



Mothering Sunday choir

Services this Week

SUNDAY 22nd March – Passiontide Sunday

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

MONDAY 23rd March

- 8 am Morning Prayer and Bible Study on Zoom
- 9 am Parents' Prayer Group
- 12 noon Informal Eucharist (Sunday on Monday)
- 4 pm Youth Confirmation Class – St Philips' Church
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
- 7 pm Adult Confirmation Class – St Mary Abbots' Vicarage

TUESDAY 24th March

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

WEDNESDAY 25th March – Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 12 noon Holy Eucharist
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
- 7 pm Lent film & Discussion Group at the Vicarage

THURSDAY 26th March

- 8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 9.30 am School Passion Service
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 27th March

- 8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 9.30 am No Mini Abbots (resumes 17th April)
- 12 noon Holy Eucharist
- 1.05 pm No Royal College of Music Concert - resume 1 May
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 28th March

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

SUNDAY 29th March – Palm Sunday

- 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30 am Procession of Palms & Choral Eucharist
- 11.15 am Choral Matins
- 5.30 pm Handel's Messiah, Parts II & III
Tickets online and on the door



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 / 07561288178 or the Diocesan helpline: 02079321224.



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 22nd March 2026

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



Annunciation, 13th Century Armenian Manuscript, Toros Roslin, Wikipedia.



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

The enthusiastic group of supporters who made their way to St Peter de Beauvoir Church in Hackney last night were touched and delighted to be present as Fr Tim was "collated and installed" by the Acting Bishop of Stepney. We took with us love, good wishes and many messages from the congregation of SMA, as we all wished him every blessing in his new ministry. Fr Tim, who brought so much to St Mary Abbots Church and School, will be a great blessing in his new parish, and we look forward to hearing how he gets on.



Meanwhile, we are very hopeful that we will be in a position to announce the appointment of a new Associate Vicar at SMA and Chaplain at our school very soon!

We are now looking ahead towards **Passion Week**, which begins this coming Sunday, and then beyond to Holy Week. Fr Peter Galloway will be with us to preach at Matins this Sunday. A quick reminder to book your tickets for **Handel's Messiah, parts II and III**, which will take place on Palm Sunday, March 29th at 5.30 pm in place of our usual

Evensong. Tickets are £15 and include a programme and glass of wine, and can be found on our website via the 'what is on' page, or you can call Leonora to reserve them, and they will also be available on the door from 6pm. Please do also take an 'Easter Card' which can be found in the church, which lists the Holy Week and Easter services, and share them with friends or relatives who might like to join in this most holy journey.

Fr Evan mentioned last week that we shall be offering two **Lenten sessions**, one in Passion Week on Wednesday 25th March, and one in Holy Week on 1st April at 7 pm, either in the Long Room at the Centre or in the Vicarage, depending on numbers. Please do let us know if you plan to come, so we can make this decision ahead of time if possible.

We continue to pray for peace and healing in the darkness and uncertainty of the world at this time: *Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen* [www.churchofengland.org]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Food Bank – plastic bags needed

On Thursdays our very kind volunteers we take the food that you have so kindly donated to the food bank boxes by the South and West Door to Dalgarno Trust. Simon, our head Virger, has asked for plastic bags as we have almost run out and can't transfer the food items from the storage to the cars. Please could you drop them off at the church in the food boxes or give to one of the virgers?

Holy Week Services

30 – 1st April **Holy Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday**
 12 noon Holy Eucharist with Devotional Address
 Thursday 2 April **Maundy Thursday**
 10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 5.30 pm The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday
with Washing of Feet followed by
 The Vigil of Gethsemane
 Friday 3 April **Good Friday**
 12 noon Hymns & Reflections at the Foot of the Cross
 1 pm Silence before the Cross
 1.30 – 3 pm The Liturgy of Good Friday
 4 pm Stations of the Cross for children *with Hot Cross Buns*
 Saturday 4 April **Holy Saturday, Easter Eve**
 12 noon The Litany
 1 - 3 pm The Easter Preparation *help us clean the church*
 8 pm Easter Vigil *with Holy Baptisms*
 Sunday 5th April **Easter Day**
 8 am Holy Communion
 9.30 am Festal Choral Eucharist with Baptisms
 11.15 am Festal Choral Matins
 5.30 pm Festal Evensong

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
KENSINGTON

Handel's Messiah

a performance by Candlelight **Part II & III**
with St Mary Abbots' Professional Choir & Players

Sunday 29th March 2026 at 5.30pm
at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, W8 4LA

Tickets: £15
includes a glass of wine
QR code or call 0203 479 4731
www.stmaryabbots.org.uk / what is on

This week we pray for

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

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

Berit Kringberg, 22nd March
 Brian Sale, 26th March Arthur Bliss, 27th March

For those who have died recently

Elke Von Brentano Bill Wilde

How to contact us

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