

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for those whose lives have been devastated by natural disaster.  
Especially praying for those who have been evacuated  
or have fled from their homes.  
For those who have seen livelihoods destroyed  
and all seeking to rebuild.

We pray for those suffering from mental health difficulties.

We pray for those who are seeking employment or those who feel  
underemployed. Especially praying for those who are mistreated by their  
employers or are facing the burden of economic hardship.

We pray for new Clergy in our Deanery:  
Fr SAM MCNALLY—CROSS (St Thomas, Kensal Town)

Please pray for the sick and those in distress, especially

VINCENZO ACCURSO : SERGIO AVANZI

FRIEDA BILGER : TOVAH CAMERON

TONY GORDON : HASSAN HASSAN

JEREMIAH JUNG : HILAL KIBBARA

LEO KOYMANS : JOAN MARTIN

ISABEL MILNER : ROSE MURPHY

STEVE PAPE : PETER ROBERTS

AUDREY RASKIN : SONIA SAMUELS

CECILY SCOTT : JUNE SCULLY

GODERT VON CAMPE : GOHAR : MICHAEL

Please pray for all who have died recently

IRIS WOON

MICHELE HARDMAN

ELIZABETH CRUTTENDEN

JOAN BRZESWINSKA

And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

PAUL SALE (September 24)

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## Central Kensington Group Ministry ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



# NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2017



### Sun 24<sup>th</sup> September 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
First Lesson: Galatians 6. 11-end  
Gospel: Matthew 6. 24-end

### 9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST with Children on Sunday Groups

Old Testament: Jonah 3. 10 – 4. 11  
New Testament: Philippians 1. 21-30  
Gospel: Matthew 20. 1-6  
Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

11.15am SUNG MATINS  
Old Testament: Ezekiel 33. 23, 30 – 34. 10  
New Testament: Acts 26. 1, 9-25  
Preacher: The Revd Preb Gilleen Craig

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST  
6.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG  
Old Testament: Isaiah 45. 9-22  
New Testament: Mark 9. 30-37

followed by HOLY EUCHARIST

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September Commemoration of Lancelot Andrewes

8.00am Morning Prayer  
1.05pm INFORMAL EUCHARIST 'Sunday on Monday'  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September Commemoration of William Carlisle Founder of the Church Army; Former curate of St Mary Abbots

8.00am Morning Prayer  
11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST (BCP)  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept Ember Day St Vincent de Paul

8.00am Morning Prayer  
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST  
1.05pm Meditation Group.  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September

8.00am Morning Prayer  
9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST: St Mary Abbots School Service  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September St Michael & All Angels

8.00am Morning Prayer  
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September Ember Day Commemoration of St Jerome

9.40am Morning Prayer  
10.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Sun 1<sup>st</sup> September HARVEST FESTIVAL

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
First Lesson: Ephesians 3. 13-end  
Gospel: Luke 7. 11-17

9.30am FAMILY EUCHARIST OF  
HARVEST FESTIVAL  
with PreSchool Childrens Groups  
with special All-Age Harvest Presentation  
and Offertory Procession of Harvest Gifts.

11.15am CHORAL MATINS  
Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8. 7-18  
New Testament: 2 Corinthians 9. 6-15  
Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST readings as at 8.00am  
6.30pm TAIZE PRAYER & COMMUNION  
'The Harvest of God's Gifts'

## TODAY 26 SEPTEMBER: NEW MUSICAL PROVISION!

Today we launch our experimental once-a-month provision: the professional quartet, whose splendid singing graces weddings and funerals and 11.15 matins here, but never our main Sunday service, will join forces with the voluntary choir and offer two or three anthems/motets in the course of the **9.30 SUNG EUCHARIST**.

