



**NEWSLETTER**  
 for the week beginning  
**8<sup>th</sup> May 2016**



**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

*We pray for all victims of terrorism, war and violence, and natural disaster, for all refugees and those driven from home to escape poverty and famine*

*We pray for all those newly elected to local and regional government.*

*We pray for all those baptised recently*  
 AVA ASHRAF-KASHANI

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

RACHEL AGBONLE : OTTO BARROW  
 SOPHIE BECKITT : NICHOLAS BOWYER  
 ESIN CELEBI : CASSIUS CAMPBELL : RONA DAVIS  
 HARRY DURTNALL : UMA EICKELBERG  
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 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

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

JOHN C : JEANETTE CLOW : DAPHNE CRAIG  
 ADA DA LUCA : OLWEN HASLAM : SICILLE  
 KOTELAWALA : GILL LONGVILLE : ROSE MURPHY  
 CLAIRE O'DONOGHUE : MICHAEL PROBERT  
 AUDREY RASKIN : LARRY ROLLAND : ENID STUBBS  
 ANN THOKOZUNE : JANET TOMES : JAMES  
 WORSLEY : SUSAN YOUNG : ELIZABETH ZODWA

*Pray for all who have died recently*

CHRISTOPHER THURSBY-PELHAM : BRIAN BURDETT  
 JACK B. : ALFRED REEVE

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

KATHLEEN TURNER : NOEL COLEMAN  
 RUBY JEFFREY

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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.05pm **INFORMAL EUCHARIST** Sunday on Monday

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.30am **HOLY EUCHARIST** – *Book of Common Prayer*

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

7.10am Morning Prayer

7.30am **HOLY EUCHARIST**

1.05pm *Meditation Group*

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

7.10am Morning Prayer

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

*led by St Mary Abbots School – all welcome*

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

7.10am Morning Prayer

7.30am **HOLY EUCHARIST**

1.05pm *RCM Students' Recital*

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

**St Matthias**

9.40am Morning Prayer

10.00am **HOLY EUCHARIST**

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

**PENTECOST**

8.00am **HOLY EUCHARIST**

*First Lesson:* 1 Peter 2. 19-end

*Gospel:* John 10. 11-16

**9.30am FAMILY EUCHARIST with Preschool Group**

*Reading:* Acts 2. 1-13

*Gospel:* John 14. 8-17

*All-Age Presentation*

**11.15am CHORAL MATINS leading into**

**CHORAL EUCHARIST**

*Old Testament:* Exodus 33. 7-20

*New Testament:* John 16. 4b-15

*Preacher:* The Vicar, The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

**NB no 12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST today**

**6.30pm SOLEMN EVENSONG AND LICENSING AS OUR ASSOCIATE PRIEST OF THE REVD STEPHEN FIELDING**

*Old Testament:* Isaiah 40. 12-23

*New Testament:* John 14. 8-17

*Preacher:* The Ven Stephan Welsh, Archdeacon of Middlesex

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

Their Graces tell us:

*At the heart of our prayers will be words that Jesus himself taught us – 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.' It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord's Prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus Christ. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory.*

Here at St Mary Abbots, we have drawn from the material on offer **PRAYER CARDS** that we are handing out to all. We encourage all members of our fellowship to use them, day by day, in the coming week, as a model for your own prayers. Based on the Lord's Prayer you can use it wherever you are: at home around the kitchen table, on the bus, at the office. Pray it slowly, pausing between each phrase, and offering your own intercessions for the world, and for the revealing of God's Kingdom. We will be sharing in a great Wave of Prayer, not just from St Mary Abbots, but from the whole Church of England throughout our land.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## Fr DAVID WALSH

