All Souls – lighting candles for the dead

Services This Week

SUNDAY 1st November – All Saints and All Souls

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **Family Eucharist** for All Saints
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **The Commemoration of All Souls** ***with movements form Mozart's Requiem***

MONDAY 2nd November

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
7pm Reading in Community Study Group

TUESDAY 3rd November – Richard Hooker, Priest

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

WEDNESDAY 4th November

8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
12 noon **Said Eucharist** *followed by* **Lectio Divina**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 5th November

8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
9.30 am School Eucharist – *all welcome*
2.30 pm **Rainbow Poetry Group**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 6th November

8 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
9.30 am Mini Abbots Baby & Toddlers *at St Mary Abbots Centre*
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
1.05 pm Royal College of Music *free lunchtime concert*
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
6 pm **Bonfire night** – *ticketed event*

SATURDAY 7th November – Willibrord, Bishop

9 – 3 pm Nazareth Away Day - *private event*
12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 8th November – Remembrance Sunday

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **Remembrance Eucharist** for families *(shortened)*
10.55 am **Act of Remembrance** *at the war memorial followed by* **Service of Remembrance**
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong** *with voluntary 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.

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Alfred the Great greets messengers bringing word of Victory. 1778 engraving

Sunday 1st November 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 Evan

With the arrival of November, we enter a season of remembering and reflection. In preparation to rejoice in the new life begun by the birth of Jesus at Christmas, we look back on the departed and give thanks for the hope they showed in their lives. Today we hold the feasts of **All Saints and All Souls**. In the morning, the eucharist will focus on All Saints and the glory promised to all believers in Christ. In the evening at 5.30pm we will remember with thanks our departed loved ones with a **Requiem for All Souls**. The music for All Souls this year is a selection of movements from Mozart's Requiem, one of the most emotionally affective of the musical genre. If you have not attended the annual requiem at St Mary Abbots before, please consider this your opportunity. It is a most precious (and cathartic) occasion, especially if you have recently lost a loved one.

On Sunday 8 November we will be holding our annual **Remembrance Day service**. There will be a short 9.30am service for families followed by an Act of Remembrance and service from 10.55am at the War Memorial on the corner of Kensington Church Street. You are all welcome to join us.

The '**Reading in Community'** bible study on Ephesians continues on Monday evenings at 7pm. We have had good attendance thus far, but there's always room for more. In the midst of 'this troublous life', there is little of greater value than time spent together as Christians considering God and his word to us through the bible - please let me know if you wish to attend. If you cannot make this bible study, further opportunities will appear in future.

As mentioned last week our **Christmas Fair will take place on 28 November.** It's always great fun and a wonderful way to pick up some of that Christmas spirit well in advance of the day itself. There will be many stalls as usual as well as the very entertaining Punch & Judy show, carol singers, and a display from the Natalia Kremen Ballet School. If you have good-quality bric-a-brac you'd be willing to contribute for sale please let Leonora know.

And finally, **tickets for Handel's Messiah, Part I** - to be sung on 13 December at 5.30 pm - are now on sale via the 'what is on' page of the website. I'm sure I've mentioned before how the music of Handel helped me to memorise many significant portions of scripture to do with the birth of Jesus, and I continue to enjoy the experience of hearing it again every year. If you have never heard it before, please consider coming along this year.

Eternal Lord God, our maker and redeemer: grant unto us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of thy Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection, that, in the last day, when all things are gathered up in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of thy promises; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Collect for All Souls Day)

With love, Fr. Evan

Food Bank Donations

As we head into winter even more people will start to rely on the food bank, so your donations are even more gratefully received. A list of desired items can be found above – the donation boxes are at both entrances to the church but **please no fresh food / ready meals** as we can't store them. To find out how your donations help or if you wish to donate financially please see their website here: www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk.

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
KENSINGTON

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 8th November 2026

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Remembrance Eucharist
for families *(shortened)*

10.50 am Act of Remembrance
at the war memorial followed by
Service of Remembrance

5.30 pm Sung Evensong *with voluntary choir*

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This week we pray for

Ivell Arnold
Brigitte Chandler
Norma Curran
Fr. Luke Demitri
Peter Hamlyn
Caspar Irani
Alan Jones
Robin Price
Annie Redmile
Suzy Reinhart
Viv Robinson
Jono Robinson
Mike Roberts
Luke Valavanis
Adam
Jean
Luke
Maria

Long-term need
Christopher Browne
Nigel Grieve
Vikki King
Hannah Philips
Stefan Rogge
David Strong

For those who have died recently
Laura

and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time
George Bessada, 26th October David Grieve, 1st November
Olivia Band, 5th November

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