



**NEWSLETTER**  
for the week beginning  
**10<sup>th</sup> April 2016**



**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, remembering especially the people of Belgium and Pakistan*

*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

*We pray for those preparing for Holy Matrimony*  
OLAWASEYI MICHAEL & OLOLADE OMODUNBI

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

HILARY BARDSLEY : FREDDY BIRCHER  
RHEA BROWN : JOHN C : JEAN CARR-GOMM  
JEANETTE CLOW : ADA DA LUCA  
MAVIS GIBSON : SICILLE KOTELAWALA  
GILL LONGVILLE : ROSE MURPHY  
MICHAEL PROBERT : LARRY ROLLAND  
JANET TOMES : JAMES WORSLEY  
SUSAN YOUNG

*Pray for all who have died recently*  
BERNARD NZAMWITA : KEVIN HAND  
PHYLLIDA STANLEY : HAZEL CAVENDISH  
KATHLEEN STEWART-MURRAY

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

EDWARD ADNAMS (April 15)

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**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

First Lesson: 1 Peter 2. 19-end

Gospel: John 10. 11-16

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

with Children on Sunday Groups

Reading: Acts 9. 1-6

Gospel: John 21. 1-19

Preacher: The Revd Jenny Welsh

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**

Old Testament: Isaiah 38. 9-20

New Testament: John 11. 27-44

Preacher: The Vicar

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST

Readings as at 8.00am

6.30pm **SUNG EVENSONG** followed by HOLY COMMUNION

Old Testament: Exodus 15. 1-3, 9-18

New Testament: John 10. 1-19

Preacher: The Revd Jenny Welsh

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April Commemoration of George Selwyn**

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.05am 'Sunday on Monday' HOLY EUCHARIST

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST – Book of Common Prayer

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

7.10am Morning Prayer

7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

1.05pm Meditation Group

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

7.10am Morning Prayer

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

St Mary Abbots School Eastertide Service – all welcome

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

7.10am Morning Prayer

7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

1.05pm RCM Students' Recital

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April Commemoration of Isabelle Gilmore**

9.40am Morning Prayer

10.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

11.30am Holy Matrimony: Olawesayi Michael & Olulade Omodunbi

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

First Lesson: 1 Peter 2. 11-17

Gospel: John 16. 16-22

9.30am **FAMILY EUCHARIST** with Preschool Groups

Reading: Acts 9. 36-43

Gospel: John 10. 22-30

All-Age Presentation

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**

leading into

**CHORAL EUCHARIST**

Old Testament: Isaiah 63. 7-9

New Testament: Luke 24. 36-49

Preacher: The Rev'd Jenny Welsh

**NO 12.30 HOLY EUCHARIST TODAY**

6.30pm **SUNG EVENSONG** followed by HOLY COMMUNION

Old Testament: 1 Kings 17. 17-24

New Testament: Luke 7. 11-23

Preacher: The Rev'd Gillean Craig

# THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE!

Let no-one persuade you that Easter is over: it's only just begun! Eastertide isn't one day, or one week – it's a complete season, lasting for no less than seven weeks, from Easter Day until the Feast of Pentecost (this year, on May 15<sup>th</sup>). The final ten days form the particular sub-season, starting on Ascension Day (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May), of Ascensiontide. But note that this whole period is in fact LONGER than Lent: so often people assume that Christianity is all about making people miserable. Let's prove that, on the contrary, we have far more to celebrate than to depress us, keeping this glorious season as a time of rejoicing, joy & hope.

**Our Easter Greeting is:** Alleluia! Christ is risen:  
**To which we respond:** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!



**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*

## NORMAL SERVICE(S) RESUMED!

After all the drama of Holy Week and the Holy-Day delights of Easter Week we resume our normal pattern of daily worship. Now that light mornings have returned, what better time could there be to start/resume a commitment to sharing in one or more of our weekday services? **HOLY EUCHARIST** is offered in different times and formats: one or more will be just right for YOU:

**Monday 1.05pm 'Sunday On Monday' Eucharist**

*This service attracts those who work on and around the High Street in addition to regular members of our own congregation.*

**Tuesday 11.30am Book of Common Prayer Eucharist**

**Wednesday 7.30am Holy Eucharist**

**Thursday 9.30am Holy Eucharist**

*In termtime this is a Sung Eucharist led by the St Mary Abbots School Choir, with readings, prayers and presentations offered by the children.*

*All are most warmly welcome to attend.*

**Friday 7.30am Holy Eucharist**

**Saturday 10.00am Holy Eucharist**

## OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO GAVE SO GENEROUSLY TO OUR EASTER COLLECTIONS IN AID OF THE BISHOP OF LONDON'S LENT APPEAL

SUPPORTING PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ AND SYRIA

In 2015, 120,000 Christians fled their homes in Mosul, Iraq, and outlying Christian villages rather than face forced conversion or death at the hands of Daesh. In Syria Open Doors helps some 10,000 families with emergency food supplies and medical supplies making a real difference to their lives of oppression and poverty.

