



# NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning  
**7<sup>th</sup> February 2016**



## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> THE SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST of Quinquagesima  
*Epistle:* 1 Corinthians 13  
*Gospel:* Luke 18. 31-34

## **9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST AND HOLY BAPTISM with Children on Sunday Groups**

*Reading:* 2 Corinthians 3. 12-18  
*Gospel:* Luke 9. 28-36  
*Preacher:* The Very Rev'd Mark Warrick, *Dean of Stamford*

## **11.15am CHORAL MATINS**

*Old Testament:* Exodus 3. 1-6  
*New Testament:* John 12. 27-36a  
*Preacher:* The Rev'd Jenny Welsh

## **12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST**

*Same Lections as at 8.00am*

6.30pm TAIZE PRAYER WITH HOLY EUCHARIST  
*'Christ's Light For The World'*

## **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

8.30am Morning Prayer  
10.30am Informal Eucharist at Beatrice Place Care Home  
1.05pm INFORMAL EUCHARIST 'Sunday on Monday'  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

## **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

8.30am Morning Prayer  
11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST – *Book of Common Prayer*  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

## **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> ASH WEDNESDAY**

6.40am Morning Prayer  
7.00am HOLY EUCHARIST with Ashing  
9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST - *St Mary Abbots Wholeschool Service*  
1.05pm SUNG EUCHARIST with Ashing  
5.30pm Evening Prayer  
7.00pm SOLEMN EUCHARIST WITH ASHING  
*Preacher:* The Vicar

## **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>**

7.10am Morning Prayer  
9.30am HOLY EUCHARIST - *said*  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

## **Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**

7.10am Morning Prayer  
7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST  
1.05pm RCM Students Recital  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

## **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>**

9.40am Morning Prayer  
10.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

## **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
*Epistle:* 2 Corinthians 6. 1-10  
*Gospel:* Matthew 4. 1-11

## **9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST with preschool Children on Sunday Groups**

*Reading:* Romans 10. 8b-13  
*Gospel:* Luke 4. 1-13  
*Preacher:* The Revd Gillean Craig

## **11.15am CHORAL MATINS LEADING INTO CHORAL EUCHARIST**

*Old Testament:* Jonah 3  
*New Testament:* Luke 18. 9-14  
*Preacher:* The Rev'd Philip Welsh

## **12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST**

*Epistle:* 2 Corinthians 6. 1-10  
*Gospel:* Matthew 4. 1-11

## **6.30pm PLAINCHANT EVENSONG with HOLY COMMUNION**

*Old Testament:* Micah 6. 1-8  
*New Testament:* Luke 5. 27-39  
*Preacher:* The Rev'd Jenny Welsh

## **IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

*We pray for all victims of terrorism, war and violence, and natural disaster, including refugees and those driven from home to escape poverty and famine.*

*We pray for those being baptised & received into our Church fellowship*

ELOISE WARRICK  
ANGELICA GANZAROLLI  
EDWARD BRIGDEN

*We give thanks and pray for the supreme Governor of the Church of England,  
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II,  
on the Sixtyfourth Anniversary of her Accession to the Throne*

*Please pray for the sick and those in distress, especially*

JOHN C  
WENDELL CADAGAN  
JEAN CARR-GOMM  
DAPHNE CRAIG  
BETTY DOWDELL  
CHRISTIAN HERRMANN  
JAMIE MARSDEN  
ROSE MURPHY  
DIANA NICOL  
AUDREY RASKIN  
MARK REDMAN  
CHARLOTTE REEVE  
PATRICK SHINE  
MARGARETA SJOQVIST  
JANET TOMES  
JAMES WORSLEY  
SUSAN YOUNG

*Pray for the repose of the soul of all those recently dead*

CHARLES SMYTHE  
GEORGINA BRADY  
ELEANOR CADAGAN  
GWEN ROBSON  
WENDY KNOWLES  
HENRY WORSLEY  
YVONNE ENROEDI

*Pray for the repose of the souls of those whose year's mind falls at this time.*

ANTHONY CARR-GOMM (Feb 9)  
ANNIE LLOYD (Feb 9)

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Karen Bryant

# ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Today is the Sunday before Lent, or Quinquagesima, and as the final Sunday before we enter the solemn penitential season it's the last time for nearly two months when we're allowed to sing the **Gloria**, have **flowers** in church, or use the glorious **A Word**. So today we use it as much as possible today - see if you can count how many times we sing it at this morning's 9.30 Sunday Eucharist. Throughout Lent we also refrain - except in emergencies - from conducting Holy Baptism, so on this final pre-Lent Sunday we are delighted to welcome into the fellowship of Christ's Church:

**ELOISE ISLA MARIE WARRICK**  
**EDWARD ALEXANDER BRIGDEN**

Additionally, we welcome into St Mary Abbots a child baptized elsewhere but whose parents are keen members of our congregation:

**ANGELICA ALEXANDRA LAURA GANZAROLLI**

Eloise's grandfather is the Dean of Stamford in Lincolnshire, the Very Revd Mark Warrick, and we are delighted that he has been able to negotiate an exeat to enable him to join us today - and especially that he will preach this morning's Address

## SUPPORT RWANDAN REFUGEES

Marie-Christine Nibagwire works with a Rwandan Women refugees' sewing project in Kenya. She has for sale a selection of their vibrant, colourful & practical bags & aprons. Her thanks to all those who have already purchased one - she still has more! Marie-Christine 07904 211 018, or [saferefuge@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:saferefuge@hotmail.co.uk). (More details - [www.saferefugerwanda.org](http://www.saferefugerwanda.org))

