

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.

Please pray for the sick and those in distress, especially

FREDDY BIRCHER
JEANCARR-GOMM
BETTY DOWDELL
WENDELL CADAGAN
BILL KIRKPATRICK
JAMIE MARSDEN
DIANA NICOL
MARK REDMAN
CHARLOTTE REEVE
PATRICK SHINE
MARGARETA SJOQVIST
ULRIKE SONDDHI
JANET TOMES
SUSAN YOUNG
ROXANNA ZADVORNY

Pray for all who have died recently

CHARLES SMYTHE
GEORGINA BRADY
YVONNE ENROEDI
OTTO FISHER

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

ELYSSA LOCKHART (15 Feb)
RICHARD GATEHOUSE (15 Feb)
WILLIAM WILSON (18 Feb)

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NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning
14th February 2016



Sunday 14th FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6. 1-10
Gospel: Matthew 4. 1-11

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST with preschool *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
same lessons as 8.00

6.30pm PLAINCHANT EVENSONG & HOLY COMMUNION
Old Testament: Micah 6. 1-8
New Testament: Luke 5. 27-39
Preacher: The Rev'd Jenny Welsh

Monday 15th February Commemoration of St Sigfrid

8.30am Morning Prayer
11.00am Funeral of Yvonne Enroedi
1.05pm INFORMAL EUCHARIST 'Sunday on Monday'
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 16th February

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

Wednesday 17th February Janani Luwum

7.10am Morning Prayer
7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST
12.00pm Funeral of Georgina Brady
2.00pm HEALING EUCHARIST with Laying-on-of-Hands and Anointing
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 18th February

7.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am HOLY EUCHARIST - *said*
2.30pm Funeral of Charles Smyth
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 19th February Ember Day

7.10am Morning Prayer
7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST
1.05pm RCM Students Recital
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 20th February Ember Day

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

Sunday 21st February 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4. 1-8
Gospel: Matthew 15. 21-28

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST with *Children on Sunday Groups*

Old Testament: Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18
New Testament: Philippians 3. 17 – 4. 1
Gospel: Luke 13. 31-35
Preacher: The Rev'd Gillean Craig

11.15am CHORAL MATINS
Old Testament: Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16
New Testament: Romans 11. 13-24
Preacher:

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4. 1-8
Gospel: Matthew 15. 21-28

6.30pm PLAINCHANT EVENSONG & HOLY EUCHARIST
Old Testament: Jeremiah 22. 1-9, 13-17
New Testament: Luke 14. 27-33
Preacher: The Rev'd Gillean Craig

THE SOLEMN SEASON OF LENT

began last Wednesday, as our church and services bear witness.

The liturgical colour is penitential purple;
no flowers decorate the church;
Gloria is replaced by Kyrie eleison;
the A-Word is completely banned in liturgy and hymn;
we exchange our customary Anglican Chant for the ancient and austere Plainchant.

Today Sunday 14th February:



11.15

Choral Matins & Eucharist

Our augmented professional choir sings a full setting of the Eucharist – today, penitential music suitable for Lent: Lotti's *Missa Brevis*; and Locke's *Lord, Let Me Know My End*

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. (More details - www.saferefugerwanda.org)



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

DALGARNO TRUST FOODBANK

We collect on Sundays and at the Thursday school Eucharist to support 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. Further details from Jenny Welsh



2.00pm this Wednesday – 17 February EUCCHARIST OF HEALING with Laying-on of hands and Anointing

If you have a friend or neighbour who might value this ministry why not bring them; or if not, still come along to support the sick with your prayers and/or provide sandwiches, scones or cake for the tea that follows the service. Our thanks to all who help in this way

1.05pm Friday Lunchtime

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC STUDENT RECITAL

This week: music for viola, Piano trio and violin & piano by BACH, BEETHOVEN, PROKOFIEV string Quartet. The flier has details of all the Recitals up to Easter – take one for you and lots for your musical friends.

DRIVERS NEEDED

A few committed members of St Mary Abbots can no longer make their way to the Sunday service that they have loved for many years – if YOU drive to church, might you be able to offer a lift? Speak to the clergy.

ST. MARY ABBOTS' BOOK CLUB

will next meet at 2.30pm on **Thursday 25th February** to discuss **Margaret Atwood's *Moral Disorder***. After the discussion we will enjoy a friendly and delicious tea. New members are welcome, please contact Anita Quinn for details: Ann_Q@hotmail.co.uk

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 now underway

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 first meeting – but it's not too late to join in. For more details email gillean.craig@stmaryabbotschurch.org

THE SOLEMN SEASON OF LENT

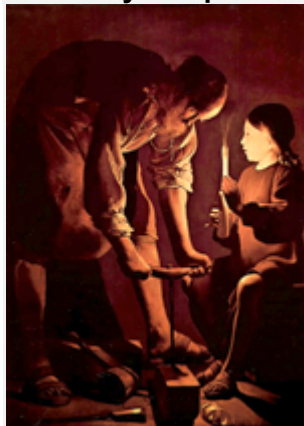
is not a time of **negatives** – rather of **simplification**, of cutting-back, of pruning to encourage stronger and healthier growth, so that we may the better concentrate on what really matters. Although we focus particularly on our failure to use aright the talents, skills and time that God gives us, and assist this focus by fasting, here at St Mary Abbots we offer a rich diet of ways in which we can deepen our relationship with God.

The special LENT LEAFLET contains full details, but here's some highlights:

Tuesday 12noon Lent Group

Starting this week, each Tuesday, after the 11.30 Eucharist, we'll share a simple lunch then look at the week's Book of Common Prayer Epistle.

Thursday 7.30pm Lent Study Course



OUR WORK AND OUR FAITH

**What do we actually do?
What is our day-to-day work?**
How do its responsibilities and opportunities relate to our Christian faith and discipleship?
Our Congregation is made up of people with the most remarkable work and professions – it is fascinating to discover what your neighbour in the pew actually does!

Each week we'll serve a light supper. If you plan to come, please let us know – email jenny.welsh@stmaryabbotschurch.org or by signing the list in church.

This week February 18: Sir PETER MARSHALL KCMG CVO

Sir Peter has had the most distinguished career - Diplomat, UN Representative, Commonwealth Deputy Secretary General. He speaks to us from a lifetime's commitment to working for justice and peace.

For our **charitable giving** - the **DIOCESAN LENT APPEAL** in aid of persecuted Christians in Iraq and Syria



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.

Last week we repeated last year's innovation of a new ASH WEDNESDAY MINISTRY:

at three key periods throughout the day small teams of us went **outside the church**, by the War Memorial, offering a prayer card and to sign the foreheads of all who wanted with the sign of the cross in holy ash. The response was really moving – a good proportion of the passers-by, both young and old, locals and visitors (even a few cyclists waiting at the traffic light and a couple of Council gardeners) were pleased to be ashed.

Our thanks to those of you who shared this ministry with us.

REFUGEES AND THE CHURCH

The recent 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! Wednesday 2 March

If you're on our database you should receive by post in the next couple of days a personal invitation to the launch event – if you don't get one by midweek email appeal@stmaryabbotschurch.org

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