All at church last Sunday were saddened to hear that Fr David, the Priest with Special Responsibility for St Philips Earls Court Road, is to leave Kensington to take up the post of Rector of Kettering in Northamptonshire. Newer members of our fellowship might be unaware of how much he played a part in the life and worship of St Mary Abbots when he first joined us: over the last ten years he has quite remarkably built up St Philip's to its current situation, where we are planning for its separate from St Mary Abbots as its own, independent, parish once more. He has also of course been our Area Dean in recent years, making a vital contribution to the life of our Area and Diocese far beyond the parish. I will miss him particularly, as a loyal and invigorating colleague. We will in July have a chance to say Thankyou and Godspeed to him and his wife Carys: *we pray for them and St Philips.*

## 1.05pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May RSM STUDENTS' RECITAL

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

## NEXT SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> May is the great Feast of PENTECOST and we offer our special once-a-month provision:



### 9.30 Family Eucharist

An All-age modern language service designed so that the whole family can worship together. Younger members of our fellowship will play many roles: sidesmen, taking the collection, acting as servers and readers.

Next Sunday's theme: **'The Gifts of the Spirit'**

### 11.15 Choral Matins & Choral Eucharist

Our augmented professional choir sings a full setting of the Eucharist – this month especially splendid music:

Victoria's *Missa Laetatus Sum* for **THREE Choirs!**

*Loquebantur Variis* by Philips

And *Dum Complerentur* by Hassler



## Friday 1.05pm Royal College of Music STUDENT RECITAL

These performances by greatly talented young musicians cannot be praised too highly. Tea & Coffee served – bring sandwiches if you want!

## GEORGE AND JANE MACALLAN

We are very sorry that George has decided to take early retirement from his post as our Head Virger. 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; George is the public face of the church six days out of seven, and brought great dignity to our worship. The **Churchwardens** are accepting donations towards a presentation (cheques made out to St Mary Abbots, envelopes clearly marked 'MacAllan Presentation', please).

**NEXT SUNDAY EVENING: MAY 15<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm**  
**The Archdeacon of Middlesex joins us for the**

## WELCOME AND LICENSING of The Revd STEPHEN FIELDING SOLEMN EVENSONG OF PENTECOST

**Our Professional and Voluntary Choirs accompanied by  
the PURCELL PLAYERS Baroque Ensemble**

HANDEL: *Organ Concerto in A*

PERTI: *Magnificat in D*

MONTEVERDI: *Beatus Vir*

We're delighted that Stephen will be joining our Clergy Team. 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). We look forward to welcoming him and his wife Angela, and wish them great happiness here with us.

*In Time-Honoured fashion, we invite members of our congregation to provide a platter or two of canapés/finger food for the reception afterwards, when we will offer hospitality to our many and distinguished guests.*

## Christian Aid Week Christian Aid 15-21 May

It's only one week away now! 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 add your name to the sign-up sheet by the sidesmen's table, or 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/GilleenCraig2016>. But you can also follow the various methods outlined in the leaflet available in church.

*Some Key Dates for your Diaries:*

## MULTI-FAITH PILGRIMAGE FOR PEACE

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 31st RBKC's Faith Link invites us to join with people of many faiths to visit places/communities of worship in the London Boroughs of Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster. This pilgrimage will visit mosques; temples, churches in and around our own area, and will be a chance to get to know our neighbours, by sharing food, fellowship and conversation. For more information about times and schedule, email [jondaldin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:jondaldin@rcdow.org.uk)

## Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm ANNUAL CONFIRMATION

Just a couple of 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 & pray for them on their journey of preparation.*

## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Expect a new Look! As we turn our thoughts to the summer fair ...our "Royal Garden Fete" this year in aid of The Appeal Anna McNally would gratefully receive any item of good quality children's clothing that you no longer need. We would also love to receive your unwanted children's books and toys which remain in good condition. These can be left at The St Mary Abbots Centre marked clearly for Anna's attention. Alternatively please contact Anna directly on 07899 790534 to arrange delivery/collection.

## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS PARENTS

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

## TRANSFORMING ST MARY ABBOTS

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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

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