## NEW YEAR - YOUR NEW ROLE IN THE LITURGY?

Among all the various ways in which members of our fellowship work together in preparing and presenting Divine Worship we're recruiting new members for a very particular group: we are looking for new servers for our serving team at the 9.30am service. Perhaps you've never thought about sharing in this important and enjoyable ministry? We're particularly keen to have more adults in the team - we'll be holding training sessions shortly. Speak to Jenny or Gillean

today February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm

**TAIZÉ PRAYER**

*'Christ's Light For the World'*

1.05pm Friday Lunchtime

## ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC STUDENT RECITAL

This week: a HAYDN string Quartet, and the LISZT bminor piano sonata. Magnificent! There's a flier with details of all the Recitals between now and Easter - take one for you and lots for your musical friends.

Next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February:



11.15

## Choral Matins & Eucharist

Our augmented professional choir sings a full setting of the Eucharist - this month penitential music suitable for Lent: Lotti's *Missa Brevis*; and Locke's *Lord, Let Me Know My End*

## VICAR'S INSTALLATION AS PREBENDARY OF ST PAUL'S

Fr Gillean will be Installed as the Prebend of Caddington Minor in St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> (Mothering Sunday, unfortunately) at 3.15pm Evensong. All of course are warmly welcome at that service. We expect to have some tickets available that are supposed to give a slightly better view than the pot-luck places - we'll be advertising how you might apply for one.

## PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

### Meetings about to start

We're gathering our annual preparation Confirmation courses:

Graham, our Bishop of Kensington, is booked to administer this sacrament here on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. We take the process of preparation very seriously, and offer a four-month course of weekly sessions exploring Christian faith and practice, starting in a couple of weeks and extending through the crucial church seasons of Lent, Eastertide, Ascension and Pentecost.

We prepare children from school year 5, about the age of 9+, and we'll have groups of children, teenagers and adults. Remember, no-one's too old: we're aware of many adults who have not been confirmed or who, even if they receive the Sacrament, have not gone through this vital process. The weekly study and discussion groups explore the major themes of Christian belief and practice, so we may play our full part in the church's life. Last week we held the initial meetings - that actual course doesn't begin to this week. So if you want to join in now, you won't have missed a single session! If you're interested, speak to the clergy, or email [gillean.craig@stmaryabbotschurch.org](mailto:gillean.craig@stmaryabbotschurch.org)

## This Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, is

# ASH WEDNESDAY

After Good Friday, this is the most solemn day of the church's year, on which all Christians will want to consider their relationship with God and turn again to experience his mercy and forgiveness.

We offer three opportunities for you to do so and as a sign of our penitence, our acknowledgement that we are dust and to dust we will return, we will impose ashes - that is, make the sign of the cross on our foreheads with ash, at all these services.

### 7.00am Holy Eucharist

We're told that our usual 7.30am time isn't early enough for many to enable them to get on to work - we hope that 7.00 will be satisfactory

### 9.30am St Mary Abbots

Whole School SUNG EUCHARIST

### 1.05pm SUNG EUCHARIST

### 7.00pm SOLEMN EUCHARIST

At both of these last two services our professional choir will sing Allegri's *Miserere*, for many the most moving of all the church's penitential motets.

## A NEW AND VITAL WORK OF OUTREACH TO KENSINGTON

But in addition to these familiar liturgical observances in church, we will once again be taking to the streets. At three key periods throughout the day a small team of us will be outside the church, by the War Memorial, offering a prayer card and to sign the foreheads of all who want with the sign of the cross in holy ash.

We'd love to share this ministry with YOU:

any members of the congregation who would like to join us, please speak to one of the clergy.

To make the Ashes we burn last year's Palm Crosses - so please bring yours from home and bring in or outside the Vestry asap.

So from Wednesday we enter

## THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

We will once again offer a full provision of worship, study and events to encourage us all keep this holy season as a time of renewing and deepening our knowledge of God, our Discipleship of Jesus, and our membership of his servant church.

Most of our Lent Provision starts next Sunday.

There will be:

### DISTINGUISHED VISITING PREACHERS

at 11.15 Sunday Matins;

a Tuesday Lunchtime LENT GROUP

studying the Gospel reading;

a Thursday Evening LENT STUDY GROUP

exploring how the daily work of members of our congregation is informed by their faith;

the DIOCESAN LENT APPEAL

in aid of persecuted Christians in Iraq and Syria for our charitable giving

and a LENT QUIET DAY:

### HOME OR AWAY?

Led by the Vicar at St Mary's Convent, Chiswick on Wednesday 24 February from 9.30-3.00. Details on posters & fliers. To book your place email or sign the list in church. It comprises Addresses, silence, lunch, refreshments. To help cover costs, we invite a voluntary donation of £10ish.



## REFUGEES AND THE CHURCH

Last Wednesday's open Deanery Synod Meeting was moving, informative and compelling. We are putting together proposals as to how St Mary Abbots can help in response to the Syrian refugee crisis. We heard about:

† The borough Welcome Committee set up to co-ordinate responses

† How our churches can help make this new policy work

If you want to know more, speak to the clergy in the first place.

## SAVE THE DATE!

On the evening of Wednesday 2 March we will be inviting all adult members of our congregations to the LAUNCH OF THE APPEAL TO FUND PHASE 2 OF OUR WHOLESALE RENOVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF St MARY ABBOTS

