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| ***IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:****We pray for all victims of terrorism, those scarred in body, mind and soul by the violence and hatred of others. We pray for all who seek to bring justice, peace* *and reconciliation to our world, for all refugees and displaced people,* *those fleeing conflict and danger, those seeking safe haven.**Please pray for those preparing to be baptised*GAIKA ATHENA DOLANIVO WHITTAM SMITHJOANNA CHELSEA ANGEL YOUNG*Please pray for the sick and those in distress, especially*WENDELL CADAGANJEAN CARR-GOMMDAPHNE CRAIGBETTY DOWDELLANNA-MARIA DURANTECATHERINE GREENVALERIE HARDWICKEOLWEN HASLAMCHRISTIAN HERRMANNJOHN IRISHJAMIE MARSDENISABEL MILNERAUDREY RASKINCHARLOTTE REEVEJUNE SCULLYMARGARETA SJOQVISTSUSANNA TODDJANET TOMESWENDY ASHER WORTH*Pray for all who have died recently*LEONARD HOLDSWORTHELEANOR CADAGANGWEN ROBSON*Pray for the repose of the souls of those whose year’s mind falls at this time* FREDERICK LLOYD DAVID WILSON MALCOLM BONNELLBURY PEERLESSANNABEL BAIN |

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**ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH**

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|  | **NEWSLETTER****for the week beginning****10th January 2016** |  |

***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 Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin *The Bishop of Kensington*

 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

***Monday 11th***

 8.30am Morning Prayer

 1.05am INFORMAL EUCHARIST ‘Sunday on Monday’

 5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Tuesday 12th St Aelred***

 8.30am Morning Prayer

11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST – *Book of Common Prayer*

 5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Wednesday 13th St Hilary***

 7.10am Morning Prayer

 7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

*1.05pm Meditation Group*

 5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Thursday 14th***

 7.10am Morning Prayer

 9.30am St Mary Abbots School SUNG EUCHARIST - *all welcome*

 5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Friday 15th***

 7.10am Morning Prayer

 7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

 5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Saturday 16th***

 9.40am Morning Prayer

 10.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

 5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Sunday 17th 2nd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY***

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

 *Epistle:* Romans 12. 6-16a

 *Gospel:* John 2. 1-11

 9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST

 *with Children on Sundays Groups*

 *Old Testament:* Isaiah 62. 1-5

 *New Testament:* 1 Corinthians 12. 12-18

 *Gospel:* John 2. 1-11

 *Preacher:* The Revd Philip Welsh

 **11.15am** **CHORAL MATINS *leading into***

**CHORAL EUCHARIST**

 *Old Testament:* 1 Samuel 3. 1-20

 *New Testament:* John 1. 29-42

 *Preacher:* The Revd Daphne Green

  ***NB no 12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST***

 6.30pm SUNG EVENSONG AND HOLY COMMUNION

 *Old Testament:* Isaiah 49. 1-7

 *New Testament:* John 2. 1-11

 *Preacher:* The Revd Jenny Welsh

***St Mary Abbots is delighted to welcome this morning***

***The Rt Revd Dr GRAHAM TOMLIN***

***our new Bishop of Kensington.***

***Following his consecration last Autumn he was welcomed to the Diocese at a service at St Pauls, rather than as in recent practice at an Area Service here at St Mary Abbots – so this is his first official visit to us as our Bishop. He will share in the 9.30 service and officiate and preach at 11.15 Choral Matins.***

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| **THE BAPTISM** **OF CHRIST**Today we keep the Feast of the Baptism of Christ. The 9.30am Sung Eucharist includes the **Sacrament of Baptism** for three new Christians and also the **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**for us all. We’ve invited all those baptised in recent years at Mary Abbots to share in this service. | **Baptism of Christ - della Francesca** |

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|  | **‘I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU FED ME’*****Our thanks to everyone who gives so generously to the***  |

***DALGARNO TRUST FOODBANK***

We’re collecting regularly again on Sundays 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*

**NEW YEAR – YOUR NEW ROLE IN THE LITURGY?**

One of the great privileges of the church is to assist in the proclamation of divine worship. In a church like St Mary Abbots there are many ways in which we can do this, demonstrating that the offering of worship is something that we do together as the Body of Christ, not a performance by the clergy at which the laity form the passive audience. Readers, sidesmen, choir, bellringers, flower arrangers – all contribute to this central ministry. But 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 have wondered if you might be able to take part in this important and enjoyable ministry?  If so, do have a word with Fr Gillean or Jenny.  We would particularly like to encourage adults to join the team – we’ll be holding training sessions in the coming weeks.

**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**

***Next Sunday we offer our once-a-month provision:***

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|  | **SUNDAY 17th JANUARY** **11.15 Choral Matins** leading into **CHORAL EUCHARIST**Our augmented professional choir sings a full setting of the Eucharist – this month the Mass setting is the rarely-heard Rheinberger’s *Missa Sincere in Memoriam.*  |
|  | **This Tuesday 12th January 1.45-3.45****THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL** **COMES TO ST MARY ABBOTS!** |

**THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL’S SONGBOOK** **PROGRAMME** visits the St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate, London, W8 4HN. All are warmly 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

***SUPPORT RWANDAN REFUGEES***

*One of Marie-Christine Nibagwire’s many works of charity and support is working with a Rwandan Women refugees’ sewing project in Kenya. She has a selection of their vibrant, colourful & practical bags & aprons. Please support this work with a purchase or two –Marie-Christine 07904 211 018, or :* *saferefuge@hotmail.co.uk**.*

*More details - [www.saferefugerwanda.org](http://www.saferefugerwanda.org/))*



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|  | **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  |

**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](https://btmail.bt.com/invalidurl.gif)  .

St MARY ABBOTS RECYCLING CHRISTMAS CARDS

Don’t throw away your old cards – the Handicraft Group is delighted to recycle the cards (well the Old Masters, anyway). Deliver to the Vestry.

**PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION**

Have YOU been confirmed? Nowadays many people reach full adult years without receiving the grace of this sacrament, and feel too shy to come forward and admit the fact. Fear Not! At St Mary Abbots every year we present for confirmation not only schoolchildren but also a group of adults – some really quite elderly. You wont be alone and there’s no need to be embarrassed. 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 *gillean.craig@stmaryabbotschurch.org*

***THE REVEREND PREBENDARY CRAIG!***

***Just before Christmas your Vicar was amazed and delighted to be nominated by the Bishop of London to be a Prebendary of St Paul’s Cathedral, taking the Prebend of Caddington Minor. Nowadays an essentially honorific role, it is nevertheless a great honour, so reflecting on our parish. As soon as I know when the Installation will take place, I’ll inform you all. Many previous Vicars of our church have also been prebendaries - it doesn’t mean I’m leaving StMA!***

***ST MARY ABBOTS – RESTORED AND ENHANCED***

***Now the high roof has been re-slated we move on to the next phase:***

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| **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](http://www.stmaryabbotsappeal.com) | cid:B15BD42F-E53F-4A8B-80B2-78333937F8FB |
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