



Handel's Messiah parts II & III



## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON



### Services this Week

#### SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day

- 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30 am Festal Choral Eucharist *with Baptisms*
- 11.15 am Festal Choral Matins
- 5.30 pm Festal Evensong

#### MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> April

- 8 am No Morning Prayer and Bible Study on Zoom
- 9 am No Parents' Prayer Group (*resumes 13 April*)
- 10 am Church Opens (*Bank Holiday*)
- 12 noon Holy Eucharist (No Sunday on Monday)
- 3–7 pm Peal of Bells to celebrate Easter
- 4 pm No Youth Confirmation Class (*resumes 20 April*)
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
- 7 pm No Adult Confirmation Class (*resumes 20 April*)

#### TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> April

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

#### WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> April

- 8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 12 noon Holy Eucharist
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

#### THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April

- 8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 9.30 am No School Eucharist (*resumes 16 April*)
- 12 noon Holy Eucharist
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

#### FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April

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

#### SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April

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

#### SUNDAY 12 April – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

- 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30 am Parish Eucharist
- 11.15 am Sung 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](mailto:Safeguarding@stmaryabbots.org) / 07561288178 or the Diocesan helpline: 02079321224.

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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



On Sundays, everyone attending the 9.30 Eucharist or 11.15 Matins is warmly invited to join us for **celebratory Easter drinks** 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 have walked this week with Jesus on the Way of the Cross, and it has been a privilege for Fr Evan, Hakan and me to share the many services which tell the full story of the last days of Jesus' earthly life with you.



Today we come together in the newly scrubbed and polished Church, amidst the beautiful flowers and to the sound of wonderful music to join in the ancient shout of the Church, "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" The Early Church traditionally baptised new Christians during the night of Easter Eve, so they rose to their new lives in Christ as Christ himself burst from the Tomb. Last night we were delighted to baptise Michelle, Jacob, Sophie, Oliver and Chloe, and this morning we shall be witnessing the baptisms of Cecily and Edward as part of our joyful celebrations. We welcome all these new Christians in our church family and look forward to travelling with them in future.

May I take this opportunity to wish you, on behalf of Fr Evan, Hakan, the parish team and our churchwardens, a very blessed and joyful Easter, and to offer my prayers that the eternal hope which is promised to us through the events we remember this weekend can comfort, sustain and inspire us through the months ahead.

*Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whose wounded side flowed life for the world : raise your people from sin and death and build them as living stones into the spiritual temple of your Church; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen (Common Worship: Collect for a Baptism at Easter)*

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



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## Bakery Demonstration

at St Mary Abbots Centre  
Vicarage Gate, Kensington, W8 4HN  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7pm


Entrance is free but donations welcome  
Spaces are limited so book in advance!  
www.stmaryabbots.org or 020 3479 4731  
pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk




### Baking Demonstration


Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm

We were delighted when professional pastry chef and member of the congregation Shahrzad approached us with the idea of offering a cooking demonstration at the centre. As many of you kindly provide us with delicious cakes for our Summer Garden Party and Christmas Fair we know that there are many wonderful bakers out there who might enjoy an opportunity to learn from a master of the art! There are a limited number of spaces for this event so please let Leonora know asap if you wish to attend. Entrance is free but should you feel like making a suggested donation of £15 towards costs that would be very welcome. After the demonstration you will have a chance to eat what has been cooked with a cup of tea or glass of something stronger.




## A Royal Inheritance


The Afterlife of  
George IV's  
Collections and  
Building Projects  
from William IV to  
Elizabeth II



Tuesday 28 April, 7.00pm  
at  
St Mary Abbots Church,  
Kensington, W8 4HN  
Entrance £10



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### Victorian Society talk, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm

Tickets are available via the 'what is on' page of the website or contact Leonora to book a place. Money raised will be shared between the church and the Victorian Society – we look forward to seeing you there.

### This week we pray for

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

*and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time*  
Judith Marshall, 12<sup>th</sup> April

### For those who have died recently

Elke Von Brentano Herbert Jake Hanson Jr. Sara Strong  
Doreen Weatherhead

### How to contact us

The Parish and Vicarage offices are open from 10am – 5pm

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