

## 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 all those preparing for Confirmation at this time, members of our Junior and our Adult Groups*

OTTO BARROW : SOPHIE BECKITT : NICHOLAS BOWYER  
ESIN CELEBI : CASSIUS CAMPBELL : RONA DAVIS  
HARRY DURTNALL : UMA EICKELBERG  
GWENDOLINE ENGLISH : ADRIANA FAGERHOLM  
ANDREW GIBLIN : EMMA GIBLIN : WILLIAM GOVE  
NAZANIN KARVAR : LAN KE : GRACE KERYACOS  
EVA KNIGHTLEY : OKSANA KNIGHTLEY : ANNA LUND  
HAL MCILWAIN : MOLLIE NELSON : JAEYUN PARK  
DAVID PILLING : GRACIE ROBINSON-LABIA  
FILIPE KE WANG : KEWEN WANG : ANGELINE ZHU

*Please pray for the sick and those in distress, especially*

SHACAZ BENN : WENDELL CADAGAN  
JEAN CARR-GOMM : JEANETTE CLOW  
FREDDY BIRCHER : LORENA DE LA TORRE  
PATRICIA HANCE : BILL KIRKPATRICK  
SICILLE KOTELAWALA : GILL LONGVILLE  
JAMIE MARSDEN : ANNE PEERLESS  
MARK REDMAN : CHARLOTTE REEVE  
ULRIKE SONDHI : JANET TOMES  
SUSAN YOUNG : ROXANNA ZADVORNY

*Pray for all who have died recently*  
CHARLOTTE FELDERHOFF  
HILDA KNIGHT-COOPER  
COMFORT AGYEMANG

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

ALICK MACVIE  
HELENE WIGLEY  
BILLY GREEN  
ALFRED PLUMRIDGE  
BEN REGAN

St Mary Abbots with Christ Church and St Philip · Kensington  
**ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH**



# NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning  
**13<sup>th</sup> March 2016**



### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March

### PASSION SUNDAY

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
*Epistle:* Hebrews 9. 11-15  
*Gospel:* John 8. 46-59

### 9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST with *Children on Sundays*

*Old Testament:* Isaiah 43. 16-21  
*New Testament:* Philippians 3. 4b-14  
*Gospel:* John 12. 1-8  
*Preacher:* The Revd Philip Welsh

### 11.15am CHORAL MATINS & CHORAL EUCHARIST

*Old Testament:* 2 Chronicles 35. 1-6, 10-16  
*New Testament:* Luke 22. 1-13  
*Homily:* The Revd Dr Christina Beardsley

### No 12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST today

6.30pm PLAINCHANT EVENSONG with HOLY COMMUNION  
*Old Testament:* Isaiah 35  
*New Testament:* John 12. 1-8  
*Sermon:* The Revd Jenny Welsh

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March

8.30am Morning Prayer  
10.30am Beatrice Place Care Home Eucharist  
1.05pm INFORMAL EUCHARIST 'Sunday on Monday'  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

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

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

7.10am Morning Prayer  
7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST  
12.30pm Funeral: Charlotte Felderhof RIP  
1.05pm Meditation Group  
2.00pm HEALING EUCHARIST with Laying-on-of-hands and Anointing  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March *St Patrick*

7.10am Morning Prayer  
9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST  
*St Mary Abbots School Service – all welcome*  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March *Commemoration of St Cyril*

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

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March *St Joseph of Nazareth*

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

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> PALM SUNDAY

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
*First Lesson:* Philippians 2. 5-11  
*Gospel:* Matthew 27. 1-54

### 9.00am PROCESSION OF PALMS

*starting in the Church Hall Courtyard, Vicarage Gate, leading to*

### 9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST with *Children on Sundays*

*First Reading:* Philippians 2. 5-11  
*Gospel:* THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO ST LUKE

### 11.15am CHORAL MATINS

*Old Testament:* Isaiah 5. 1-7  
*New Testament:* Luke 20. 9-19  
*Sermon:* The Revd Jenny Peterson

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST *readings as at 8.00am*

### 6.30pm ST JOHN PASSION – JS BACH

*The professional musicians of St Mary Abbots Choir, The Purcell Orchestra and the St Mary Abbots Singers present a candlelit performance.*

## St MARY ABBOTS CHURCH AND PARISH CONTACTS

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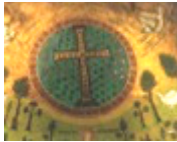
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### Head of Fundraising:

Karen Bryant

Today is **PASSION SUNDAY** – the first day of Passiontide, the last fortnight of Lent. As we approach even closer to the annual commemoration of the suffering and death of Jesus our worship becomes more intensely austere, and the church itself physically reflects this. The leaves of the great reredos above the Resurrection Chapel altar are closed, and all the crosses are veiled in purple. This is not because we don't want to see the crucified Jesus – it derives from an ancient practice when crosses were made of the most precious material that could be afforded, and covered with jewels, and it was thought improper to flaunt so much glory as we approach the anniversary of the crucifixion.

