



Burning Palm Crosses to create ash for Ash Wednesday



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 15th February 2026

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

Services this Week

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**

MONDAY 16th February

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

TUESDAY 17th February – Janani Luwum, Archbishop and Shrove Tuesday

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

WEDNESDAY 18th February – **ASH WEDNESDAY**

- 8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 8.45 am **Imposition of Ashes** *outside the church*
- 12 noon **Choral Eucharist** *with our professional choir with imposition of Ashes*
- 5.30 pm **Said Eucharist** *with imposition of Ashes*

THURSDAY 19th February

- 8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 9.30 am **No** School Eucharist (*half term*)
- 12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 20th February

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

SATURDAY 21st February

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

SUNDAY 22nd February – 1st Sunday of Lent

- 8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
- 9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**
- 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.



Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Church of Uganda and Martyr (17th February)



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 this QR code.

Message from Mother Emma

We much look forward to welcoming you to our services this coming Sunday, the final Sunday before the beginning of Lent. Please could I also flag up again the services on Ash Wednesday (18th February), when we shall be offering a Choral Eucharist at 12 noon and a Said Eucharist at 5.30 pm. If you know of anyone who is unable to come to church and would like to be ashed at home that day, please let the clergy know as soon as possible.



More reminders:

- ❖ The date for the **return of Confirmation forms for our youth preparation sessions** is this weekend; if you are an adult and would like to join the classes, please send your email address either to Leonora or to one of the clergy as soon as possible, so that we can let you know details of the first session, and send you a registration form and timetable. The sessions will begin on Monday 23rd February (straight after half-term).

❖ On Sunday 1st March, we shall be **sadly saying goodbye to Fr Tim** and thanking him for everything he has brought to our parish and school over the past two and a half years. Fr Tim will be celebrating at both the 9.30 am Eucharist and 11.15 Matins, and we really **hope that people from both services will join us** for farewell drinks and cake at 10.30 am. If you would like to contribute anything to the party, please let Leonora know, and if you would still like to contribute towards his leaving gift, please place it in a clearly marked envelope in the collection or contact Petter.

❖ There will be **no Sunday School** for the next two Sundays during half-term, but there will be activities available for children to do in the pews and we are always delighted to see all our families at any time. We pray that those of you going away will travel safely, and that those remaining in London can find time and space for refreshment.

Send your holy angels to watch over us, O God, that on our lips will be found your truth and in our hearts your love, so we may ever see your goodness in the land of the living, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen [Common Worship, response to Psalm 34]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Clergy Update

We were delighted to see Father Christopher, our former Associate Vicar, last week and he has sent the following message *“Hello to you all from Minnesota! On a very brief flying visit last week en route to a funeral in Somerset, I was really touched to hear of the prayers you have been offering for my parish here in St Paul and for the people of both our cities (we live in Minneapolis, and the cities merge together, hence the collective term ‘Twin Cities’). As you will have seen in the news, things have been really tough here for the last few weeks, and people at my church have been stepping up to take food to people who are too scared to leave their home and to offer lifts to people who need to get to work, but are afraid to drive themselves in case they are stopped. Things have eased a little now, but there is still a tense atmosphere. The incredible sense of community which has been in evidence is giving great hope, but so is the wider sense of community through prayer with the church in other places.”* Our thoughts are with him and his parishioners.

Other News: Job Opportunity

The Archdeacon of Middlesex, The Ven Richard Frank, is recruiting for a PA to provide comprehensive administrative support, working closely with clergy, churchwardens, parish officers, and diocesan colleagues. Their work would directly support local churches across West London, helping parishes flourish, buildings be cared for, clergy supported, and key diocesan processes run smoothly. The role would be full-time for the first 18 months, based out of their Twickenham offices, with hybrid working welcomed.

To find out more, go to <https://pathways.churchofengland.org/> and search for "Archdeacon of Middlesex".

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

This week we pray for

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

and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time
 Richard Gatehouse, 15 February William Wilson, 18 February
 Ailsie Corble, 18 February Hugh Mainprice, 19 February
 Alison Nicholson, 20 February Samir El-Kadi, 21 February
 Pedro Da Gama, 21 February

For those who have died recently

Cathleen Fox Daphne

How to contact us

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