on 07799383039 or jenny.gilder@Riverstoneliving.com

ASH WEDNESDAY

'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return'



Wednesday 18th February 2026

8.45 am Imposition of Ashes
Outside the Church

12 noon Choral Eucharist
With imposition of Ashes

5.30 pm Said Eucharist
With imposition of Ashes

**World Day of Prayer Service
Friday 6th March from 7 pm**

Churches Together in Kensington and Chelsea and Churches Together in Notting Hill will be holding a World Day of Prayer Service at the church. The service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Nigeria by women from their parishes, communities, friends and family. We are delighted that Mother Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu, Curate at St John's Notting Hill will lead the service. National and Cultural attire is welcome. For more information please contact Kristin555@btinternet.com

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

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

Robert Lane, 8th February Annie Lloyd, 9th February
Pauline Bellamy, 11th February Richard Gatehouse, 15th February

For those who have died recently

Cathleen Fox Daphne

How to contact us

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