



NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning
24th April 2016



IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

All refugees and those driven from home to escape genocide, terrorism, war, poverty and famine.
For all in positions of power to respond to this crisis with generosity, co-operation and resolve

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 : LUKE PALMER : JAEYUN PARK
DAVID PILLING : GRACIE ROBINSON LABIA
FILIPE KE WANG : KEWEN WANG : ANGELINE ZHU

We pray for those baptised at this time

ANDREW GIBLIN : KEWEN WANG
FILIPE WANG : LAN KE
EMMANUEL BUCUR : CHRISTOPHER BRADFORD

Please pray for the sick and those in distress, especially
JEANETTE CLOW : ADA DA LUCA : MAVIS GIBSON
VALERIE HARDWICKE : SICILLE KOTELAWALA
ISABEL MILNER : GILL LONGVILLE
MICHAEL PROBERT : AUDREY RASKIN
MARK REDMAN : CHARLOTTE REEVE
LARRY ROLLAND : JUNE SCULLY : ENID STUBBS
JANET TOMES : SUSAN YOUNG

Pray for all who have died recently
KATHLEEN STEWART-MURRAY

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

WINIFRED HOWE (April 24)
RICHARD HORSLEY (April 27)
OLIVER PHILPOTT (April 28)

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Sunday 24th April

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

First Lesson: 1 Peter 2. 11-17

Gospel: John 16. 16-22

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST AND HOLY BAPTISM**

Reading: Acts 11. 1-9

Gospel: John 13. 31-35

Sermon: The Rev'd Jenny Welsh

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**

Old Testament: Daniel 6. 6-23

New Testament: Mark 15. 46 – 16. 8

Preacher: The Vicar

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST

6.30pm **CHORAL EVENSONG OF ST MARK**

Old Testament: Isaiah 52. 7-10

New Testament: Mark 1. 1-15

The service followed by

HOLY COMMUNION

Monday 25th April

St Mark, Evangelist

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.05pm 'Sunday on Monday' HOLY EUCHARIST

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 26th April

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST – *Book of Common Prayer*

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 27th April

Commemoration of Christina Rossetti

7.10am Morning Prayer

7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

1.05pm Meditation Group

5.00pm Evening Prayer with 'Save Our Parsonages' Conference

Thursday 28th April

Commemoration of Peter Chanel

7.10am Morning Prayer

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

St Mary Abbots School Service – all welcome

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 29th April

St Catherine of Siena

7.10am Morning Prayer

7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

1.05pm *RCM Students' Recital*

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 30th April

Commemoration of Pandita Mary Rambai

9.40am Morning Prayer

10.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 1st May

ROGATION SUNDAY

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

First Lesson: James 1. 22-end

Gospel: John 16. 23b-end

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

First Reading: Acts 16. 9-15

Second Reading: Revelation 21. 10 – 22. 5

Gospel: John 14. 23-29

Sermon: The Vicar

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**

Old Testament: Zephaniah 3. 14-20

New Testament: Matthew 28. 1-10, 16-20

Preacher: The Rev'd Jenny Welsh

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST

6.30pm **TAIZE PRAYER AND COMMUNION**

Risen, Ascended, Glorified

At our 9.30 Sung Eucharist today it is our privilege to welcome into the fellowship of Christ's Church in the Sacrament of Baptism

CHRISTOPHER WYNDHAM GEORGE BRADFORD

EMMANUEL LEONARD BUCUR

ANDREW RICHARD GIBLIN

LAN KE : FILIPE KE WANG : KEWEN WANG

Four of them – three from the same family, a mother and her two sons - are among those preparing for Confirmation in a few week's time. How good that the Lord is adding to our number those who come to faith at every time in their life! Our welcome extends, of course not just to those being baptised, but also their parents, godparents, sponsors, families and friends. In return, they have ensured that our refreshments between this and the 11.15 service are especially grand: let's all share in their celebration and rejoicing.

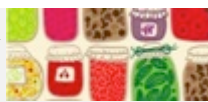


6.30 CHORAL EVENSONG

tonight 24 April. The glorious tradition of the Church of England. Our combined Professional & Voluntary Choirs lead our worship with music by PETER PHILIPS, ADRIAN BATTEN & THOMAS TOMKINS

On Sundays & Thursday school service we collect for **THE DALGARNO TRUST FOODBANK**

Handbills in church provide the shopping lists.
Further details from Jenny Welsh



GEORGE AND JANE MACALLAN

It was with great sadness that I reported last Sunday that George has decided that he would like to take early retirement from his post as our Head Virger. He and Jane have determined that to get the most out of their retirement together requires them to move back to Aberdeen sooner rather than later, and they will be with us for only a couple more months. We will of course set an occasion at which we can properly express to them both our deep appreciation for all that they have brought to the life of St Mary Abbots. Jane has been the most wonderful Hon Archivist, and of course George is the public face of the church six days out of seven, and brought great dignity to our worship. Many of us will want to say ThankYou and Godspeed in a tangible way – the Churchwardens will be delighted to accept donations towards a presentation (cheques made out to St Mary Abbots, envelopes clearly marked 'MacAllan Presentation', please).

