

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

WE PRAY THAT GOD WILL INSPIRE,
STRENGTHEN AND GUIDE US THROUGHOUT 2016;
THAT THIS NEW YEAR MAY BE MARKED BY
PEACE, JUSTICE, RECONCILIATION AND HEALING
FOR ALL CREATION

*Please pray for all refugees and displaced people, those fleeing conflict and danger,
those seeking safe haven.*

Please pray for those preparing to be baptised

CAIKA DOLAN
IVO WHITTAM SMITH
JOHANNA YOUNG

Please pray for the sick and those in distress, especially

WENDELL CADAGAN
BETTY DOWDELL
JEAN CARR-GOMM
OLWEN HASLAM
CHRISTIAN HERRMANN
JOHN IRISH
BILL KIRKPATRICK
JAMIE MARSDEN
AUDREY RASKIN
CHARLOTTE REEVE
MARGARETA SJOQVIST
ULRIKE SONDHI
SUSANNA TODD
JANET TOMES
WENDY ASHER WORTH
ROXANNA ZADVORNY

Pray for all who have died recently
THEMBEKA MAPUNGA
GWEN ROBSON

Pray for the repose of the souls of those whose year's mind falls at this time
HARTLE BOURNE
CONSTANCE SPENCER



NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning
3rd January 2016



Sunday 3rd EPIPHANY SUNDAY

- 8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
First Lesson: Isaiah 60. 1-9
Gospel: Matthew 2. 1-12
- 9.30am **FAMILY EUCHARIST
with Creche**
Old Testament: Isaiah 60. 1-6
Gospel: Matthew 2. 1-12
Address: The Rev'd Jenny Welsh
- 11.15am CHORAL MATINS
Old Testament: Baruch 4. 36 – 5. 9
New Testament: John 2. 1-11
Preacher: The Vicar, The Rev'd Gillean Craig
- 12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST
Readings as at 8.00am
- 4.00pm** TAIZE PRAYER & HOLY EUCHARIST
Our Gifts to the Infant King

Monday 4th

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
1.05am 'Sunday on Monday'
INFORMAL EUCHARIST
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 5th

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

Wednesday 6th

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD TO THE GENTILES

- 7.10am Morning Prayer
7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST
1.05pm *Meditation Group*
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 7th

- 7.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am St Mary Abbots School EPIPHANY EUCHARIST
all welcome
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 8th

- 7.10am Morning Prayer
7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 9th

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

Sunday 10th

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

- 8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
First Lesson: Romans 12. 1-5
Gospel: Luke 2. 41-end
- 9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST,
RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS
AND HOLY BAPTISM
with Children on Sundays Groups**
Reading: Acts 8. 14-17
Gospel: Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22
Preacher: The Vicar, The Rev'd Gillean Craig
- 11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**
Old Testament: Isaiah 55. 1-11
New Testament: Acts 19. 1-7
Preacher: The Vicar, The Rev'd Gillean Craig
- 12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST *readings as at 8.00am*
- 6.30pm **SUNG EVENSONG**
Old Testament: Isaiah 42. 1-9
New Testament: Mark 1. 4-11
Preacher: The Rev'd Philip Welsh
- followed by* HOLY COMMUNION

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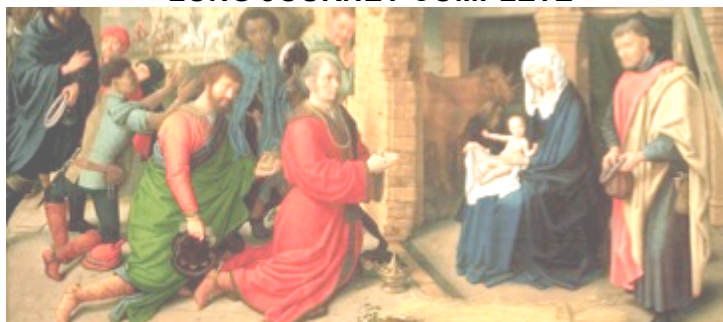
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**MAY GOD GRANT TO US ALL
A HOLY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR
JUSTICE AND PEACE TO OUR WORLD
AND HEALING FOR THE SICK
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2016**

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY TODAY:
LONG JOURNEY COMPLETE**



Have you been following the Wise Men on their journey around the church, starting on Advent Sunday? The older your Vicar gets, the greater his delight in such childlike (?-ish) practises. Well, they're finally arriving! The great **Feast of the Epiphany** on January 6th - when we celebrate the visit to the Christ Child of the Magi and their offerings of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh - is on Wednesday. But under the current rules we're encouraged to anticipate it on the nearest Sunday, ie today. From Christmas through to Epiphany is best understood as a single, great, feast - so we're still keeping our Christmas decorations in place, so that all may admire and enjoy them.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

flower arrangements, candle decorations, tree, pillars - all were wonderful, filling the church with colour and scent - and we thank **Cecily Scott** and her devoted team who work so hard to make St Mary Abbots a place of such beauty and delight. Why don't YOU join the team?

