



NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning
17th April 2016



IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

All refugees and those driven from home to escape genocide, terrorism, war, poverty and famine.
For all in positions of power to respond to this crisis with generosity, co-operation and resolve

We give thanks and pray for HM The Queen on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

For all those preparing for Confirmation at this time, members of our Junior and our Adult Groups
OTTO BARROW : SOPHIE BECKITT : NICHOLAS BOWYER : ESIN CELEBI : CASSIUS CAMPBELL
RONA DAVIS : HARRY DURTNALL : UMA EICKELBERG : GWENDOLINE ENGLISH : ADRIANA FAGERHOLM : ANDREW GIBLIN : EMMA GIBLIN
WILLIAM GOVE : NAZANIN KARVAR : LAN KE GRACE KERYACOS : EVA KNIGHTLEY : OKSANA KNIGHTLEY : ANNA LUND : HAL MCILWAIN
MOLLIE NELSON : LUKA PALMER : JAEYUN PARK
DAVID PILLING : GRACIE ROBINSON LABIA
FILIPE KE WANG : KEWEN WANG : ANGELINE ZHU

For those recently married
OLUWASEYI & OLOLADE MICHAEL

For those preparing to be baptised
CHRISTOPHER BRADFORD : EMMANUEL BUCUR
ANDREW GIBLIN : LAN KE
KEWEN WANG : FILIPE WANG

For the sick and those in distress, especially
RHEA BROWN : WENDELL CADAGAN
JEANETTE CLOW : BILL KIRKPATRICK
SICILLE KOTELAWALA : GILL LONGVILLE
CHARLOTTE REEVE : LARRY ROLLAND
ULRIKE SONDEHI : JANET TOMES
SUSAN YOUNG : ROXANNA ZADVORNY

Pray for all who have died recently
KEVIN HAND : BERNARD NZAMWITA
KATHLEEN STEWART-MURRAY

For the repose all those whose year's mind falls at this time.

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Sunday 17th April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

First Lesson: 1 Peter 2. 11-17

Gospel: John 16. 16-22

9.30am FAMILY EUCHARIST with Preschool Groups

Reading: Acts 9. 36-43

Gospel: John 10. 22-30

All-Age Presentation

11.15am CHORAL MATINS leading into CHORAL EUCHARIST

Old Testament: Isaiah 63. 7-9

New Testament: Luke 24. 36-49

Preacher: The Rev'd Jenny Welsh

NO 12.30 HOLY EUCHARIST TODAY

6.30pm SUNG EVENSONG followed by HOLY COMMUNION

Old Testament: 1 Kings 17. 17-24

New Testament: Luke 7. 11-23

Preacher: The Rev'd Gillean Craig

Monday 18th April

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.30am Funeral: Kevin Hand RIP

1.05pm 'Sunday on Monday' HOLY EUCHARIST

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 19th April St Alphege

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST – Book of Common Prayer

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 20th April

7.10am Morning Prayer

7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

1.05pm Meditation Group

2.00pm HOLY EUCHARIST OF HEALING

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 21st April St Anselm

The 90th Birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth II

7.10am Morning Prayer

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST

St Mary Abbots School Service – all welcome

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 22nd April

7.10am Morning Prayer

7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

1.05pm RCM Students' Recital

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 23rd April St George

9.40am Morning Prayer

10.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 24th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

First Lesson: 1 Peter 2. 11-17

Gospel: John 16. 16-22

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST AND HOLY BAPTISM

Reading: Acts 11. 1-9

Gospel: John 13. 31-35

Sermon: The Rev'd Jenny Welsh

11.15am CHORAL MATINS

Old Testament: Daniel 6. 6-23

New Testament: Mark 15. 46 – 16. 8

Preacher: The Vicar

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST

6.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Old Testament: Isaiah 52. 7-10

New Testament: Mark 1. 1-15

The service followed by

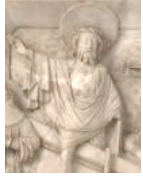
HOLY COMMUNION

STILL THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE!

Let no-one persuade you that Easter is over: it's only just begun! Eastertide isn't one day, or one week – it's a complete season, lasting for no less than seven weeks, from Easter Day until the Feast of Pentecost (this year, on May 15th). The final ten days form the particular sub-season, starting on Ascension Day (Thursday 5th May), of Ascensiontide. But note that this whole period is in fact LONGER than Lent: so often people assume that Christianity is all about making people miserable. Let's prove that, on the contrary, we have far more to celebrate than to depress us, keeping this glorious season as a time of rejoicing, joy & hope.

Our Easter Greeting is: Alleluia! Christ is risen:
To which we respond: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Today Sunday 17th May
our special once-a-month Sunday provision:



9.30 FAMILY EUCHARIST

An all-age modern language service so the whole family can worship together. Younger members of our fellowship will take on many roles: sidesmen, taking the collection, acting as servers and readers. This also is the Sunday when we sing hymns and worship songs from a wider range of sources than our usual, mainly traditional, *New English Hymnal*.

11.15 Choral Matins leading into CHORAL EUCHARIST

when our professional choir sings a classic setting of the Eucharist – this month's mass setting is PALESTRINA's Missa Brevis and the motet is GIBBON's If Ye Be Risen Indeed



Our thanks to everyone who gives so generously to the DALGARNO TRUST FOODBANK

We collect on Sundays and at the Thursday school Eucharist to support our LOCAL FOODBANK, in the Dalgarno Community Centre in North Kensington. Handbills in church provide the shopping lists. We deliver the gifts each Thursday morning. *Further details from Jenny Welsh*

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make yesterday's Friends of St Mary Abbots FAMILY BREAKFAST

such a resounding success. We enjoyed a splendid full English breakfast, children's games, and newspapers. Bravo to Alison Steel, Anna McNally, Hannah Stewart, Callum Stewart and the gallant band of helpers. It has already raised £600 for the church – but there is a whole range of produce on sale over coffee this morning: let's see how much we can add to that total!

