Patronal Garden celebration lunch, 12 September 2026

Services This Week

SUNDAY 13th September – 15th Sunday after Trinity
8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **Family Eucharist**
with Commissioning of Sunday School Leaders
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong** *on the Eve of Holy Cross Day with voluntary choir*

MONDAY 14th September – Holy Cross Day
8 am Morning Prayer
8.30 Bible Study on Zoom
9 am Parents' Prayer Group
12 noon **Informal Eucharist** (Sunday on Monday)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 15th September – Cyprian, Bishop
8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY 16th September – Ninian, Bishop
8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
12 noon **HEALING Eucharist**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 17th September – Hildeguard, Abbess
8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
9.30 am **School Eucharist** (all are welcome)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 18th September
8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
9.30 am Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Centre
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
1.05 pm **No** Royal College of Music (*resumes 2nd October*)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 19th September
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
2 pm **Memorial Service for William Taylor (Priest)**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 20th September – 16th Sunday after Trinity
8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Taizé Eucharist**

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.

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

St Mary Abbots Altar for Holy Cross Day, 14th September

Sunday 13th 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 support our work, worship and the upkeep of this church please use this QR code or the donation points at each door.

Message from Mother Emma

The most enormous **thank you to everyone who worked, donated, cooked, organised, sang, prayed and shared in last Sunday, making our Patronal Festival** the truly wonderful spiritual and community event which we all experienced. It was a joy to see so many of you present, including new members of the congregation and several who have moved out of London but returned to rejoice with us on this very special day. It was very good to be able to give thanks for everyone who has made the church the place it is over the centuries, and to celebrate with the worshippers of today.

In all the excitement, you may also have noticed that at long last, we have beautiful **new A-frame noticeboards** outside the church, encouraging people to join our services and events. These were made possible by the kind donation of the Friends of St Mary Abbots, but have taken some time to be sourced, prepared and delivered. They are a

vivid and fitting reminder of the Friends' Founding Patron, Steve Atack, who died in May and is so much missed at church, but who, in his generosity and commitment to St Mary Abbots organised this final appeal which will enhance the church's appearance and our ability to communicate with the parish outside. Our gratitude goes to all the Friends who kindly contributed to the appeal, and we remember Steve, once again, with love and thanks.

We continue, as a church, to hold in our prayers those affected by natural disasters and conflicts across the world: *O Lord our God, source of all goodness and love, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen*. Church of England website

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Glass Door Sleep Out

Friday 9th October 2026

Our team will once more be taking part in the London Sleep out in aid of homeless charity Glass Door, which provides shelter and support to get people back into accommodation. Sleeping rough for one night, even in the salubrious square off the Kings Road, the team will gain a tiny glimpse of what is experienced by a homeless person and why money needs to be raised to help them. 14th times sleeper out Jeremy writes: *"…No comfortable bed, no control over the temperature around you, no real darkness, constant noise of traffic and passers by….Sleeping is not really a big part of it sometimes. Most people can manage one night - try to imagine what that's like every night, for months, in winter"*. Last year we raised over £21,000 and would like to do so again. If you would like to donate towards the team, or join it as spaces are still available, please talk to Father Christian.

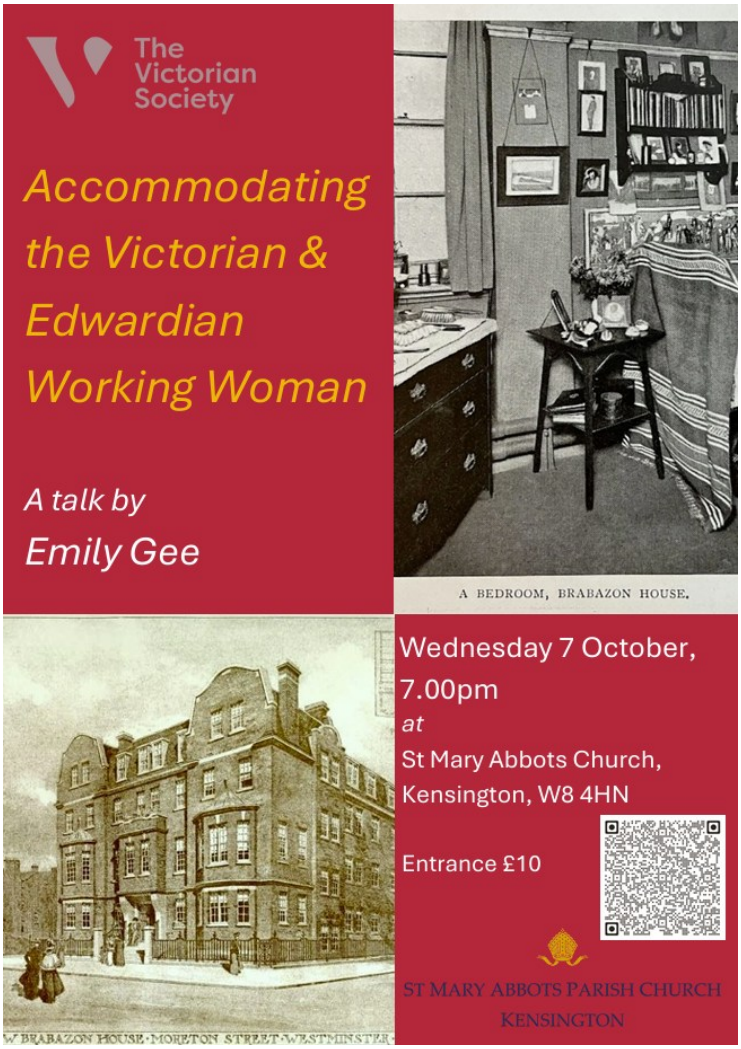
September / October Events for your diary

13th September - Commission of Sunday School Leaders
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. Join or sponsor our team.
11 October – Mark Uglow's Anniversary Choral Evensong

Please see our website for more details or book tickets

Food Bank Donations

A reminder to please keep bringing food to add to the blue donation boxes found at both entrances to the church. A reminder not to bring fresh food / ready meals as we can't store it! To find out what items are need, or to volunteer at the food bank, or to donate financially please see their website here: www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk.



This week we pray for

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

For those who have died recently

James Cousin Sheila Dobson Betty Fenno William Taylor (Priest)

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

Janet Polley, 15th September
James Dawney, 20th September Ethel Bailey, 20th September

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