*Between the 9.30 & 11.15 services, don't fail to join us for refreshments in the School hall. Also on sale today: St John Passion Tickets; Handicraft Group Easter Cards; and many many treats left over from yesterday's stupendous Friends of St Mary Abbots Church AFTERNOON TEA. Our thanks especially to Anna and Alison for this remarkable and special event.*



### 11.15am Choral Matins leading into CHORAL EUCHARIST

Our one-Sunday-a-month Choral Eucharist, led by our professional choir. Mass setting: LASSUS – Missa Ditta Maistrresse & Motet: BLOW – Salvator mundi.

### BISHOP GRAHAM visits St Mary Abbots

It was our great delight to welcome the Bishop of Kensington last Thursday to the weekly school Eucharist, when he dedicated and Blessed the remarkable and unique new **CHALICE AND PATEN** given in memory of Blossom Barrow, a greatly loved pupil at our school. Its symbolism was conceived by her dear mother Annabel Freyberg, who died only a year later. This marvellous new addition to the treasures of our church will be used today and at all special Sundays and Festivals.



### 2.00pm this Wednesday – 16 March EUCHARIST OF HEALING with Laying-on of Hands and Anointing

Come to support the sick with your prayers &/or bring food, for the tea after the service. Our thanks to all who help – help always greatly welcomed.

### Thursday 17 March 7.30pm - Lent Study Course

St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate W8 4HN - Light supper served



### OUR WORK AND OUR FAITH: What is our day-to-day work? How does it relate to our Christian faith and discipleship? Final Session this week: Nick Helm & Fr Gillean – THEATRES & THE DRAMA OF THE WORSHIP

Nick is a distinguished Theatre Architect and he and Fr Gillean will be in discussion about the many (surprising) points of contacts between the Drama of the Liturgy, churches as dramatic spaces, and the development of ancient, classical and contemporary theatres. **ALL WELCOME whether or not you've been to any earlier sessions!** Contact: [jenny.welsh@stmaryabbotschurch.org](mailto:jenny.welsh@stmaryabbotschurch.org)

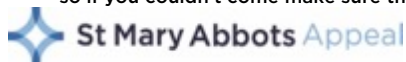
### VICAR NOW CADDINGTON MINOR!

Fr Gillean thanks you all for most generous support last Sunday when he was **Installed as a Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral** – thanks to those who came, and to those who sent good wishes. Now he is far too grand to speak to just anyone – and check out his new red cassock buttons!

## TRANSFORMING ST MARY ABBOTS

RESTORING • RENEWING • REORDERING • ENHANCING • EXTENDING

At the recent Congregational Launch of Phase Two of our Grand Project we heard about the wider context of the complete masterplan, and then in greater detail about PHASE TWO: creating a flexible multi-purpose space at the back of the church for a far wider range for activities and events than is currently possible, served with a discreet new extension containing kitchen & WCs. We're challenging the congregation to play their part, alongside the many other strands of fundraising taking place, and are eager to hear your fundraising ideas, hear about valuable contacts you might have, either individual or corporate. All the material is available in church – so if you couldn't come make sure that you get your copies today.



All responses to Head of Fundraising Karen Bryant: [appeal@stmaryabbotschurch.org](mailto:appeal@stmaryabbotschurch.org)

St. Mary Abbots' Book Club Thursday 31st March 2.30pm: Elizabeth Bowen's "The Heat of the Day", then tea. details: [Ann\\_Q@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Ann_Q@hotmail.co.uk)

### THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH

Is promoting a programme of splendid events to build membership and awareness in 2016, supporting our Church's extensive fund-raising

**IDES OF MARCH EVENING, Tuesday 15th March 6.30-8.30pm.** Tickets £15 A light talk on the enormity of Roman cooking methods and ingredients, followed by a Roman style fork supper.

