



Summer party 2026 – come along this year - Saturday 13th June



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
KENSINGTON



St Dunstan Archbishop of Canterbury (19th May), Anglo Saxon Manuscript

Services this week

SUNDAY 17 May – Sunday after Ascension

- 8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
- 9.30 am **Parish Eucharist** (*shortened*)
- 10.30 am **APCM in church**
- 11.30 am** **Choral Matins** (*shortened*)
- 5.30 pm **Taizé Eucharist**

MONDAY 18th May

- 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** in Church
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
- 7 pm **Adult Confirmation Class** in Church

TUESDAY 19th May – Dunstan, Archbishop

- 8 am **No** Morning Prayer on Zoom
- 9 am **Prayer Walk** around the Parish Boundaries
- 12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY 20th May - Alcuin, Deacon

- 8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
- 12 noon **HEALING Eucharist**
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 21st May

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

FRIDAY 22nd May

- 8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
- 9.30 am Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Centre
- 12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
- 1.05 pm Royal College of Music Concert (*free concert*)
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 23rd May

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

SUNDAY 24th May - **Pentecost**

- 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.

Sunday 17th May 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

Today we hold our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 10.30 am** between the Eucharist and Matins, where you will hear about our recent activities, our finances and our building plans for the future, as well as electing representatives of the congregation to serve on the Parochial Church Council in the year ahead. We have provided a Creche during the meeting (please let Martina know if you wish to join or to share childcare with a partner) and coffee will be served in church from around 10.20 am. A copy of the church's audited accounts for the year these have been posted on the website and if you would like to see a copy of the slides please let Petter, the Parish Manager know. Please also use the prayer below to pray for our church and community.



This **Tuesday 19th May** is our **Parish Prayer Walk**, as we walk the boundaries of the parish, praying for all those who live and work here as well as for broader issues represented by Kensington Palace, the Embassies and the Town Hall, to name but a few! We meet at the church at 9.30 am, and walk for around an hour and a half, returning for coffee and croissants in church afterwards. We would be delighted if you are able to join us for some or all of this walk – it would be helpful if you could contact Hilary, who is organising the walk this year on hfcmbb@aol.com so that we have enough croissants(!) afterwards, but if you suddenly find yourself free, please do join anyway.

On **Sunday 24th** we shall be celebrating **Pentecost**, with a procession along the High Street, and the following week on **Sunday 31st**, there will be a special **Choral Evensong** with our professional choir at 5.30 pm, kindly sponsored by a member of the congregation, so if you enjoy Choral Evensong, please do join us for that.

On **Tuesday 26th May at 1pm** The **University of Wyoming Collegiate Chorale** will be singing a mixture of modern and classical pieces at lunchtime. This will be the first of a series of summer lunchtime choral concerts with visiting choirs, which are in addition to our regular RCM lunchtime concerts – please check the ‘what is on’ page of the website for the next dates. Entrance is free so please come and welcome them to the church.

We praise you and bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for as you were sent by the Father, so you send us. Equip your Church with the gifts to fulfil our calling that we may love as you have loved; serve as you served; and willingly follow wherever you lead. To you be honour and glory for ever. Amen [Common Worship: Ninth Station of the Resurrection]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Summer Events for your diary

As the summer gets underway there are a number of events at both the church and in the Vicarage Garden. Posters and more details to follow each week but please make a note in your diary – particularly if you are willing to make a cake for the [Summer Garden Party on 13th June!](#)

Tuesday 19th May at 9.30 am – **Parish Prayer Walk**

Tuesday 26th May at 1 pm – **University of Wyoming Choir**

Sunday 31st May at 5.30 pm – **Choral Evensong**

Thursday 4th June at 6.30 pm – **Confirmation**

Wednesday 10th June at 6.30pm – **Inclusive Church talk**

Saturday 13th June from 11.30 am – **Summer Garden Party**

Sunday 21st June – **Father Christian’s first Sunday**

Tuesday 23rd June – **Deanery AGM and summer party**

Wednesday 24th June – **Cantabile Youth singers concert**

Thursday 25th June – **The Lexington Singers concert**

Sunday 28th June – **Father Christian Evensong and Party**

Sunday 28th June – **YMIC Summer Festival**

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Summer Garden Party

Saturday 13 June 2026
11.30 am - 2.30 pm

at St Mary Abbots Vicarage, Kensington, W8 4HN
Falconry Stand
Jazz Band, Action Amanda, Bouncy Castle,
Pimms & other drinks, Burgers, Cakes, Lollys & Strawberries
Books, Raffle, Lego, Toy Stall, Games and much more...

FREE ENTRY: activity tokens at the gate
www.stmaryabbots.org

This week we pray for

Ivell Arnold
Steven Armstrong
Kirsten Clover
Sheila Dobson
Caspar Irani
Robin Price
Annie Redmile
Viv Robinson
Jono Robinson

Mike Roberts
Luke Valavanis
Adam
Jean
Luke
Maria

Long-term need
Christopher Browne
Nigel Grieve
Vikki King
Hannah Philips
George Rabbett-Smith
Stefan Rogge
David Strong
Michael Turner

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

Mavis Gibson, 21st May Nemo Tin, 23rd May
Catherine Green

For those who have died recently

Steve Atack Eric de Bellaigue

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