University of Wyoming Chorale was wonderful. 26th May 26

Services This Week

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

MONDAY 1st June – Visit of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

8 am Morning Prayer and Bible Study on Zoom
9 am Parents' Prayer Group
12 noon **Informal Eucharist** (Sunday on Monday)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 2nd June

8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
10.30 pm **Funeral Service for Steve Atack**
12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY 3rd June

8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
2 pm **Funeral Service for Eric de Bellaigue**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
6 pm **Confirmation Rehearsal**

THURSDAY 4th June – Corpus Christi

8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
9.30 am **School Eucharist** (all welcome)
2.30 pm **Rainbow Poetry Group**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
6.30 pm **Confirmation**

FRIDAY 5th June – Boniface, Bishop

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 6th June

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

SUNDAY 7th June – 1st Sunday after Trinity

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **Family Eucharist**
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong** with Voluntary Choir

Safeguarding

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Day of Thanksgiving for the institution of the Holy Communion – Corpus Christi. (4th June)

Sunday 31st 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 Father Evan

This week, we enter the season of Trinity, also called 'Ordinary Time'. The name isn't meant to suggest that this period is 'ordinary', rather that the Sundays are ordinal or sequentially numbered. The regularity of this period does, however, allow us the opportunity to reflect and grow in an uninterrupted way. To use the Bible's agricultural language, we might like to think of the feasts such as Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost as times of fertilising. Ordinary time is intended for steady growth, and the penitential periods of Lent and Advent are for pruning and correction. God's work through the Church is to tend and care for us as a gardener would tend their own garden, helping us to grow, blossom, and bear fruit in the right way.

Some of our congregation have been growing in their faith by preparing for **Confirmation and on Thursday 4 June at 6.30pm** the Acting Bishop of London will be with us to confirm and bless them as they continue their journey in faith. If you have never been to a confirmation and would like to join us to celebrate this next step, you'd be very welcome.

Another way we can all grow in our faith is to worship in new or different ways. **This Sunday evening at 5.30pm, there will be a special Choral Evensong** for the eve of the Feast of the Visitation. This marks the moment the Blessed Virgin Mary came to see her cousin Elizabeth who was then pregnant with John the Baptist. Her song on that day, the Magnificat, features in every service of Evensong and said Evening Prayer. It is a beautiful reflection on God's faithfulness and a foundational text not only for ancient Christian devotion but for more modern theologies of liberation. If you're not familiar with the Magnificat or its use in Choral Evensong, please consider coming along.

In a further opportunity to see how Christian theology applies to modern life, on **Wednesday 10 June at 6.30pm we are hosting Rev'd Dr Christina Beardsley for a lecture at the church entitled 'Does Pride Still Matter?'.** Tina has written extensively on issues relating to LGBT+ inclusion in the Church and the experience of transgender Christians. I'm sure her lecture will be thought-provoking and worthwhile. There is no charge for attending, but please book via the 'what is on' page of the website as light refreshments will be available.

Last, but by no means least, please remember to put the **Summer Garden Party at the Vicarage on Saturday 13 June from 11.30am-2.30pm in your diaries**. We are very excited to have a falconry stand with various birds of prey for you to learn about this year. The Royal College of Music Jazz Band will be with us again, and the usual bouncy castle, a new stall - strawberries and cream - and burgers, cakes, etc. will be available. Anyone who could make a cake for the cake stall please bring this along from 9am onwards at the vicarage. Entry is free but activity tokens will be available for purchase on the gate.

Divine Gardener, you bless our good deeds with growth and raise to abundant life that which seems dead. Teach us to choose blessing and life, so that we may walk blamelessly, seeking you through reconciliation with all your children. Amen. (amended, from Alternative Collects for the Anglican Church of Canada)

With love, Fr Evan

Does Pride Still Matter?

Wednesday 10th June 2026
at 6.30 pm

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
KENSINGTON

CHORAL EVENSONG

Eve of the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, KENSINGTON, W8 4LA

Sunday 31st May 2026

5.30 pm

All Welcome!

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This week we pray for

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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 Philips
George Rabbett-Smith
Stefan Rogge
David Strong
Michael Turner

and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time
Darrell Dale, 31st May

For those who have died recently
Steve Atack Eric de Bellaigue

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