**FAMILY BREAKFAST 9.30-11.30 am Saturday 16th April 2016.**

Tickets £10 pp include a full English breakfast, children's games, and newspapers for those who would like a more leisurely start to their day. Tickets Anna McNally on 07899 790 534.

## This Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

6.00 for 6.30pm at the Church Hall, Vicarage Gate

This is the most important Church Meeting of the Year – the **ANNUAL MEETING** at which you, the whole congregation, receive your Church Council's Report & Accounts (copies are posted by the South Door). This is **YOUR** opportunity to: **scrutinize them & comment** upon the life & work of our church, & **vote** for representatives for the next year.

By the South Door you'll find the Nomination Notices for: **DEPUTY WARDENS, and Lay (that is, YOUR) Representatives on the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL & CHURCH COUNCIL**

*This is our opportunity to thank the huge number of people who contribute to our life here, and to celebrate the ministry and witness of St Mary Abbots.*

*Be sure to be there to play YOUR part in our church's continuing life.*

The hall is open from **6.00pm** so that you can come early to read the **ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS** before the Meeting starts promptly at 6.30

## IS ST MARY ABBOTS YOUR CHURCH?

Everyone over 16 who worships with us regularly should be entered on the **CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL** so that you can play your full part in the life of our church. The current Roll is posted in church. Check whether you are on it and if not – if you fulfill these criteria - fill in a form!

You must be: \* **BAPTISED** & either: \* live in the parish; or (if living outside the parish) \* to have worshipped regularly here for last 6 months+.

Electoral Roll Officer: Sally Bessada [er@stmaryabbotschurch.org](mailto:er@stmaryabbotschurch.org)

## NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY



Our main Sung Eucharist begins *not at 9.30 but at 9.00am* in the Church Hall Courtyard, Vicarage Gate, where Palm Crosses are blessed and, remembering Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, we make a **joyful procession** down Kensington Church Street to St Mary Abbots. Here the mood changes completely and we read dramatically the whole of Luke's account of the **Passion of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ**. Collection will be for the **BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL**

## SOME HOLY WEEK HIGHLIGHTS:

**HOLY MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY – March 21, 22, 23**

**9.00pm: Devotional Address (The Vicar) and Compline**

ending the day in the peace and calm of our church as we say together this ancient Office

**MAUNDY THURSDAY – 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**7.00pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper**

In obedience to Our Lord's command, this deeply moving service includes a re-enactment of the feetwashing. **We need volunteers prepared to have their feet washed – please sign the list in church.** After Communion the Blessed Sacrament is carried in solemn procession to the Altar of Repose & the church is solemnly stripped of all decorations

**8.30 - midnight: The Vigil of Gethsemane**

We share Jesus's desolation as he awaits betrayal and death, a solemn vigil of prayer and silence in the sacramental presence of Our Lord. *"Could ye not watch with me one brief hour?" - sign the list in church to indicate when YOU will share in this vigil*

**GOOD FRIDAY – 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.00am: Children's Passion Play**

Telling in action, song & prayer the story of Jesus' death - for families & children of all ages.

We need more volunteers to act and present: [gillean.craig@stmaryabbotschurch.org](mailto:gillean.craig@stmaryabbotschurch.org)

**12noon: 'Last Words' - Preaching the Lord's Passion**

**PHILIP WELSH** leads us in two hours' meditation with addresses, hymns and silence

**2.00pm: The Good Friday Liturgy**

the most solemn service of the year; austere, moving, beautiful. The choir sings Our Lord's Passion according to John, we Venerate the Cross and pray Solemn Intercessions and share the Communion - the Bread and Wine consecrated yesterday.

**HOLY SATURDAY – 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.00am THE EASTER PREPARATION**

We need **EVERYONE'S** help, young and old, as we make our church worthy to celebrate the Resurrection. We will sweep, polish, and dust, spring clean it from top to bottom, decorate it with flowers and the children will make an Easter Garden.

*Please sign the list in church to confirm that you can help.*

**Then everything changes to glory and triumph!**

*First put your clocks FORWARD by an hour*

**EASTER DAY 20<sup>th</sup> Main Services:**

5.00 am Easter Vigil, Ceremonies & First Eucharist of Easter

9.30 am Family Eucharist, Baptism and Easter Procession

11.15 am Choral Matins

5.00 pm Festal Evensong