WEDNESDAY APRIL 27TH EVENING PRAYER WILL BE SAID AT 5.00PM – half an hour earlier than usual. This is to accommodate the delegates to the annual 'Save Our Parsonages' conference, which is meeting all day in the Centre. Everyone is of course welcome to share in this service.

Do you know that we have an INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

The members support each in praying daily & meet monthly
More details from Revd Jenny Welsh.



At 1.05pm this Friday 29th April we hold the weekly RSM STUDENTS' RECITAL

Music for piano solo by BEETHOVEN; for Countertenor and Piano by DA FALLA; and saxophone quartet by PAUL READE. Admission free – all welcome, light refreshments available; bring your sandwiches if you wish.

This Thursday 28 April from 2.00 - 4.00pm

LIVING WELL WITH MEMORY LOSS

These sessions presented jointly by The Kensington and Chelsea forum for older residents, and StMA have proved to be highly successful and valuable. This next subject, we might think, would be of the greatest help to all of us even if we're reluctant to define ourselves as 'older'. The marvelous Ann Morisy will lead an afternoon session on Thursday 28th April from 2-4pm, in St Mary Abbots Centre Long Room. All are welcome, but please let Jenny (020 7937 2364) know if you wish to attend

ST. MARY ABBOTS' BOOK CLUB will next meet at 2.30pm on **Thursday 5th May**. We will discuss "Ten Days" by Gillian Slovo. 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

Christian Aid Week Christian Aid 15-21 May

It's only 4 weeks away. We're delighted that this year we have once more permission to collect in the Kensington High Street Tube on the weekdays, and welcome offers of help particularly between 7.30 and 9.30 am; but also throughout the day, when we will share the duties with members of Kensington UR Church. We need YOUR help - Please speak to Jenny

Christian Aid Sponsored Walk - Sunday 22 May

Despite the foot operation whose effect he milked as much as possible throughout the autumn and winter, the Vicar is bestirring himself to undertake the Christian Aid 'Circle the City' Sponsored Walk once more. Can he for yet another year raise more sponsorship money than any other walker? That's entirely up to you! Watch out for the invitation to support him

This Wednesday 27th April ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING from 6.00pm for 6.30pm

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. You can find the required notices and, more importantly, the Annual Report with amalgamated parish accounts by the South Door. Although it's a formal, legal meeting with Elections and Reports, it's really more like a party: drinks will be served!

PARISH REORGANISATION

One of the most important and unusual items will be a report on the progress of our request – overwhelmingly supported at last year's AGM, after having been debated and recommended by all three District Church Councils – to recast our present parish and split it into three independent parishes: St Mary Abbots; St Philip Earls Court Road; and Christ Church Kensington; yet linked together as a GROUP MINISTRY – an arrangement far looser than at present, with no overarching Parochial Church Council etc. Find out how the tortuous legal process required to effect such an historic & fundamental change is progressing

The Revd STEPHEN FIELDING

We're delighted that Stephen 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 Residentiary 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.

Your Kingdom Come

The Archbishops of Canterbury have challenged the Church of England to create a great 'WAVE OF PRAYER' for the Evangelisation of our nation, in the week that leads up to Pentecost, May 8th-15th. Our own Diocese of London is offering a major event on this theme at St Paul's Cathedral to an event on the evening of Saturday May 14, beginning at 7.15pm.

For details of this event, see:

<http://www.london.anglican.org/event/2016/05/14/your-kingdom-come-st-pauls-cathedral/> and for information about the national movement

<http://thykingdom.co.uk/about> This sharing in the prayers of the whole church will be an exciting experience. Jenny is going and would be very glad to have company on the night— BUT YOU HAVE TO BOOK A PERSONAL TICKET. The tickets are limited, and going fast. Book your ticket (it's free, and very easy) through the EventBrite page you'll find on the link—they need to be printed off, and your name and email address given. If you decide to go, let Jenny know: perhaps a St Mary Abbots contingent can go together.

Save the Date: Wednesday 25th May

7.00pm OUR ANNUAL CONFIRMATION

It's just a month away now. One of the most important events in St Mary Abbots year, and one that most parishes would long for, as we present some twenty-eight adult and junior candidates to be Confirmed by the Bishop of Kensington. It is a celebration for the whole congregation – not just the families and friends of the candidates. Do book the date and pray for them as they continue their journey of preparation.

TRANSFORMING ST MARY ABBOTS

RESTORING • RENEWING • REORDERING • ENHANCING • EXTENDING

Have you intended to make a contribution to the vital Phase Two of our Grand Project: 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. This new financial year, with your bonus safely in, is the best time to make YOUR contribution – single donation, signing a regular covenant, or both! You'll find all the details in church – be sure to pick up your copies today.



St Mary Abbots Appeal

All responses to Head of Fundraising Karen Bryant: appeal@stmaryabbotschurch.org