

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: may they respond to this crisis with generosity, co-operation and resolve

We pray for all victims of terrorism, war and violence, accident and natural disaster,

We pray for all standing for elected office at this time.

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

Please pray for the sick and those in distress, especially

JEANETTE CLOW : ADA DA LUCA : MAVIS GIBSON SICILLE KOTELAWALA : GILL LONGVILLE ISABEL MILNER : CLAIRE O'DONOGHUE ANN PEERLESS : MICHAEL PROBERT AUDREY RASKIN : LARRY ROLLAND : VELMA SCULLY ENID STUBBS : JANET TOMES SUSAN YOUNG

Pray for all who have died recently
CHRISTOPHER THURSBY-PELHAM
BRIAN BURDETT

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

JEFF BARDSLEY (May 3)
BLOSSOM BARROW (May 4)
ANNE BENGE (May 6)



NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning
1st May 2016



Sunday 1st May

ROGATION SUNDAY

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

Epistle: James 1. 22-end Gospel: Jn 16. 23b-end

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST AND ROGATIONSTIDE BLESSING

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 TAIZÉ PRAYER AND COMMUNION

Risen, Ascended, Glorified

Monday 2nd May

St Mark - Rogation Day

Nb Bank Holiday times of morning services

8.10am Morning Prayer

8.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 3rd May

Rogation Day

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST – Book of Common Prayer

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 4th May

Rogation Day

English Reformation Saints & Martyrs

7.10am Morning Prayer

7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

1.05pm Meditation Group

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 5th May

ASCENSION DAY

7.30am Ascension Day Morning Service on tower gallery

9.30am ASCENSION DAY SUNG EUCHARIST

led by St Mary Abbots School – all welcome

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 6th May

7.10am Morning Prayer

7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

1.05pm RCM Students' Recital

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 7th May

9.40am Morning Prayer

10.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

12.00pm Holy Baptism

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 8th May

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

Epistle: 1 Peter 4. 7-11 Gospel: Jn 15. 26 – 16. 4a

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST

First Reading: Acts 16. 16-18
Second Reading: Revelation 22. 12-14 16-17, 20-21
Gospel: John 17. 20-26
Sermon: The Revd Philip Welsh

11.15am CHORAL MATINS

Old Testament: Isaiah 44. 1-8
New Testament: Ephesians 4. 7-16
Preacher: The Rev'd Gillean Craig

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST

6.30pm SUNG EVENSONG followed by HOLY COMMUNION

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 34
New Testament: Luke 24. 44-53
Preacher: The Rev'd Jenny Welsh

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Today is ROGATION SUNDAY

when the Church invokes God's Blessing on the crops that they may yield a rich harvest and provide food for everyone.



Central Kensington may have few field-bearing crops these days, but as well as remembering all those whose work ensures that we have [far more than] enough to eat and drink, our 9.30 Eucharist concludes with a Solemn Blessing beyond the West Door on all the work done in all Central Kensington's Shops, Offices & Businesses.

The Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week are the **ROGATION DAYS**, when in our prayers we continue this theme for a good harvest that all may eat and be satisfied, for proper stewardship of this world's resources, and for all the work of our hands, minds and imaginations.

NEW SERVERS At the 9.30 Eucharist have you noticed that we have two new adult servers? We are actively recruiting new members of the serving team, and it may be that you would like to find out more about this important ministry within our offering of divine worship. Speak to the clergy.

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

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



BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY SERVICE TIMES Morning Prayer [8.10](#); Holy Eucharist [8.30](#) – no 1.05 'Sunday on Monday' Service tomorrow.

The Rogation Days are a prelude for the next great feastday:



This Thursday, May 5th, is ASCENSION DAY

Forty days after Easter and the Resurrection, here we celebrate how Jesus, his work of salvation complete, returns to his Father in glory: from now on completing his work and ministry is up to us, his disciples!

By immemorial tradition we begin our celebrations with

7.30am ASCENSION DAY MORNING SERVICE

A special service around the gallery at the top of our tower (not the top of the spire!). Those who can't face the hundreds of spiral stairs are welcome to gather below and cheer us on.

Afterwards there's coffee and croissants for all in the Vestry.

NB The tower gallery isn't safe for children, unfortunately - and you have to be fairly fit to manage the long and narrow spiral staircase.

9.30am ASCENSION DAY SUNG EUCHARIST

led as always in term time by the children of St Mary Abbots School. As this is a major feast day the whole school from Reception to Class 6 will participate and there will be a special dramatic presentation, including, no doubt, in time-honoured fashion, an extremely uncalled-for parody of your beloved and highly respected clergy. This is our main service of the day, and whether you have any link with the school or not, please join us and share the Eucharist on this great Festival.

ST. MARY ABBOTS' BOOK CLUB meets this **Thursday 5th May** at 2.30pm to 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

At 1.05pm this Friday 6th May we hold the weekly RSM STUDENTS' RECITAL

Music for piano solo by CHOPIN; for Cello and Piano by PADEREWSKI. Admission free – all welcome, light refreshments available.

CALLING ALL [WOULD-BE] SIDESMAN

Our Sidesmen (of both sexes) carry out an ancient office that is essential to the proper running of our public worship: we are very grateful to you all. Existing Sidesmen should already have been invited to a **TRAINING EVENING** on **Wednesday 18th May**. But in addition to those already on he list, this would be an ideal time for new people to join. We need more volunteers: with more people the duties could be quite infrequent. See the wardens *Jamie and Hannah*, or *Nigel Grieve*, for more information.

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 a fortnight's time, in the week that leads up to Pentecost, May 8th-15th. All the tickets for the London Diocese's great service at St Paul's to support this initiative have been booked! That's remarkable news in itself. For details of this national movement see <http://thykingdom.co.uk/about>

Christian Aid Week 15-21 May

It's only 2 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! Much the simplest way to give is via my justgiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/GillianCraig2016>. But you can also follow the various methods outlined in the leaflet available in church.

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.

GEORGE AND JANE MACALLAN

We are very sorry that George has decided to take early retirement from his post as our Head Virger. He and Jane have determined that getting 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).

Some Key Dates for your Diaries:

Wednesday 25th May 7.00pm ANNUAL CONFIRMATION

Just a few weeks away now. One of the most important events in St Mary Abbots year, 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.

Saturday 18th June ROYAL GARDEN FETE

Our annual Summer Fete will have a very special theme this year, as we join in the nation's celebration of The Queen's 90th Birthday. Expect a new Look!

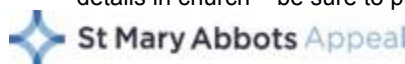
Thursday 23rd June CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS PARENTS

Drinks and more in the Vicarage Garden on a Summer's evening.

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.



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