NORMAL SERVICE(S) RESUMED!

After all the drama of Holy Week and the Holy-Day delights of Easter Week we resume our normal pattern of daily worship. Now that light mornings have returned, what better time could there be to start/resume a commitment to sharing in one or more of our weekday services? **HOLY EUCHARIST** is offered in different times and formats: one or more will be just right for YOU:

Monday 1.05pm 'Sunday On Monday' Eucharist

This service attracts those who work on and around the High Street in addition to regular members of our own congregation.

Tuesday 11.30am Book of Common Prayer Eucharist

Wednesday 7.30am Holy Eucharist

Thursday 9.30am Holy Eucharist

In termtime this is a Sung Eucharist led by the St Mary Abbots School Choir, with readings, prayers and presentations offered by the children.

All are most warmly welcome to attend.

Friday 7.30am Holy Eucharist

Saturday 10.00am Holy Eucharist

OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO GAVE SO GENEROUSLY TO OUR EASTER COLLECTIONS IN AID OF THE BISHOP OF LONDON'S LENT APPEAL

SUPPORTING PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ AND SYRIA
In 2015, 120,000 Christians fled their homes in Mosul, Iraq, and outlying Christian villages rather than face forced conversion or death at the hands of Daesh. In Syria Open Doors helps some 10,000 families with emergency food supplies and medical supplies making a real difference to their lives of oppression and poverty.

If you missed giving your Easter donation, last time of calling: give your contribution to a Warden or one of the Clergy.

At 1.05pm this Friday 22nd April we hold the weekly **RSM STUDENTS RECITAL**

Music for piano solo and saxophone solo by PROKOVIEV and TOMASI. Admission free – all welcome, light refreshments available; bring your sandwiches if you wish!

One of the many Easter treats which delights us at this season is the

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING at 6.30pm on Wednesday week 27th April

This is our great once-a-year chance to celebrate the life and ministry of our whole church, as we gather together with our friends from Christ Church and St Philips, to hear about the life of their churches and tell them about all that happens at St Mary Abbots. Although it's a formal, legal meeting with Elections and Reports, it's really more like a party – followed by drinks, in the Vicarage Garden if fine. Book the date now!

NOW IS THE TIME TO CHECK THAT YOU ARE ON THE PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL

IF YOU ARE: Baptised and over 16; *and either* live in the parish or have worshipped here regularly for 6 months+ you should be registered on our Electoral Roll (nb – this has nothing to do with the Civil Roll:

it's an entirely separate list of all our church's adult members. If you're not on it you can't vote in church elections – but you'll still be very welcome at the meeting. I know how much you want to come.)

Check that you're on the list by the South Door.

COPING WITH MEMORY LOSS

The Kensington and Chelsea forum for older residents, and StMA present another event for older people: Ann Morisey will lead an afternoon session on Thursday 28th April from 2-4pm, in St Mary Abbots Centre Long Room. All welcome, but please let Jenny (020 7937 2364) know if you wish to attend

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 15-21.

It may feel like a long time away, but it is only 4 weeks to go. We will be once again collecting in the tube station on the weekdays, and welcome offers of help particularly between 7.30 and 9.30 am; but also throughout the day, when we will share the duties with members of Kensington UR Church. Please speak to Jenny if you would like to help.

You might not know that we have an INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

that brings our concerns for the needs of the parish & beyond, for individuals and issues into God's presence. The members support each in praying daily, and meet monthly
More details from Revd Jenny Welsh.



Save the Date: Wednesday 25th May

7.00pm OUR ANNUAL CONFIRMATION

We will present some twenty-eight adult and junior candidates to be Confirmed by the Bishop of Kensington. Do book the date and pray for them as they continue their journey of preparation.

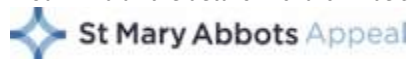
Glorious news, fitting for Eastertide! We can announce a NEW PRIEST FOR ST MARY ABBOTS

We're delighted that the **Revd STEPHEN FIELDING** will shortly be joining our Clergy Team. He has an impressive array of experience that will be a great enrichment to our ministry – ordained later in life than, say, your Vicar, he amply proved that unlike many clergy he was fit and competent to excel in real work, his CV ranging from working as a Barrister, Banker and in the specialist and highly Christian work of Mediation. Following Ordination he has worked in parishes, as Appeal Director for Cuddesdon Theological College and most recently as Residentiary Canon and Treasurer of Coventry Cathedral. He will have a .75 post with us, working on Sundays and 3.5 weekdays, and will be responsible for setting up a vital and innovative HIGH STREET MINISTRY (watch out for further details). He will be Licenced and Welcomed at **6.30 Solemn Evensong on Sunday 15 May**. We look forward to welcoming him and his wife Angela, and wish them great happiness here with us.

TRANSFORMING ST MARY ABBOTS

RESTORING • RENEWING • REORDERING • ENHANCING • EXTENDING

Have you intended to make a contribution to the vital Phase Two of our Grand Project: creating a flexible multi-purpose space at the back of the church for a far wider range for activities and events than is currently possible, served with a discreet new extension containing kitchen & WCs. This new financial year, with your bonus safely in, is the best time to make YOUR contribution – single donation, signing a regular covenant, or both! You'll find all the details in church – be sure to pick up your copies today.



All responses to Head of Fundraising Karen Bryant: appeal@stmaryabbotschurch.org