



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
KENSINGTON



APCM in church, 17th May 2026

Services this week

SUNDAY 24th May - Pentecost

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

MONDAY 25th May – The Ven Bede, Monk & Historian

- 8 am No Morning Prayer and Bible Study on Zoom
- 9 am No Parents' Prayer Group (half term)
- 10 am Church opens (bank holiday hours)
- 12 noon Holy Eucharist (No Sunday on Monday)
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 26th May – Augustine, Archbishop

- 8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
- 12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
- 1 pm University of Wyoming Chorale (free concert)
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY 27th May

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

THURSDAY 28th May

- 8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
- 9.30 am No School Eucharist (half term)
- 12 noon Holy Eucharist
- 2.30 pm Memorial Service for Joshua Davies
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 29th May

- 8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
- 9.30 am No Mini Abbots (half term)
- 12 noon Holy Eucharist
- 1.05 pm Royal College of Music Concert (free concert)
- 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 30th May – Josephine Butler, Social Reformer

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

SUNDAY 31st May – Trinity Sunday

- 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30 am Parish Eucharist
- 11.15 am Choral Matins
- 5.30 pm Choral Evensong with our Professional Choir

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.



Holy Trinity Stain Glass window. Pinterest

Sunday 24th 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

We are so grateful to the eighty-one members of our congregations who attended the Annual Parochial Church Meeting last Sunday, to hear about our activities over the past year, the way our finances work and our planned building project. If you were not able to be there, but would like copies of the slides from the presentations, please contact Petter. We were delighted to welcome four new elected members onto the PCC. We said a heartfelt thank you to our outgoing Warden Ed Warrick and congratulate Hilary Crowe on her election as our new Warden.



Today is the Feast of Pentecost, and we shall be beginning our Parish Eucharist with a procession along Kensington High Street starting in church at 9.30 am.

Please remember that the following week, Trinity Sunday (31st May), will include a Choral Evensong at 5.30 pm, marking the Eve of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth, with some wonderful music planned.

This week we completed our current course of preparation for **Confirmation, before Bishop Emma's visit on Wednesday 4th June at 6.30 pm**, when she will be confirming seven children and eight adults from St Mary Abbots, alongside candidates from St Philip's, Earls Court Road, St Luke's and Christ Church, Chelsea and St Barnabas, Kensington. Please keep all the candidates in your prayers as they prepare to take this next step on their journeys. Everyone is very welcome to attend the service, to greet our Bishop (currently also serving as Acting Bishop of London), and to celebrate as members of the church profess their Christian faith anew.

Our Summer Garden Party is fast approaching, starting at 11.30 on 13th June in the Vicarage Garden. We are delighted to let you know that we have booked a Falconry stand showcasing several birds of prey, with the opportunity to learn about their habitats, characteristics and, we hope, a chance for some of you to handle them. There will also be live music from the Royal College of Music Jazz band and Action Amanda has donated some of her time in order to entertain the younger children. There will be the usual Burger stand, homemade cake stall (if you can donate a cake please let Leonora know), Pimms bar, and fair games and activities for the children including a bouncy castle. More information will follow as we will need your help and participation to make this a success, but please keep the date in your diaries and come and enjoy the garden.

Other events to note is a **free lunchtime concert by Students of University of Wyoming Collegiate Chorale on 26th May at 1pm**, and a **talk for Pride Month on 10th June at 6.30 pm** by Rev'd Dr Christina Beardsley. More information can be found on the 'What is on' page of the website.

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. [Post Communion Prayer for Pentecost]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



A note from Hilary, our new Church Warden, who kindly arranged the Prayer walk on Tuesday 19th May 2026 "Today we walked the boundaries of our parish, stopping along the way to pray for those who live and work here and for the wider needs of our present world. Thankfully as we reached the park the rain stopped! We made our way past Kensington Palace up and across to Holland Park then back along the High Street to the church, where coffee and pastries were waiting. Thank you Martina for arranging breakfast and to everyone who came along!"

Recital

University of Wyoming Collegiate Chorale

Dr. Brian C. Murray, Conductor
Wyoming, USA




Tuesday 26th May 1 PM

St Mary Abbots Church

Kensington Church St, London W8 4LA

Free Admission

With retiring collection in favour of Glass Door
For info please contact: performancesbooking@gmail.com
Reserve your free seat on Eventbrite



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 Kathleen Winch Adam Jean Luke Maria	Long-term need Christopher Browne Nigel Grieve Vikki King Hannah Phillips George Rabbett-Smith Stefan Rogge David Strong Michael Turner
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and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

Enid Stubbs, 26 th May	Tony Rudd, 29 th May
Julie Harris, 30 May	Darrell Dale, 31 st May

For those who have died recently

Steve Atack	Eric de Bellaigue	Josh Davies
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