



NEWSLETTER
 for the week beginning
15th May 2016



IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Please pray for the work of Christian Aid among the poorest in our world, and for all those raising and donating money in Christian Aid Week.

We pray for Stephen Fielding as he begins his ministry here at St Mary Abbots, and for his wife Angela

We pray for all those preparing for baptism
 SEBASTIAN ALBERTO HARRISON
 ISABELLE MARION ANNE VAN AKEN
 IRMAK OZELCI

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 : GWENDOLINE ENGLISH : ADRIANA FAGERHOLM : ANDREW GIBLIN
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Please pray for the sick and those in distress, especially
 FREDDIE BIRCHER : WENDELL CADAGAN : JEANETTE CLOW : ADA DA LUCA : SICILLE KOTELAWALA
 GILL LONGVILLE : CLAIRE O'DONOGHUE : MICHAEL PROBERT : CHARLOTTE REEVE : AUDREY RASKIN
 LARRY ROLLAND : ULRIKE SONDDHI : ENID STUBBS
 ANN THOKOZUNE : JANET TOMES : SUSAN YOUNG
 ROXANNA ZADVORNY : ELIZABETH ZODWA

Pray for all who have died recently
 GARY HUGHES : ALFRED REEVE : RUFUS KHOZA

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

VIOLET SALE : IAN TAMBLYN

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Sunday 15th 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 16. 12-15

All-Age Presentation

11.15am CHORAL MATINS leading into CHORAL EUCHARIST

Old Testament: Exodus 33. 7-20

New Testament: John 16. 12-15

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 Welch, Archdeacon of Middlesex

Monday 16th May Commemoration of Caroline Chisholm

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.05pm INFORMAL EUCHARIST Sunday on Monday

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 17th May

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST – Book of Common Prayer

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 18th May

7.10am Morning Prayer

7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

1.05pm Meditation Group

2.00pm HEALING EUCHARIST with Laying-on of hands & anointing

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 19th May St Dunstan

7.10am Morning Prayer

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST Of PENTECOST St Mary Abbots School

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 20th May St Alcuin

7.10am Morning Prayer

7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

1.05pm RCM Students' Recital

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 21st May Commemoration of St Helena

9.40am Morning Prayer

10.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 22nd May TRINITY SUNDAY

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

First Lesson: Revelation 4. 1-11

Gospel: John 3. 1-15

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST AND HOLY BAPTISM with Children on Sundays Groups

New Testament: Romans 5. 1-5

Gospel: John 16. 12-15

Preacher: The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

11.15am CHORAL MATINS

Old Testament: Isaiah 6. 1-8

New Testament: Revelation 4

Preacher: The Revd Stephen Fielding

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST same readings as at 8.00am

6.30pm SUNG EVENSONG followed by HOLY COMMUNION

Old Testament: Exodus 3. 1-15

New Testament: John 3. 1-17

Preacher: The Revd Jenny Welsh

**TODAY SUNDAY 15th MAY IS THE FEAST OF
PENTECOST or
WHIT-SUNDAY**



when we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Fifty days after Easter, it marks the very end of our annual recitation of the events of the earthly life of Jesus, the sequence of history that starts at Advent Sunday. As God pours his Holy Spirit upon the church we reflect on the fact that now the responsibility for building God's kingdom of peace and

love has been entrusted to us. The colour is red, for the flames of the Holy Spirit. This is a key moment of transition in the church's year.

After today Eastertide is over - so tomorrow the paschal candle is moved to stand next to the font; the Easter garden is dismantled; the colour is green as Ordinary time resumes. Today, for the last time this year, the **Easter Alleluias** ring out: let's sing them with the greatest gusto!