We are inviting the occasional volunteer singers – those who sing at Choral Evensong, Messiah etc – to join for these Sundays. As well as greatly enhancing our liturgy, we hope that this will encourage new singers to join the volunteers. We are aware that our congregation includes many excellent singers: this might just be the occasion for you to join in. Contact [uglowmark@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:uglowmark@yahoo.co.uk)

On these Sundays **11.15 MATINS** wont be our familiar Choral Service: it will be instead Sung matins and we will have instead of the usual 4-part choir a **single professional cantor** to lead the music and explore the under-valued repertoire of solo religious music.

### This evening 24 September 6.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Our Professional and Voluntary choirs also combine to offer a First Evensong, that particular glory of the Church of England, for Michaelmas

PALESTRINA'S Stetit Angelus Justus;  
WOOD's Canticles in G, and  
STANFORD 'And I saw another angel'



## CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS

A reminder about the nominal age range of the groups and where they meet:

<b>CATERPILLARS</b>	0, 1 & 2s	School Dining Room (downstairs)
<b>CHRYSALIS</b>	3-pre-school 4s	School Main Hall
<b>BUTTERFLIES</b>	reception & Sch Yr 1	School Technology Room
<b>JUNIORS</b>	Sch Yr 3 & 4s	Vicar's Parlour, above Church Vestry
<b>SENIORS</b>	Sch Yr 5, 6 & 7s	Lobby outside the old school Library

*This is the main time of the year for children to go up to a new group. NB Remember that one parent must stay with preschool children – but as soon as the children reach the Butterflies it's important that the children avoid the distraction of their parents in the room – so you can take part in the service in church. Of course we realise that there are times when a child might need settling and reassurance from Mum or Dad.*

## IF YOU BRING CHILDREN TO ST MARY ABBOTS

(whether they go to the groups or not)

you should have received an email invitation to a

### **SOCIAL EVENING this Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September.**

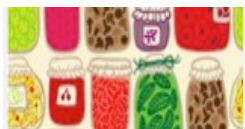
We will enjoy the opportunity to

- meet each other for far longer than is possible over coffee on a Sunday morning – and especially without the distraction of the children
- hear about many of the aspects of our life here and what it might offer you.
- Share a buffet supper and glass(es) of wine.....

If you haven't received an invitation, don't worry – you are still most warmly welcome. There's a hard-copy letter with all the details available in church today - make sure you take one. And do hurry to confirm your attendance to [sg@smaw8.org](mailto:sg@smaw8.org)

## FRIDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP

Children from birth to 4yrs (with a parent or two – not au-pairs, please) are warmly welcomed at our playgroup, which meets in St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate W8 4HN. A support & friendship group for parents as a play-and-sing session for the children. [playgroup@stmaryabbotschurch.org](mailto:playgroup@stmaryabbotschurch.org)



**Our thanks to everyone who gives so generously to the DALGARNO TRUST FOODBANK**

We collect on Sundays & Thursdays 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 Alice Bulkai (07973 156 599)*

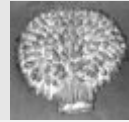
## LONG OVERDUE LOO REFURBISHMENT!

Our beloved church building offers, alas, entirely inadequate provision for our physical necessities, and the one WC and sink is heavily overused. At last it's being completely replaced and refurbished – but that this means for the time being no running water in church. You'll find a portaloos along the south passageway to help us survive until the work is complete.



**The Revd SEYMOUR DALLAS** Our thanks to all those – especially of course Steve Atack - who worked so hard to make last Wednesday's service of Commemoration held on the centenary – perhaps to the very hour - of his death in action on the Western Front. Before that he had been an intrepid missionary in the wilds of Alberta, founding no fewer than **TEN** Churches, including the world's only other St Mary Abbots.

Next Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, we celebrate our



# HARVEST FESTIVAL



## COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME!

At 9.30 younger members of our church will help lead the service – We all participate in the **Harvest Offertory Procession** in which: Children offer food – **tinned tomatoes, sweetcorn, kidney beans, chickpeas, soup etc etc, & dried herbs, powdered custard, rice, pasta, pasta sauces etc etc**

### BUT PLEASE

**NO Baked Beans, tinned spaghetti etc or cereal –**

to provide throughout the winter nourishing meals served by the **UPPER ROOM** to local homeless & hungry people - see .

