Zoya Piano recital 24th October 2026

Services This Week

SUNDAY 27th September – 17th Sunday after Trinity
8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **Teaching Eucharist**
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

MONDAY 28th September
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 29th September – Michael & All Angels
8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
12 noon **Holy Communion with Violin Recital By Anthony Knight in Aid of UNICEF**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY 30th September
8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 1st October
8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
9.30 am **School Eucharist – Harvest Festival**
2.39 pm **Rainbow Poetry Group**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 2nd October
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 *free lunchtime concert*
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 3rd October
12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 4th October – Harvest Thanksgiving
Please bring donations of dried & tinned food
8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **Family 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.

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Archangel Michael battles of angels, by Leopold Kupelwieser 1865, Altlerchenfelder Church, Vienna, 29th September

Sunday 27th 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 Father Christian

Our Sleep Out 2026 is now just about two weeks away on 9th October! We have a wonderful mix of people taking part from both the church and our school community. I am pleased to let you know that we have reached our £5,000 target, plus a generous donation from an anonymous donor, thanks to the generosity of so many of you. Donations are still coming in, and I am sure that anything we raise beyond our target will help more people experiencing homelessness and crisis. If you would like to donate, please use the **SMA Team Sleep Out** button rather than donating to individuals – you can find this via the 'what on page' of the website. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity and support.

I am also pleased to announce that every **Wednesday after the 12noon Eucharist,** beginning on October 7th, we will have a light lunch followed by **Lectio Divina**, a contemplative reading and reflection on Scripture. I hope many of you will be able to join us. My hope is that this can become a place where people from all backgrounds can come together and build a community of belonging, centred on the Eucharist, fellowship and Scripture.

Another venture in October is our **pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey** for the Festival of St Edward the Confessor on **Saturday 17 October**. We will meet at St Mary Abbots at 9am for a short prayer before setting off. We will walk through the Royal Parks – Kensington Gardens, Hyde Park, Green Park and St James's Park – and aim to arrive at Westminster Abbey in time for the 11.15am Festal Eucharist**.** After the Eucharist, pilgrims are welcome to explore the Abbey or make their own way home. If you are interested, please use the sign up form or talk to Father Christian.

On the subject of pilgrimages, **Anthony Knight will be playing for us on Tuesday 29 September** at our 12noon Eucharist as part of his own 'Pilgrimage of Hope', so far visiting 64 London churches, in order to raise funds for UNICEF through his music. I hope you will be able to support him and his fundraising.

Finally, a reminder to please bring items for our **Harvest Thanksgiving next Sunday**. These gifts will be collected by Upper Room, a charity providing support for people in need across West London.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity, prayers and support for all that we are doing together as a community.

With love and prayers, Fr Christian

Volunteers Needed!

Please let Leonora know if you can help with:

Bonfire Night, 6th November

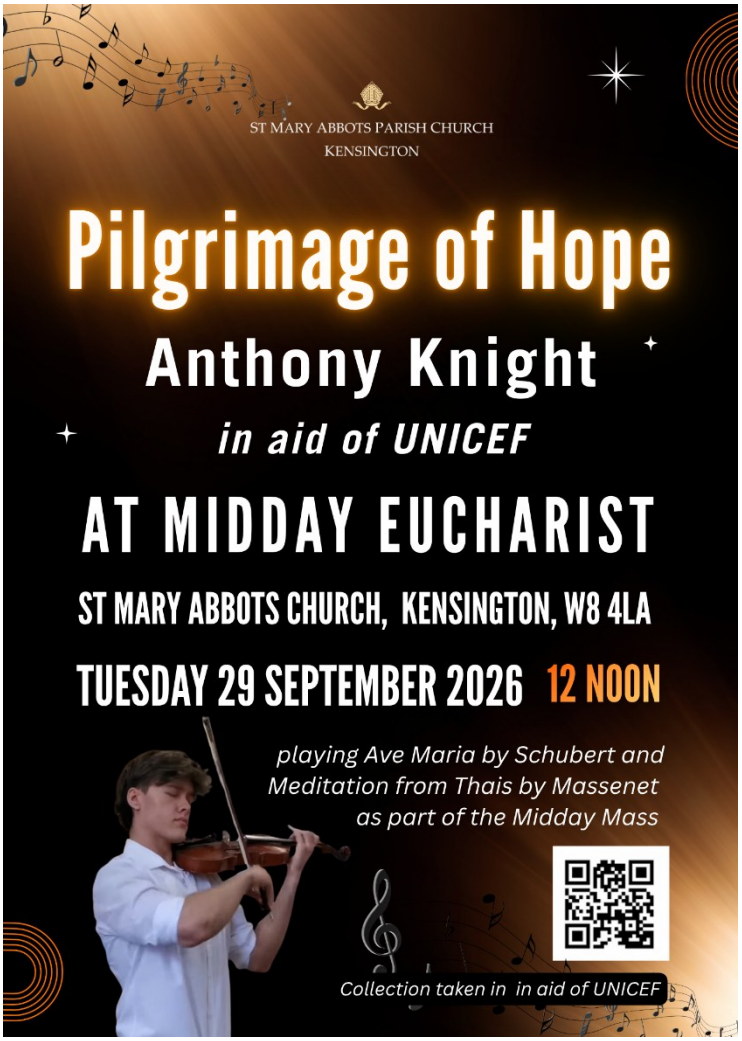
This event lasts from 6pm to 8pm, and we are looking for volunteers to help set up, check names on the door, hand out vouchers and help at the bar, hotdog stand, fire pit, monitor the bonfire and giving out glow sticks and sparklers! A request to those keen to get their hands on tickets - please do not badger Martina for information. The sale date will be released in this newsletter and not before!

Christmas Fair, 28th November

This event runs from 11.30 to 2.30 pm at the church, and I am looking for volunteers to help with sell vouchers on the door, help with the bar (mulled wine, tea, coffee, hot chocolate) , the cakes, the BBQ, the church merch, the bric-a-brac, the book stall, the flower stall and the children's area, and the set up / clear up. Please let me know if you can help.

New Affiliated Charity Partner: Clothes Bank KC

Originally set up in 2021 in the church to help newly arrived refugees from Afghanistan, the Clothes bank is now based at the Town Hall and still supports refugees and asylum seekers. Father Christian has reconnected to the group as part of our outreach programme. They are looking for good quality men's clothes, particularly shoes and coats and also backpacks. If you have items to donate then please contact Father Christian.



This week we pray for

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

For those who have died recently

Sheila Dobson Betty Fenno Jennifer Holland Catherine Lambert

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

Cicely Scott, 2nd September

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