The Festival attracts our special once-a-month provision:

9.30 Family Eucharist

An All-age service so that the whole family can worship together. Younger members of our fellowship will play many roles: sidesmen, servers and readers. Our theme: **'The Gifts of the Spirit'**

11.15 Choral Matins & Choral Eucharist

Our augmented professional choir sings a full setting of the Eucharist – especially splendid music today: Victoria's *Missa Laetatus Sum* for **THREE Choirs!**
Loquebantur Variis by Philips
Dum Complerentur by Hassler



MINISTRY AMONG THE ELDERLY:

On the second Monday of the month StMA goes to **Beatrice Place Nursing Home** to share communion, say prayers and sing hymns with the residents and staff. Sometimes we are invited to pray and remember residents who have died, and tomorrow, we will be praying for Rufus Khoza, who lived at Beatrice Place for several years. Rufus was a singer in his youth in South Africa, with a jazz combo called the Manhattan Brothers; he occasionally came along to the service where he enthusiastically sang along the bass notes for the hymns. He will be missed. Perhaps you would like to join us at Beatrice Place once a month, and get to know some of our neighbours there. *Speak to Jenny Welsh if you want to know more.*



**2.00pm this Wednesday – 18 May
EUCCHARIST OF HEALING
WITH LAYING-ON OF HANDS & ANOINTING**
Followed by Afternoon Tea
Do join us and/or provide sandwiches or cake etc for the tea

Fr DAVID WALSH

We pray for David & Carys as they prepare to leave St Philips in the summer when he will be made Rector of Kettering – and pray also for St Philip's.

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 this Wednesday 18th May at 6.30 in church.** But in addition to them, 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.*

1.05pm Friday 20th May RSM STUDENTS' RECITAL

Music for piano solo by BACH-BUSONI; MEDTNER and SCHUMANN; and for Viola by SHOSTAKOVICH. Admission free – all welcome,

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).

MULTI-FAITH PILGRIMAGE FOR PEACE

On Saturday 21st 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

THIS EVENING: MAY 15th at 6.30pm
*Be sure that you join us as a new chapter opens
in the ministry of St Mary Abbots*



**The Archdeacon of Middlesex joins us for the
WELCOME AND LICENSING
of The Revd Canon STEPHEN FIELDING
SOLEMN EVENSONG OF PENTECOST**

**Particularly great music from our Professional & Voluntary
Choirs and 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.*

It's This Week:

**Christian Aid Week
Christian Aid 15-21 May**

Christian Aid Week begins today — the week when we remember that Jesus called us to love our neighbours, no matter where they are; no matter who they are. In addition to our collections next week being entirely given to Christian Aid, we want to encourage our local neighbours to be generous too. We will be collecting at Kensington High Street station each day this week, during the morning and evening rush hours, but also throughout the day, when we will share the duties with members of Kensington UR Church and we need YOUR help: can you give us a half hour or an hour this week to collect? There is a sign up sheet with time slots on the sidesmen's table with some spaces left, so you can pick your time—we need only two or three people per slot. Jenny will be glad to tell you more, and explain how it works. There will also be our new traditional pop-up café later in the season, and we will ask for more help for that nearer the time.

Next Sunday 22 May Christian Aid Sunday

Collections at all our services will be devoted to Christian Aid, so please bring vast sums of money for this excellent cause.

Fr Gillean's 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: already you have, wonderfully, pledged **£625!** [:https://www.justgiving.com/GilleanCraig2016](https://www.justgiving.com/GilleanCraig2016) is the simplest way to give - but the fliers in church offer a range of other methods: one just right for YOU

Some Key Dates for your Diaries:

Wednesday 25th May 7.00pm ANNUAL CONFIRMATION

It's the week after this! 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 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! We would very much like to make the Silent Auction and raffle at this year's Summer Fete 'the best yet'. We would therefore be most grateful to receive your ideas/contributions or promises as soon as possible. Alternatively you may wish to contribute towards our raffle. Sally Bessada or Anna McNally (jrsoto@googlemail.com) 07899 790534 would love to hear from you.

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

Don't forget to make YOUR contribution to the vital Phase Two of our Grand Project: plans for the flexible multi-purpose space at the back of the church + new kitchen & WCs for a far wider range of activities, is now with RBKC.