Money Collections at all next Sunday's services (other than pledged Stewardship) will be in aid of the **BUSOGA TRUST** to dig more St Mary Abbots wells in Uganda (there'll be a display with full details of all that we have achieved so far).

To help us prepare for the festival, come to decorate the church next Saturday, 30 Sept – email [sg@smaw8.org](mailto:sg@smaw8.org)

## This Wednesday 27 September 9.30–3.00



## 'READY FOR ANGELS?' AN AUTUMN QUIET DAY

If you've never been to a Quiet Day before, here's your chance. It's a sort of day retreat (it fits within the school day), with devotional addresses, silence for your own private meditation, an informal Eucharist and simple

Lunch. Conductor: the Vicar; venue: St Mary's Convent, Chiswick. You'll find further details in the fliers in church - book at [sg@smaw8.org](mailto:sg@smaw8.org)

## TRANSFER WINDOW NOW CLOSED.....

All in the remarkable influx of clergy into the Deanery of Kensington have now arrived: – first our own **Fr JONATHAN MACNEANEY**; then **NEIL TRAYNOR** and **PETER WOLTON** at St John the Baptist, Holland Road; and **ANDY BUCKLER** at St Barnabas, Addison Road. **Fr PHILIP BARNES** is the new Priest-in-Charge of **St Stephen Gloucester Road**; **The Revd PIPPA TURNER** (Kensington Deanery's first woman Incumbent – at last!) at St Philip, Earls Court Rd; **The Revd PAT ALLERTON** at St Peter's Notting Hill, and finally last Monday **Fr SAM McNALLY-CROSS** was inducted as Vicar of **St Thomas's, Kensal Town**.

As far as I can tell, this is an absolutely unprecedented crop of new priests in any one Deanery, anywhere. It sends a strong message that the Church of England, here at least, is flourishing and growing, with great confidence in its future ministry. Pippa's arrival completes at last the team for our new Central Kensington Group Ministry (inaugurated on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>) and we look forward to a new era of co-operation and mutual support between ourselves, St Philip and Christ Church. We pray for God's Blessing on all these clergy and parishes, and for our common and shared Witness throughout Kensington.

From time to time members of the congregation wonder why it is that the clergy are, generally, so unsatisfactory: remember the uncomfortable truth – the only source God has to draw on for his ordained ministers is the laity, that is YOU! Perhaps God is calling you to this wonderful service?

*Why not talk to one of the clergy.....*

## OUR AUTUMN PROGRAMME

Details of events now seeping through, but basically:

**September:** meetings with Children on Sundays Leaders and Parents;

**October:** Stewardship campaign  
Study sessions '**A CHURCH FOR TOMORROW**'  
Thursday 5 & Thursday 12 at 7.30-9.15 (incl light supper)  
Exploring '**Renewal & Reform**', our national & local mission  
Stewardship **Quiz Supper Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**November:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> **Bonfire Night**;  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 6.30 All Souls Commemoration + **Mozart Requiem**  
**'THE DRAMA OF MARK'** We look at the first Gospel based around dramatic readings of the entire text:  
Thursday 9, Tuesday 14 & Thursday 23 – all in church  
Nov 25<sup>th</sup> **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** We're putting together a team to plan and prepare for our major fundraising event of the year. To join the committee; if you've ideas, skills, sponsorship leads – [sg@smaw8.org](mailto:sg@smaw8.org)

## ASSISTANT VIRGER SOUGHT

We are advertising for someone to take on the vital post of working alongside Simon to ensure that our church is open, secure, clean, welcoming; that our services are prepared for and cleared away afterwards; that all our events go without a hitch. It's a demanding but highly rewarding role. Normally spread over 3 days a week, but 'anti social' times and seasons (Christmas & Easter) are essential. £15,000 for 1500 hours per year. Full details, job description, & application form are on our website [www.smaw8.org](http://www.smaw8.org). Hurry Hurry Hurry! Closing date **THIS FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER**