

Services this week



Previous Victorian Society Lecture at the Church

SUNDAY 26th April – 4th Sunday of Easter

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

MONDAY 27th 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 28th April

- 8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 12 noon **Holy Communion (BCP)**
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
- 7 pm **Spring Victorian Society Talk by Tim Knox**
Tickets online or on the door

WEDNESDAY 29th April – Catherine of Siena

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

THURSDAY 30th April

- 8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 9.30 am School Eucharist – *all are welcome*
- 2 pm **Memorial Service for Elke von Brentano**
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 1st May – **Philip and James, Apostles**

- 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 Concert – *free entry*
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 2nd May - Athanasius, Bishop

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

SUNDAY 3rd May – 5th Sunday of Easter

- 8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
- 9.30 am **Family Eucharist**
- 11.15 am **Choral Martins**
- 5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

Safeguarding

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON



Philip and James from the altar piece in Siena Cathedral by Duccio di Buononcini. Wikipedia.

Sunday 26th 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 Mother Emma

It is very good to be back in the swing of things after many of us have been away, and we give thanks for the beautiful sunshine this Eastertide, even as we continue to pray earnestly for peace throughout the world.



As we look ahead towards the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 17th May**, and **Fr Christian's arrival on 15th June**, we are keen to build further on many of the wonderful different aspects which people have described encountering in our church community. We love your feedback, and it is very helpful to hear what kinds of things in the liturgy or in our outreach and discipleship teaching help you to come closer to God. We are constantly looking for new ways, with your help, to worship God and to care for his people together. We have been so grateful to all those who contributed towards the yearly supply of candles blessed at Candlemas, and we hope that it gives you a sense of joy to see the candles you donated being used in worship.

One thing we are sometimes asked about is whether we could **increase the number of full Choral Evensongs with our professional choir** (before the pandemic, this happened about once a month). The issue here is that while we have budgeted £340 per service for the singers at every weekly Choral Matins and monthly Choral Eucharist, we could only stretch - given our income - to a few evening services during the year.

If anyone would like to donate funds specifically towards a Choral Evensong, either in memory of someone or just because this form of worship especially speaks to you, the clergy and choir would be delighted to add them into our service pattern. We are wondering about the possibility of having Choral Evensong on Trinity Sunday (31st May), so please do let me know directly if you feel you would like to contribute to this.

Our lovely Victorian building is a wonderful setting for talks on Victorian subjects, and we are very glad to continue our ongoing partnership with the **Victorian Society**, with **another lecture this coming Tuesday 28th April at 7pm**. Tickets are £10 and can be bought on line or on the door. We would be very pleased if you would like to join us for what promises to be a fascinating talk, whilst also supporting the work of the church. More information can be found below.

We praise and bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for in your birth you were proclaimed the Prince of Peace, and in your resurrection you breathe into your people peace beyond this world's understanding. Be present, Lord, this day, with those whose lives are disfigured by conflict and those whose hearts know no peace. Amen. [Times and Seasons: 7th Station of the Resurrection]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



Victorian Society Talk, Tuesday 28th April at 7pm

Tim Knox, Director of the Royal Collection, traces the afterlife of George IV's myriad collections and building projects, and discovers how his sometimes reluctant heirs coped with his prodigious legacy. These include William IV and Queen Adelaide, Victoria and Albert, Edward VII, George V and Queen Mary. Money raised will be shared between the church and the Victorian Society and we look forward to seeing you there.

Easter and Pentecost – The Untold Stories Wednesday 6th May at 6.30 pm

Rev'd Andy Roland considers the Easter and Pentecost Gospel stories by focusing on the varying accounts in the New Testament, imagining our own reactions if we were there, discussing Peter's whereabouts, the reaction of the Temple authorities and the geography of Jerusalem from his visits there. Entrance is free, refreshments will be provided. Doors open at 6 pm.



This week we pray for

Ivell Arnold	Adam	Long-term need
Steven Armstrong	Jean	Christopher Browne
Steve Attack	Luke	Nigel Grieve
Eric de Bellaigue	Maria	Hannah Philips
Kirsten Clover		George Rabbett-Smith
Sheila Dobson		Viv Robinson
Robin Price		Jono Robinson
Annie Redmile		Stefan Rogge
Mike Roberts		David Strong
Luke Valavanis		Michael Turner

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

Oliver Philpott, 28th April Blossom Barrow, 3rd May

For those who have died recently

Elke Von Brentano Herbert Jake Hanson Jr. James Clay

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