Patronal Festival

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Choral Eucharist

Preacher:
The Reverend Professor Peter Galloway
Canon Emeritus, The Chapel Royal

Sunday 6th September 2026
11.15 am

This service is for the whole parish, so there will be no 9.30 am Eucharist

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This week we pray for

Ivell Arnold	Suzy Reinhart.	**Long-term need**
Steven Armstrong	Viv Robinson	Christopher Browne
Brigitte Chandler	Jono Robinson	Nigel Grieve
Kirsten Clover	Mike Roberts	Vikki King
Norma Curran	Luke Valavanis	Hannah Philips
Betty Fenno	Adam	Stefan Rogge
Caspar Irani	Jean	David Strong
Robin Price	Luke	
Annie Redmile	Maria	

For those who have died recently

Sheila Dobson William Taylor (Priest) Michael Turner

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

Ade Adefuye, 27 August Stuart Gibson, 1 September
Mary McKenna, 5 September Evghena Burlac, 5 September

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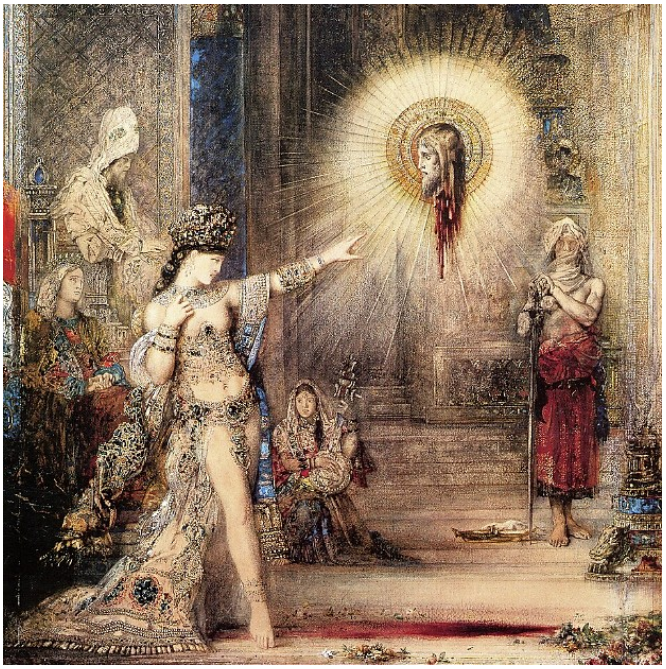

'Salome and the Apparition of John the Baptist' (29 August) by Gustave Moreau, Musee d'Orsy. Wikipedia

23rd August – 6 September 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.

To donate to the church and to support our work, worship and the upkeep of this church please use this QR code or the donation points by each door.

Message from Mother Emma

Your clergy have been delighted to see many of you in church over these past summer weeks; to hear about churches you have visited; and also to be able to welcome visitors from all over the world to our Sunday and midweek services. It is very good to be reminded of the wonderful breadth of God's Church and to exchange greetings and blessings with congregations from different countries and denominations.

This edition of the newsletter is a "double", covering Sunday 23rd and Sunday 30th August, before we are united to celebrate our wonderful **Patronal Festival on Sunday 6th September,** with the return of our professional choir (who have been taking their well-deserved summer break), and with a parish lunch in the Vicarage garden! PLEASE

remember that there will be NO 9.30am Eucharist on Sunday 6th, but come and join our parish celebrations at 11.15 am. Do get in touch with Leonora if you are able to contribute to the shared feast for that day.

Please also note at this point that on **30th August the church will be closing after the 11.15 service of Matins** on Sunday and will re-open on the morning of Tuesday 1st September. We wish everyone in Notting Hill and beyond a joyous and neighbourly Carnival over that weekend.

As we look further into the autumn, may I draw your attention to a wonderful **Choral Evensong on Sunday 11th October, at which we shall be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Mark Uglow's Appointment as Director of Music here at SMA**! The service will take place at the normal time of 5.30 pm, and we hope to be joined by many of the clergy and musicians who have worked here with Mark since 1986, as well as current and former parishioners.

We continue to pray for all members of our community and our visitors who are travelling at present:

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." [US Book of Common Prayer 1979]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

September / October Events for your diary

Sunday 6 September - Patronal Festival at 11.15 am
9 September – Blokes in the Belfry at 7 pm
23 September – Piano recital, Zoya Shuhatovich at 7 pm
27 September – Teaching Eucharist at 9.30 am
29 September – Eucharist with Violin Recital at 12 noon
7 October – Victorian Society Talk at 7pm
9 October – Glass Door sleep out
11 October – Mark Uglow's Anniversary Choral Evensong

Services 23rd August – 6th September

SUNDAY 23rd August – 12th Sunday after Trinity
8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**
11.15 am **Sung Matins**
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

MONDAY 24th August – Bartholomew the Apostle
8 am Morning Prayer
8.30 Bible Study on Zoom
9 am **No** Parents' Prayer Group *(resumes 7 September)*
12 noon **Informal Eucharist** (Sunday on Monday)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 25th August
8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY 26th August
8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
2 pm **Funeral Service for Michael Turner**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 27th August – Monica, Mother of Augustine
8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
9.30 am **No** School Eucharist *(resumes 10th September)*
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 28th August – Augustine, Bishop
8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
9.30 am **No** Mini Abbots *(resumes 11th September)*
12 noon **Holy Eucharist** with interment of Ashes
1.05 pm **No** Royal College of Music *(resumes 2nd October)*
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 29 August – Beheading of John the Baptist
12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 30th August – 13th Sunday after Trinity
8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**
11.15 am **Sung Matins**
1 pm **Church closed**

MONDAY 31st August – Aidan, Bishop & Missionary
All day **Church closed**

TUESDAY 1st September
8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY 2nd September
8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 3rd September – Gregory the Great
8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
9.30 am **No** School Eucharist *(resumes 10th September)*
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
2.30 pm **Rainbow Poetry Group**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 4th September
8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
9.30 am **No** Mini Abbots *(resumes 11th September)*
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
1.05 pm **No** Royal College of Music *(resumes 2nd October)*
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 5th September
12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
3 – 7pm **Peal of Bells to celebrate our Patronal**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 6th September – 14th Sunday after Trinity
8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **No** Parish Eucharist
11.15 am **Patronal Festival Choral Eucharist and celebration bring and share lunch.**
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**