**If you missed giving your Easter donation, it's still not too late: give your contribution to a Warden or one of the Clergy.**

At 1.05pm this Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April the

## RSM STUDENTS RECITAL SERIES RESUMES

Music for Piano solo by LISZT and CHOPIN – Sonata no 2 ('The Funeral March'). Admission free – all welcome, light refreshments available; bring your sandwiches if you wish!

**This Saturday 16th April from 9.30-11.30 am.**

**The Friends of St Mary Abbots are proud to present a**

## FAMILY BREAKFAST

A full English breakfast, children's games, and newspapers for those who would like a more leisurely start to their day.

*Tickets £10 sold out but book returns from Anna McNally on 07899 790 534.*

**Next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**our special once-a-month Sunday provision:**

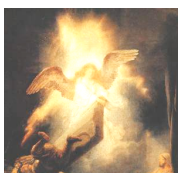


## 9.30 FAMILY EUCHARIST

An all-age modern language service so the whole family can worship together. Younger members of our fellowship will take on many roles: sidesmen, taking the collection, acting as servers and readers. This also is the Sunday when we sing hymns and worship songs from a wider range of sources than our usual, mainly traditional, *New English Hymnal*.

## 11.15 Choral Matins leading into CHORAL EUCHARIST

when our professional choir sings a classic setting of the Eucharist – this month's mass setting is **PALESTRINA's** Missa Brevis and the motet is **GIBBON's** If Ye Be Risen Indeed



## ELECTION SPECIAL

We congratulate all who were elected/re-elected to serve St Mary Abbots at our recent St Mary Abbots Annual Church Meeting:

**Deputy Churchwardens:** **HANNAH STEWART**  
**JAMIE DUNFORD WOOD**

**Parochial Church Council:** **BEN PILLING**

**St M A Church Council:** **ANNA MCNALLY & EMMA PORTEOUS**

Together with those with further years of office they take responsibility for managing our church's life, ministry, witness – *please pray for them.*

## Did you know that we have an INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

That brings into God's presence our concerns for the needs of the parish & beyond, for individuals and issues. The members support each in praying daily, and meet monthly  
**More details from Revd Jenny Welsh.**



## One of the many Easter treats which delights us at this season is the ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING at 6.30pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

This is our great once-a-year chance to celebrate the life and ministry of our whole church, as we gather together with our friends from Christ Church and St Philips, to hear about the life of their churches and tell them about all that happens at St Mary Abbots. Although it's a formal, legal meeting with Elections and Reports, it's really more like a party – followed by drinks, in the Vicarage Garden if fine. Book the date now!

**IF YOU ARE:** Baptised and over 16;  
and either live in the parish  
or have worshipped here regularly for 6 months+  
you must ensure that you are registered on our

## PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL

the list of all our church's adult members

**take a form, fill it in & return to the clergy or wardens.**

Save the Date: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May

## 7.00pm ST MARY ABBOTS ANNUAL CONFIRMATION

We present some twenty-seven adult and junior candidates to be Confirmed by the Bishop of Kensington. Do remember them in your prayers as they continue their journey of preparation.

Glorious news, fitting for Eastertide! We can announce a


## NEW PRIEST FOR ST MARY ABBOTS

We're delighted that the **Revd STEPHEN FIELDING** will shortly be joining our Clergy Team. He has an impressive array of experience that will be a great enrichment to our ministry – ordained later in life than, say, your Vicar, he amply proved that unlike many clergy he was fit and competent to excel in real work, his CV ranging from working as a Barrister, Banker and in the specialist and highly Christian work of Mediation. Following Ordination he has worked in parishes, as Appeal Director for Cuddesdon Theological College and most recently as Residential Canon and Treasurer of Coventry Cathedral. He will have a .75 post with us, working on Sundays and 3.5 weekdays, and will be responsible for setting up a vital and innovative HIGH STREET MINISTRY (watch out for further details). He will be Licenced and Welcomed at **6.30 Solemn Evensong on Sunday 15 May.** We look forward to welcoming him and his wife Angela, and wish them great happiness here with us.

## 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 be sure to get your copies today.

 **St Mary Abbots Appeal**

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