Taizé 4.00pm tonight Sunday 3rd Jan **Taizé**

TAIZÉ PRAYER

'our gifts to the infant king'

The Epiphany theme is continued in our first-Sunday-in-the-month Taizé Prayer. This simple service of chants, praise and prayer always attracts members of other local churches - why not join them, perhaps a New Year resolution to broaden your part in our worship? **Note the early time!**

St Mary Abbots School starts its new term on Tuesday: there's another chance to celebrate the FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY at the **Thursday 7th January 9.30am WHOLE-SCHOOL SUNG EUCHARIST** with Procession of the Magi as they offer Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh - all warmly welcome.

NORMAL SERVICE(S) RESUMED!

The start of a New Year would be an excellent time for YOU to start / resume a commitment to sharing in one or more of our weekday services:

Monday	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	1.05pm	'Sunday On Monday' Eucharist
	This informal service is followed by a shared lunch!	
Tuesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	Book of Common Prayer Eucharist
Wednesday	7.10am	Morning Prayer
	7.30am	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	7.10am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	IN TERM TIME: all welcome to St Mary Abbots SCHOOL EUCHARIST
Friday	7.10am	Morning Prayer
	7.30am	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	9.40am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
Monday - Saturday daily:		
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer

CHRISTMAS MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY AND ALONE

The Christmas Day Feast, Party and Gift-giving to our elderly neighbours in the greater Kensington area was once again a great success. Members of St Mary Abbots, Christ Church and St Georges gave gifts and drove our guests to and from the party. Our particular thanks to Sylvana Anderson, who took on the lion's share of organizing the day in partnership with Lucille and the Briance family, to all who helped on the day, and the Royal Garden Hotel for donating the meal.

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

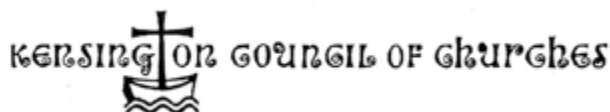
Next Sunday 10th January is the **Feast of the Baptism of Christ** the 9.30am Sung Eucharist includes the **Sacrament of Baptism** & also - for everyone - the **Renewal of Baptismal Vows** We're issuing a special invitation everyone recently baptised at St Mary Abbots to share in this service - do let us know if you don't receive one.



'I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU FED ME'
Our thanks to everyone who gave so generously to the

DALGARNO TRUST FOODBANK

We're starting to collect again from this Sunday and at the Thursday school Eucharist in support of 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 - we need a couple more volunteer drivers to join the team. *Details from Jenny Welsh*



2016 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Our main local celebration is on Monday January 25, at 7.15 at St Sarkis Armenian Church, Iverna Gardens

THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL'S SONGBOOK PROGRAMME

is coming to the St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate, London, W8 4HN Tuesday 12 January 1.45pm to 3.45pm. All welcome to come listen, sing along and enjoy refreshments afterwards. It's free, but please book your place on 020 7352 1336 or kensingtonandchelseaforum@hotmail.co.uk

St. Mary Abbots' Book Club - 2.30pm Thursday 28th January

We will be discussing **Andrew Marr's A SHORT BOOK ABOUT DRAWING**. After the discussion we will enjoy a friendly and delicious tea. New members welcome: please contact: Ann_Q@hotmail.co.uk

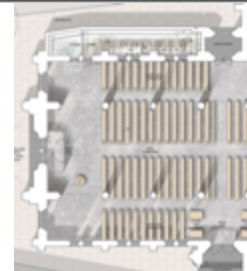
PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

We're planning our annual preparation courses for Confirmation: Bishop Graham is booked to administer this sacrament here on Wednesday 25th May. We offer a four-month course exploring Christian faith and practice. Children are welcomed from school year 5 upwards, and each year we also have an adults' group of glorious diversity of age and background - so feel no embarrassment at coming forward if you are of more mature years: email gillian.craig@stmaryabbotschurch.org

Now that the high roof has been re-slatted let's move to the the next phase of our wholesale renovation and enhancements of our church:

THE APPEAL - what's next?

Karen Bryant, Head of Fundraising writes:
our next round of fundraising to install proper toilets at the church! Will enable us to build a n extension, entered by discreet doors under the windows close to the current site of the font, which will for the first time provide a kitchen and toilet facilities. We will also create a glass lobby inside the west door, open up that space for exhibitions and informal gatherings and re-site the magnificent font, giving it a far more prominent position. Leaflets in church ,website and Facebook give further details



We need your support.

www.stmaryabbotsappeal.com

Linda and I, Jenny and Philip would like to thank all of you who so generously sent us Christmas cards and gifts.