

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*We pray for those suffering from poor mental health.
For those who are depressed and those who have no hope.*

*We pray for those who are seeking to discern your call on their life.
We give you thanks that you have called each one of us
to serve you in the church and in the world.
We pray that you would raise up leaders from among us.*

*We pray for courage to share the faith that is within us.
Empower us by your Holy Spirit to tell out the good news of the Gospel.*

We pray for those being Baptized today
LEONARDO MUGNAINI BEZDIGUIAN
TATE PAUL OFFEN-AMARTEIJIO
THALIA ROSE MORAN
CATHERINE ANNE THOMSON

Please intercede for those who have asked for our prayers
VINCENZO ACCURSO : SERGIO AVANZI:
FRIEDA BILGER : TERESA BIRCHER
TIM BOYD : SOPHIE BOYD
TOVAH CAMERON : TONY GORDON
BRIAN HARVEY : HASSAN HASSAN
JEREMIAH JUNG : HILAL KIBBARA
LEO KOYMANS : JOAN MARTIN
ISABEL MILNER : ROSE MURPHY
STEVE PAPE : JAMES PHILPOT
AUDREY RASKIN : PETER ROBERTS
JUNE SCULLY : GODERT VON CAMPE
CAROLYN : GOHAR : MICHAEL

Please pray for all who have died recently
DAISY BOYD : FREDDIE BIRCHER : CECILY SCOTT

And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time
JO PITT (18 October)
MALCOLM BALLISAT (20 October)

Central Kensington Group Ministry

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning
8th October 2017



Sunday 15th October EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER TRINITY

CWProper A23

- 8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
Epistle 1 Corinthians 1. 4-8
Gospel: Matthew 22. 34-end
- 9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST AND HOLY BAPTISM**
with Children on Sundays Groups
The Reading: Philippians 4. 1-9
Gospel: Matthew 22. 1-14
Preacher: The Revd Preb Gillean Craig
- 11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**
Old Testament: Proverbs 3. 1-18
New Testament: 1 John 3. 1-15
Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney
- 12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST
- 6.30pm **CHORAL EVENSONG**
Old Testament: Isaiah 50. 4-10
New Testament: Luke 13. 22-30
- followed by HOLY COMMUNION

Monday 16th October

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

Tuesday 17th October St Ignatius

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST (BCP)
1.10pm *Ashbourne Colledge Students' Recital*
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 18th October St Luke, Evangelist

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST
1.05pm *Meditation Group.*
2.00pm EUCHARIST OF HEALING
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 19th October Commem'n of Henry Martyn

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am JOINT SCHOOL SUNG EUCHARIST *All Warmly Welcome*
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 20th October St Edward the Confessor

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST
1.05pm *Royal College of Music Students' Recital*
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 21st October

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

Sunday 22nd October NINETEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER TRINITY

CWProper A24

- 8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
Epistle Ephesians 4. 17-32
Gospel: Matthew 9. 1-18
- 9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
with Children on Sundays Groups
The Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10
Gospel: Matthew 22. 15-22
Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding
- 11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**
Old Testament: Proverbs 4. 1-9
New Testament: 1 John 3. 16 – 4. 6
Preacher: tbc
- 12.30 HOLY EUCHARIST
- 6.30pm **SUNG EVENSONG then HOLY COMMUNION**
Old Testament: Isaiah 54. 1-14
New Testament: Luke 13. 31-end
Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

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SEASON OF MISTS AND MELLOW FRUITFULNESS - AND STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

If you worshipped with us here last Sunday, or come to St Mary Abbots at all regularly, you should have received a letter encouraging you to think hard about regular giving to support the basic week by week ministry of our church. We apologise to those of you who not only picked one up last Sunday but also received one in the post – pass the spare on to someone else!

OUR THANKS TO THOSE who have already responded either by raising their giving, or by joining the campaign for the first time.

WHY STEWARDSHIP? *It's a vital theological truth: all things belong to God – what we have is by his grace, his free gift to us. Rather than own them, it's our task to care for, nurture them – acting as good stewards.* From time to time we should think about our financial support for the ministry and witness of our church, ie, YOUR church. We get NO MONEY from the Government; rumours that we've vast historic reserves stashed away are, alas, entirely untrue. Yes, we make money from letting out our Church Centre and its carpark – but they don't even cover the money we have to give to the Diocese – well north of £170,000 this year. In return the Diocese pays the stipends, NI, Pensions etc etc of the Vicar, Jonathan and Stephen & maintains the Vicarage - *but we have to find every other cost ourselves to run the church and its ministry, week by week.* Last year's short campaign produced really encouraging results, and we're in a far better position than we were then. But our expectations of outside financial support for Fr Stephen's High Street Ministry have failed to materialize – so we're anticipating an income/expenditure deficit of £34,000.

In the next few weeks, by public appeal and direct personal letters, we'll be challenging YOU – do you give regularly to support the church: if not, will you in response to all the gifts of God that you receive, join our scheme to do so? And if you're already in the scheme, will you consider your level of giving? Should you increase it [or indeed, decrease it – people's circumstances go down as well as up]?

The letters and leaflet give, we hope, a clear and transparent message (remember that our accounts are open for anyone to inspect). As we give thanks for all the glorious autumn benison of God's limitless giving to us let us all respond by sharing in this support, or considering our level of giving.

