

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 DOLAN

IVO WHITTAM SMITH

JOANNA CHELSEA ANGEL YOUNG

Please pray for the sick and those in distress, especially

WENDELL CADAGAN

JEAN CARR-GOMM

DAPHNE CRAIG

BETTY DOWDELL

ANNA-MARIA DURANTE

CATHERINE GREEN

VALERIE HARDWICKE

OLWEN HASLAM

CHRISTIAN HERRMANN

JOHN IRISH

JAMIE MARSDEN

ISABEL MILNER

AUDREY RASKIN

CHARLOTTE REEVE

JUNE SCULLY

MARGARETA SJOQVIST

SUSANNA TODD

JANET TOMES

WENDY ASHER WORTH

Pray for all who have died recently

LEONARD HOLDSWORTH

ELEANOR CADAGAN

GWEN ROBSON

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

FREDERICK LLOYD

DAVID WILSON

MALCOLM BONNELL

BURY PEERLESS

ANNABEL BAIN

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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 SONG 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 SONG 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 SONG 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.

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.



'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!

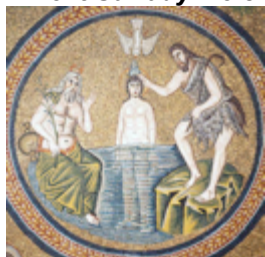
The start of a New Year would be an excellent time for YOU to start / resume a commitment to sharing in one or more of our weekday services:

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:

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*.



Royal Albert Hall

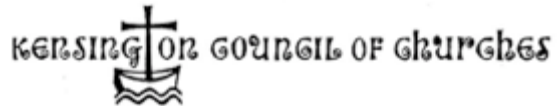
**This Tuesday 12th January 1.45-3.45
THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL
COMES TO ST MARY ABBOTS!**

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



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

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 won't 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-slatted we move on to the next phase:

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.

