**ST Mary Abbots with Christ Church and St Philip ∙ Kensington**

**ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH**

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|  | **NEWSLETTER**  **for the week beginning**  **7th February 2016** |  |

***Sunday 7th THE SUNDAY BEFORE LENT***

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST of Quinquagesima

*Epistle:* 1 Corinthians 13

*Gospel:* Luke 18. 31-34

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST AND HOLY BAPTISM

**with *Children on Sunday* Groups**

*Reading:* 2 Corinthians 3. 12-18

*Gospel:* Luke 9. 28-36

*Preacher:* The Very Rev’d Mark Warrick, *Dean of Stamford*

11.15am CHORAL MATINS

*Old Testament:* Exodus 3. 1-6

*New Testament:* John 12. 27-36a

*Preacher:* The Rev’d Jenny Welsh

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST

*Same Lections as at 8.00am*

6.30pm TAIZE PRAYER WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

*‘Christ’s Light For The World’*

***Monday 8th February***

8.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am Informal Eucharsit at Beatrice Place Care Home

1.05pm INFORMAL EUCHARIST ‘Sunday on Monday’

5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Tuesday 9th***

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST – *Book of Common Prayer*

5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Wednesday 10th ASH WEDNESDAY***

6.40am Morning Prayer

7.00am HOLY EUCHARIST with Ashing

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST - *St Mary Abbots Wholeschool Service*

1.05pm SUNG EUCHARIST with Ashing

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**7.00pm SOLEMN EUCHARIST WITH ASHING**

*Preacher:* The Vicar

***Thursday 11th***

7.10am Morning Prayer

9.30am HOLY EUCHARIST - *said*

5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Friday 12th***

7.10am Morning Prayer

7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

*1.05pm RCM Students Recital*

5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Saturday 13th***

9.40am Morning Prayer

10.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Sunday 14th THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT***

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

*Epistle:* 2 Corinthians 6. 1-10

*Gospel:* Matthew 4. 1-11

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST

**with preshool *Children on Sunday* Groups**

*Reading:* Romans 10. 8b-13

*Gospel:* Luke 4. 1-13

*Preacher:* The Revd Gillean Craig

11.15am CHORAL MATINS LEADING INTO CHORAL EUCHARIST

*Old Testament:* Jonah 3

*New Testament:* Luke 18. 9-14

*Preacher:* The Rev’d Philip Welsh

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST

*Epistle:* 2 Corinthians 6. 1-10

*Gospel:* Matthew 4. 1-11

6.30pm PLAINCHANT EVENSONG with

HOLY COMMUNION

*Old Testament:* Micah 6. 1-8

*New Testament:* Luke 5. 27-39

*Preacher:* The Rev’d Jenny Welsh

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| ***IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:***  *We pray for all victims of terrorism, war and violence, and natural disaster,*  *including refugees and those driven from home to escape poverty and famine.*  *We pray for those being baptised & received into our Church fellowship*  ELOISE WARRICK  ANGELICA GANZAROLLI  EDWARD BRIGDEN  *We give thanks and pray for the supreme Governor of the Church of England,*  *Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II,*  *on the Sixtyfourth Anniversary of her Accession to the Throne*  *Please pray for the sick and those in distress, especially*  JOHN C  WENDELL CADAGAN  JEAN CARR-GOMM  DAPHNE CRAIG  BETTY DOWDELL  CHRISTIAN HERRMANN  JAMIE MARSDEN  ROSE MURPHY  DIANA NICOL  AUDREY RASKIN  MARK REDMAN  CHARLOTTE REEVE  PATRICK SHINE  MARGARETA SJOQVIST  JANET TOMES  JAMES WORSLEY  SUSAN YOUNG  *Pray for the repose of the soul of all those recently dead*  CHARLES SMYTHE  GEORGINA BRADY  ELEANOR CADAGAN  GWEN ROBSON  WENDY KNOWLES  HENRY WORSLEY  YVONNE ENROEDI  *Pray for the repose of the souls of those whose year’s mind falls at this time.*  ANTHONY CARR-GOMM (Feb 9)  ANNIE LLOYD (Feb 9) |

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**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

Today is the Sunday before Lent, or Quinquagesima, and as

the final Sunday before we enter the solemn penitential season it’s the last time for nearly two months when we’re allowed to sing the **Gloria**, have **flowers** in church, or use the glorious **A Word**. So today we use it as much as possible today - see if you can count how many times we sing it at this morning’s 9.30 Sunday Eucharist. Throughout Lent we also refrain – except in emergencies – from conducting Holy Baptism, so on this final pre-Lent Sunday we are delighted to welcome into the fellowship of Christ’s Church:

**ELOISE ISLA MARIE WARRICK**

**EDWARD ALEXANDER BRIGDEN**

Additionally, we welcome into St Mary Abbots a child baptized elsewhere

but whose parents are keen members of our congregation:

**ANGELICA ALEXANDRA LAURA GANZAROLLI**

Eloise’s grandfather is the Dean of Stamford in Lincolnshire,

the Very Revd Mark Warrick, and we are delighted that he has been able

to negotiate an exeat to enable him to join us today –

and especially that he will preach this morning’s Address

***SUPPORT RWANDAN REFUGEES***

*Marie-Christine Nibagwire works with a Rwandan Women refugees’ sewing project in Kenya. She has for sale a selection of their vibrant, colourful & practical bags & aprons. Her thanks to all those who have already purchased one – she still has more! Marie-Christine 07904 211 018, or* [*saferefuge@hotmail.co.uk*](mailto:saferefuge@hotmail.co.uk)*. (More details -* [*www.saferefugerwanda.org*](http://www.saferefugerwanda.org/)*)*

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

Among all the various ways in which members of our fellowship work together in preparing and presenting Divine Worship 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’ve never thought about sharing in this important and enjoyable ministry?  We’re particularly keen to have more adults in the team – we’ll be holding training sessions shortly. Speak to Jenny or Gillean

**today February 7th at 6.30pm**

**TAIZÉ PRAYER**

*‘Christ’s Light For the World’*

1.05pm Friday Lunchtime

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC STUDENT RECITAL**

This week: a HAYDN string Quartet, and the LISZT bminor piano sonata. Magnificent! There’s a flier with details of all the Recitals between now and Easter – take one for you and lots for your musical friends.