Autumn is an ideal time to give thanks to God by supporting his church. We have copies of the letter in church to hand out – it may be that we have your details incorrectly in the database – or have even missed you off altogether. If you haven't got a leaflet already, then take one today: **AND KINDLY FILL IT IN!**

Today Sunday 15 October

6.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Our Professional and Voluntary choirs combine to offer Evensong, that particular glory of the Church of England, BLITHEMAN'S *In Pace In Idipsum*; TOMKINS's *7th Evening Service* and HOLST'S *'Turn Back, O Man'*



St MARY ABBOTS BELLRINGERS AGM TODAY

Yesterday afternoon our splendid band of Bellringers rang a FULL PEAL (a minimum of 5,000 changes, all committed to memory). in their annual commemoration of the traditional date of the Foundation of the Parish. This is a good day to thank them for their commitment in turning out week by week to practice and ring for Sunday & special services. They call us to worship and prayer, make a joyful noise to the Lord, and make all Kensington aware that St Mary Abbots is alive and open. Changeringing is an uniquely English invention and practise, the Exercise an extraordinary combination of physical prowess and memory – our ringers, famous for their skill in managing our peal of ten bells, are delighted to reveal the mysteries of their craft to anyone who want to come to a Thursday practise night – if you regret that we don't see more of our ringers at our services we should point out that they ring at THREE churches, and spend Sundays rushing around London from tower to tower. And last year they masterminded the installation of London's first ring of practise bells – completely silent, to the delight of neighbours, the sound produced digitally and audible only through the earphones of the ringers!

This Tuesday 17 October, we're delighted to offer once more:

1.00pm ASHBOURNE COLLEGE STUDENTS' RECITAL

Ashbourne College, based just around the corner in Old Court Place attracts an international range of students. Their concert offers music by Bach, Debussy & Grieg. We're delighted to welcome them to St Mary Abbots and hope that this will cement a close friendship.

We are all warmly invited to attend. Admission free.

2.00pm this Wednesday – 18 October EUCHARIST OF HEALING

with Laying-on of hands and Anointing

Have you a friend or neighbour who might value this ministry - why not bring them? ; if not, still come along to support the sick with your prayers and/or provide sandwiches, scones or cake for the tea that follows the service. Thanks for all help.



It's this Thursday 19th October ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP QUIZ SUPPER

Have you been invited to take your place at one of the tables? If not, it's just because, what with the frantic lives they all lead, none of the hosts has managed to get round to you yet. There's certainly a place for you: just sign the list in church and we will contact you with a details of where you turn up and who you're with. It's one of the most enjoyable evenings of the year, a splendid chance to display your well-stocked mind and expose your pitiful ignorance, in the company of friends both old and newly-made who of course will strike out your correct answers & substitute their own hopelessly wrong ones. A brilliant time will had by all (except those who take it too seriously).

Book the evening,

plug up your trivia, pester the clergy and sign the list in church.

This Friday Luncheon at 1.05 in church

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC STUDENT RECITAL

We are indeed fortunate to be the venue for these splendid free concerts: we're now a few weeks into the new season. The standard of these students' performance is always amazing and moving. This week: SCARLATTI, DEBUSSY, TAKTAKISHVILI & SANT-SAENS. Tea & Coffee served – bring sandwiches if you want!

NEW SUNDAY MORNING MUSICAL PROVISION

A few weeks ago we offered the first in our monthly experiments: at the 9.30 SUNG EUCHARIST the professional quartet joined forces with the voluntary choir and occasional volunteer singers and enhanced our worship with three anthems. Comments have been highly positive.

The next two such Sundays are **October 29 & November 26:**

if you enjoy singing why not join in? Contact uglowmark@yahoo.co.uk

At 11.15 MATINS a single professional cantor led the music, exploring the under-valued repertoire of solo religious music.

IF YOU BRING CHILDREN TO ST MARY ABBOTS

(whether they go to the groups or not) you may have been one of the lucky ones who shared in the recent Social Evening. We greatly enjoyed

- meeting each other for far longer than is possible over coffee on a Sunday morning – and especially without the distraction of the children
- hearing about many of the aspects of StMA & what it might offer you.
- Sharing a buffet supper and glass(es) of wine.....

If you couldn't make it, look out someone who did & find out what you missed

LONG OVERDUE VESTRY LOO REFURBISHMENT!

Our beloved church building offers, alas, entirely inadequate provision for our physical necessities, and the one WC and sink is heavily overused. But at least it has now been completely renewed and refurbished – hooray!



The Revd SEYMOUR DALLAS

Our Commemoration, on the centenary of the death in action of this former Curate gathers wider interest! An intrepid missionary in the wilds of Alberta, founding schools & Churches, incl the world's only other St Mary Abbots. Have you read the copies of the *Church Times* Article on the church noticeboards? And have you picked up your copy of Steve Atack's new monograph, published at his

expense to mark the centenary of Dallas's death? It's FREE (thank you for this Steve) and available from the church.

OUR AUTUMN PROGRAMME: *Dates to Book*

Friday 3 November - 6.15pm Gates open; fire lit 6.30

PARISH BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS PARTY

Come and trash the Vicarage Garden at our annual Autumnal bacchanal: fantastic fireworks, splendid fire, wonderful food. Fun for children of all ages. Tickets (which have to be limited for safety reasons to congregation members only) now on sale after all services in church: £8.00 adult; £4.00 child – includes bonfire, fireworks, your own personal sparklers, hotdogs....



Sunday 5th November at 6.30pm ALL SOULS SOLEMN REQUIEM FOR THE DEPARTED

One of our most powerful and moving services, as we pray for all those we love but see no longer. This year our extended Professional and Voluntary Choirs sing liturgically the complete **MOZART REQUIEM**.

Thursday 9, Tuesday 14 & Thursday 23 November

'THE DRAMA OF MARK'

Next year is the Year Of Mark – that is, the main Sunday service Gospel Readings are taken from his, the earliest of the Gospels to be written.

It's also the shortest, and we're planning a radical exploration which will be based on dramatic readings of the complete text, all held in church.



Saturday 25 November

ST MARY ABBOTS 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 please contact sg@smaw8.org