

In Our Prayers This Week

In the waters of baptism we were made God's children and called to serve one another as we have been served by Christ. Therefore let us pray for one another and for all people who will not or cannot pray for themselves.
Lutheran Church of Australia

We pray for Australia and its people in this time of drought, for those on farms and in rural areas deprived of harvests and livestock, livelihood and hope. May God send rain to water the earth and help for those in need.
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Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Michael North	<i>Those in long-term need</i>
Katie Aston	Maria Reis	Sergio Avanzi
Evangelia Brown	June Scully	Frieda Bilger
Sarah Deal	Sue Spicer	Vincenzo Blandini
Andrew Fernandes	Becky Tinsley	Theo Bulkai
Tony Gordon	Roger	John Cantlie
Joan Jackson	Rosie	Joan Davies
Soheli Madadi	Amir	Leo Koymans
Mary McKenna	Roxana	Simon Portal
Diana Nicol	Alma	Annie Redmile
Margaret Lyon	Holly Raber	James Worsley

and for all who have died recently

Richard Alan Lamping Judith Mary Allen

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

Nigel Leyland: 12th Jan Fredrick Lloyd: 14th Jan Joan Martin: 15th Jan
Samir Abourahme and David Wilson: 17th January

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

12th January 2020

Sunday 12th January – Baptism of Christ

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am Family Eucharist with Baptisms and Children on Sunday Groups
Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
11.15am Choral Matins
Benedictus in G - STANLEY ROPER
Tribus miraculis - MARENZIO
Preacher: Revd Jonathan MacNeaney
12.30pm Holy Eucharist
6.30pm Sung Evensong
followed by Holy Eucharist
Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith

Monday 13th January – Hilary, Bishop

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
1.05pm **Informal Eucharist – Sunday on Monday**
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 14th January

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
11.30am **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 15th January

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am **Holy Eucharist**
1.00pm Meditation Group
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 16th January

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
9.20am School Service– All Welcome
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 17th January – Antony of Egypt, Abbot & Hermit

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am **Holy Eucharist**
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 18th January - Christian Unity week of prayer

- 9.40am Morning Prayer
10.00am **Holy Eucharist**
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 19th January – Second Sunday of Epiphany

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am Family Eucharist with Children on Sunday Groups
Preacher: Revd Jonathan MacNeaney
11.15am Choral Matins
Benedictus in D flat - NICHOLSON
Wer will uns scheiden? – SCHÜTZ
Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
12.30pm Holy Eucharist
6.15pm Organ music
Frescobaldi – Toccata Cromaticha, Recercar Cromatico
De Grigny – Récit de Tierce en taille
6.30pm Sung Evensong
followed by Holy Eucharist
Preacher: Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

We welcome the family, godparents and friends of Margot Matilda Milligan, Kristina Harsiny-Silchenstedt and Tabitha Storm Woolhouse who are being baptised this Sunday and we welcome them to God's church.

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year, and to say three enormous thank yous to the St Mary Abbots community as I approach the four-month mark of my new incumbency here.

First, to everyone who worked so hard to make this such a wonderful and uplifting Advent and Christmas season:

Fr Jonathan, staff, musicians, singers, flower-arrangers, volunteers of every kind, and all those who contributed time and money for the beauty of the church and the joy of our celebration, from the Christmas fair and Messiah right through to the Christmas lunch and afternoon service on Christmas Day!

Second, for all the very kind good wishes, cards and gifts my family and I have received this Christmas - we have been overwhelmed by your generosity and thoughtfulness.

And third, and perhaps most of all, to all of you for your wonderful warm and encouraging welcome to Jeremy, Hugo, Guy and me over the past four months. It is a huge joy and privilege to serve as Vicar of St Mary Abbots, and I look forward very much to stepping into the New Year to serve the Lord and discern his calling for the parish in the company of such amazing parishioners

Wishing you all a glorious Epiphanytide, and with my prayers for a peaceful 2020.

Emma

LOOKING AHEAD

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Evening Service
Tuesday 21st January 2020
7.00 pm, at
St Marks Coptic Orthodox Church
Allen Street, Kensington, London, W8 6UX
Followed by Refreshments
All Welcome - bring your friends!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18th - 25th January 2020

This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be based around the theme of "Resurrection". Mother Emma has been invited to give the address at the service on the 21st January at St Marks Coptic Orthodox Church, Allen Street, W8. Members of all Kensington Churches are warmly invited to attend and we hope that St Mary Abbots will come and give good show of support from our church.

Experiencing Christian Unity in Jerusalem

Thursday 23rd January at 6.30

Rev Andy Roland will talk on how churches in Jerusalem celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity each year and it will be a fascinating and moving discussion, followed by a book signing of "A Week of Prayer in Jerusalem" and Palestinian refreshments. All welcome, of any faith or none! Register on eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/yzpugxos> or just turn up. If you have any questions please email aoroland@gmail.com

Friends of St Mary Abbots talk by Professor Lord Alton of Liverpool

19 February 2020 at 7pm

An early start out of the blocks in 2020 for the Friends of St Mary Abbots: Professor Lord Alton of Liverpool, a global human rights campaigner, expert on China and a Patron of the Friends of St Mary Abbots will give a talk to the Friends and Guests on the subject "Peering Over The Great Wall: China and the West - two civilisations seeking to co-exist on the same Planet". Tickets can be reserved at the church or by contacting www.lordaltontalk.eventbrite.co.uk or email founding Patron Steve Atack, steveatack@aol.com

Tickets are £15 per person including wine and refreshments.

Confirmation Groups

Confirmation, 21 May at 7pm

On the 21st May The Bishop of Kensington will be coming to St Mary Abbots for a service of Confirmation. If you are interested in being confirmed this year we will have preparation sessions for both Children and Adults in the second half of February. Please speak to one of the Clergy after the service or email Leonora on pa@smaw8.org

OTHER NOTICES

Thank you message from the Food Bank

"The donations we receive on a weekly basis from the church is a lifeline for our foodbank, as it is a reliable source that we can count on. Please pass on our thanks to all the congregation and especially to the people who deliver the food on Thursday.

Our food bank service users are experiencing problems with the benefits system, ill health or challenging life experiences, and a lack of local support. For some these issues are hitting people simultaneously and leaves no protection from hunger and poverty. People are pulled into further crisis by increased pressure from heating bills, food and other essentials. We saw a marked increase in our numbers of people accessing our services over Christmas and we struggled to ensure that our Food bank and community kitchen (we provide a hot meal on the same day as the Food Bank), was well stocked. So the generous donation from your church was very much appreciated."

As you can see your donations are both vital and hugely appreciated. Any contributions should be left at the vestry as well as a list of needed items. A thank you lunch has been arranged for the food bank's volunteers on Sunday the 19th to which the Church will be contributing. For details please speak to Father Jonathan.

Sermons

Mother Emma and Father Jonathan's sermons are now available online. If you would like to hear them then the link is here:

Mother Emma's sermons: <https://tinyurl.com/emmassermons>

Father Jonathan's sermons:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/jmacneaney/about> (Father Jonathan notes that after nearly 200 uploaded sermons with an account that has been open for 14 years he is still well shy of 10,000 views. Please help him out!)

Register of Children at SMA

Most of the children who attend St Mary Abbots Church on Sunday groups are now re-registered. If your child has not been re-registered please speak to Louis or someone from the Sunday groups for a form. Weekly registers will be taken in the groups by Louis or a volunteer and parents will also have the opportunity to sign the register if their child decides to stay with them in church. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact Mother Emma or Martina.