**Next Sunday 14th February:**

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| AA_3884_009A | **11.15**  **Choral Matins** & **Eucharist**  Our augmented professional choir sings a full setting of the Eucharist – this month penitential music suitable for Lent: Lotti’s *Missa Brevis;* and Locke’s *Lord, Let Me Know My End* |

**VICAR’S INSTALLATION AS PREBENDARY OF ST PAUL’S**

Fr Gillean will be Installed as the Prebend of Caddington Minor in St Paul’s Cathedral on Sunday March 6th (Mothering Sunday, unfortunately) at 3.15pm Evensong. All of course are warmly welcome at that service. We expect to have some tickets available that are supposed to give a slightly better view than the pot-luck places – we’ll be advertising how you might apply for one.

***PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION***

***Meetings about to start***

**We’re gathering our annual preparation Confirmation courses:**

Graham, our Bishop of Kensington, is booked to administer this sacrament here on Wednesday 25th May. We take the process

of preparation very seriously, and offer a four-month course of weekly sessions exploring Christian faith and practice, starting in a couple

of weeks and extending through the crucial church seasons of

Lent, Eastertide, Ascension and Pentecost.

We prepare children from school year 5, about the age of 9+,

and we’ll have groups of children, teenagers and adults. Remember,

no-one’s too old: we’re aware of many adults who have not been confirmed or who, even if they receive the Sacrament, have not gone through

this vital process. The weekly study and discussion groups explore the major themes of Christian belief and practice, so we may play our full part in the church’s life. Last week we held the initial meetings – that actual course doesn’t begin to this week. So if you want to join in now, you won’t have missed a single session! If you’re interested, speak to the clergy,

or email [*gillean.craig@stmaryabbotschurch.org*](mailto:gillean.craig@stmaryabbotschurch.org)

**This Wednesday, February 10th, is**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

After Good Friday, this is the most solemn day of the church’s year,

on which all Christians will want to consider their relationship with God and turn again to experience his mercy and forgiveness.

We offer three opportunities for you to do so and as a sign of

our penitence, our acknowledgement that we are dust and to dust

we will return, we will impose ashes - that is, make the sign of the cross on our foreheads with ash, at all these services.

**7.00am Holy Eucharist**

*We’re told that our usual 7.30am time isn’t early enough for many to enable them to get on to work – we hope that 7.00 will be satisfactory*

**9.30am St Mary Abbots**

**Whole School SUNG EUCHARIST**

**1.05pm SUNG EUCHARIST**

**7.00pm SOLEMN EUCHARIST**

At both of these last two services our professional choir will sing Allegri’s *Miserere,* for many the most moving of all the church’s penitential motets.

**A NEW AND VITAL WORK OF OUTREACH TO KENSINGTON**

But in addition to these familiar liturgical observances in church,

we will once again be **taking to the streets**.  At three key periods throughout the day a small team of us we will be outside the church,

by the War Memorial, offering a prayer card and to sign the foreheads

of all who want with the sign of the cross in holy ash.

***We’d love to share this ministry with YOU:***

***any members of the congregation who would like to join us,***

***please speak to one of the clergy.***

*To make the Ashes we burn last year’s* ***Palm Crosses*** *- so please*

*bring yours from home and bring in or outside the Vestry asap.*

**So from Wednesday we enter**

**THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT**

We will once again offer a full provision of worship, study and events

to encourage us all keep this holy season as a time of renewing

and deepening our knowledge of God, our Discipleship of Jesus,

and our membership of his servant church.

*Most of our Lent Provision starts next Sunday.*

*There will be:*

**DISTINGUISHED** **VISITING PREACHERS**

at 11.15 Sunday Matins;

a Tuesday Lunchtime **LENT GROUP**

studying the Gospel reading;

a Thursday Evening **LENT STUDY GROUP**

exploring how the daily work of members of our congregation

is informed by their faith;

the **DIOCESAN LENT APPEAL**

in aid of persecuted Christians in Iraq and Syria

for our charitable giving

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|  | and a **LENT QUIET DAY:**  **HOME OR AWAY?**  Led by the Vicar at St Mary’s Convent, Chiswick on Wednesday 24 February from 9.30-3.00. Details on posters & fliers. To book your place email or sign the list in church. It comprises Addresses, silence, lunch, refreshments. To help cover costs, we invite a **voluntary** donation of £10ish. |

**REFUGEES AND THE CHURCH**

Last Wednesday’s open Deanery Synod Meeting was moving, informative and compelling. We are putting together proposals as to how St Mary Abbots can help in response to the Syrian refugee crisis. We heard about:

*† The borough Welcome Committee set up to co-ordinate responses*

*† How our churches can help make this new policy work*

**If you want to know more, speak to the clergy in the first place.**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

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| ***On the evening of Wednesday 2 March we will be inviting all adult members of our congregations to the LAUNCH OF THE APPEAL***  ***TO FUND PHASE 2 OF OUR WHOLESALE RENOVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF***  ***St MARY ABBOTS*** | cid:B15BD42F-E53F-4A8B-80B2-78333937F8FB |