

Services this week



Baking Demonstration, Wednesday 15th April 2026

SUNDAY 19th April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

MONDAY 20th April

- 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 Mary Abbots Church*
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
- 7 pm Adult Confirmation Class, *St Mary Abbots Vicarage*

TUESDAY 21st April

- 8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
- 2 pm Funeral Service for Doreen Weatherhead
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY 22nd April – Anselm, Abbot

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

THURSDAY 23rd April – George, Patron of England

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

FRIDAY 24th April

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

SATURDAY 25th April – Mark the Evangelist

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

SUNDAY 26th April – 4th Sunday of Easter

- 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30 am Choral 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 / 07561288178 or the Diocesan helpline: 02079321224.



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON



St George and the Dragon by Willem Vrelart. Paul Getty Museum

Sunday 19th 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 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 Father Evan

I hope you have all been able to enjoy some time away and are looking forward to the continuation of the Easter feast. Eastertide is 50 days long(!), even longer than the 40 days of Christmas, and will culminate on the **feast of Pentecost on 24th May**. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is something truly worth celebrating.



The clergy have all come back from their holidays after Easter and we return to our normal schedule of services. This Sunday evening there will be a **Taizé Eucharist**. If you have not yet had an opportunity to attend one of these services please give it a go – a beautiful candlelit service.

As part of our church's contribution to the wider Church of England, we **send representatives to the Deanery Synod**. This group meets a few times a year and acts as an intermediary body between the parishes and the Diocesan

Synod. We are looking to appoint new members to represent St Mary Abbots so if you think you might have something to offer its deliberations and would be interested in learning more, then please talk to one of the clergy. You can find out more about the role of the Deanery Synod here: <https://www.london.anglican.org/church-and-parish-support/governance-pccs-and-synods/deanery-synod/>.

There are a few upcoming events to put in your diaries including another **Victorian Society talk on 28 April at 7pm**. We will be joined by Tim Knox, director of the Royal Collection who will speak on *A Royal Inheritance: The Afterlife of George IV's Collections and Building Projects*. This will include the magnificent Brighton Pavilion and the royal apartments at Windsor Castle, and I commend this talk to you if you are interested in art, architecture, monarchy and (undoubtedly) scandal. Tickets are £10 and can be purchased online or on the door.

Also **upcoming is the parish Summer Garden Party on 13th June**. We had such a lovely time last year and are greatly looking forward to enjoying the food and sunshine together again. Please let Leonora know if you would like to volunteer for this event or be willing to bake a cake.

Finally, the **Easter orchids** are now in need of new homes. As they have partaken in our worship, they may be considered very holy plants indeed! We ask for a donation of £10 per plant, but are grateful for any extra you can give to support the church.

O living God, whose Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever. Amen (Postcommunion for the 3rd Sunday of Easter).


With love, Fr Evan

Evening Prayer for the Middle East Thursday 30th April at 7pm

There will be an Ecumenical Service of Evening prayer with Rt Rev'd James Curry KC*HS, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster & Lead Bishop for the Holy Land and an address by Dr Harry Hagopian KSG KSL an Armenian Christian originally from Jordan. He is an International lawyer who was also Assistant General Secretary of the Middle East Council of Churches in Beirut & has contributed to the debates on the future of the Holy Lands. He is author of *Let us Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem & The Armenian Church in the Holy Land*. The service takes place at Our Lady of Victories Church, 235a Kensington High Street, London W8 6SA. All are welcome.

Royal College of Music Free Afternoon Concerts Friday 1st May until 3rd July at 1.05 pm


Next week we are delighted to welcome the students of the Royal College of Music back to the church as they resume their free lunchtime concerts in the church. A full programme can be found on the 'what is on' page of the website and on the church railings. Entrance is free and please bring your lunch with you!



The Victorian Society



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

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
KENSINGTON



This week we pray for

Ivell Arnold	George Rabbett-Smith	Long-term need
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
James Clay	George	David Strong
Sheila Dobson	Jean	Michael Turner
Lisa Faris	Luke	
Roger Merchant	Maria	
Robin Price		

and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time
Winifred Howe, 24th April

For those who have died recently

Elke Von Brentano Herbert Jake Hanson Jr. Doreen Weatherhead

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