

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*We give you thanks for all that brings joy to our lives especially remembering that which we take for granted.*

*We pray for those who are homeless as temperatures sink, and all who struggle in cold and dark conditions.*

*We pray for all who are victims of abuse, that they may know the comfort of your eternal love.*

*We pray for all those involved in safeguarding children and vulnerable adults commending especially the work of Andrew Freestone our safeguarding officer.*

*Please intercede for those who have asked for our prayers*

TERESA BIRCHER : VINCENZO BLANDINI

SOPHIE BOYD : TIM BOYD

TOVAH CAMERON : JOAN DAVIES

NICK ERIKSEN : DOUGLAS EVANS

TONY GORDON : BRIAN HARVEY

HASSAN HASSAN : JEREMIAH JUNG

HILAL KIBBARA : BILL KIRKPATRICK

LEO KOYMANS : PETER ROBERTS

SONIA SAMUELS : JUNE SCULLY

ROXANNA ZADVORNY : CARL-FREDRIK

CAROLYN : GOHAR :

*Please pray for all who have died recently*

DAISY BOYD : FREDDIE BIRCHER

ANNE PEASE : PATTY BOYD

GODERT VON CAMPE

*And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time*

ANDREW CROSTHWAITTE (30 October)

ANGELA SELLARS (31 October)

DAVID GRIEVE (1 November)

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## Central Kensington Group Ministry ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



# NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning  
29<sup>th</sup> October 2017



### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – CW Proper A25

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
Epistle Ephesians 5. 15-21  
Gospel: Matthew 22. 1-14

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**  
**with Extended Voluntary & Profession Choir**  
**and Children on Sundays Groups**  
The Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2. 1-8  
Gospel: Matthew 22. 34-end  
Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**  
**with Solo Cantor**  
Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 11 & 12  
New Testament: 2 Timothy 2. 1-7  
Preacher: The Revd Gilleen Craig

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 Gilleen Craig

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

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

### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October Commemoration of Martin Luther

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

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November All Saints

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

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November All Souls

8.00am Morning Prayer  
9.30am St MARY ABBOTS SCHOOL EUCHARIST  
*All Warmly Welcome*  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Commemoration Richard Hooker

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

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
Epistle Revelation 7.2-12  
Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**  
**with Children on Sundays Groups**  
The Reading: Revelation 7. 9-end  
Gospel: Matthew 5. 1-12  
Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**  
**with Solo Cantor**  
Old Testament: Isaiah 65. 17-end  
New Testament: Hebrews 11. 32 – 12. 2  
Preacher: The Revd Gilleen Craig

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST  
6.30pm **SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF RESURRECTION**  
**FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS**  
& COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED  
SETTING: THE MOZART REQUIEM

## THIS SUNDAY NEW MUSICAL PROVISION!

Next Sunday we hold the second of our experimental once-a-month provision: our quartet of professional singers will join forces with the voluntary choir and offer two or three anthems/motets in the course of the **9.30 SUNG EUCHARIST**. Our worship will be enriched by anthems/motets by Batten, Tomkins and Harris. 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) At **11.15 MATINS** 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 – don't miss a solo by BERLIOZ!



**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)*



### Royal British Legion Annual Poppy Appeal

Poppies are on sale at all services today and until Remembrance Day. We thank all the Poppy sellers for their commitment to this excellent cause



## SEASON OF MISTS AND MELLOW FRUITFULNESS - AND STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

**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.*

If you 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. OUR THANKS TO THOSE who have already responded either by raising their giving, or by joining the campaign for the first time. Already more than £5,000 on new money has either been given or pledged – Bravo!

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 – our circumstances go down as well as up]? We hope the letters and leaflet give a clear and transparent message (nb: our accounts are open for anyone to inspect).

Autumn is an ideal time to give thanks to God by supporting his church. As we give thanks for all the glorious benison of God's limitless giving let us all respond by sharing in this support, or considering our level of giving. We've have copies of the letter in church to hand out – perhaps we've got incorrect details 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!**

### RAINBOW POETRY CIRCLE 'The Inner Self'

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 2.30pm** in Holland Chapel / Transept. All welcome - bring your favourites on the theme or write your own!

The **Christmas Card Aid** stall is open for business once more: *Unlike commercial Christmas cards, where as little as 2% goes to charity, Card Aid guarantees that every penny of profits goes directly to charity. As well as cards there's gift tags, presents etc. Mon to Fri 10.30-5.00*

**This Friday Lunchtime at 1.05 in church**

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC STUDENT RECITAL

We are indeed fortunate to be the venue for these splendid free concerts: Pick up the flier for the rest of the terms recitals. This week: POULENC, PROKOFIEV & BACH. Tea & Coffee served – bring sandwiches if you want!

### QUIET DAY: 9.30–3.30 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Our final Quiet Day of the Year – a chance to spend time with God away from the usual distractions of our busy lives – will be held at the end of November at St Mary's Convent, Chiswick. Booking opens shortly

## BONFIRE PARTY CANCELLED!

At last the diocesan tree surgeons have answered out pleas to inspect the ancient Plane Tree in the centre of the Vicarage Garden – and (as we feared) have told us that it is dangerously and probably terminally diseased. They have insisted that the garden is out of bounds until the tree is dealt with (boughs have fallen recently). So with the heaviest of hearts we have no choice but to cancel the bonfire and fireworks party.

**We are contacting all those who have already purchased tickets to arrange refunds.**

## Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November: Two Special Services

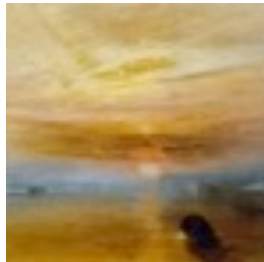
### 9.30am ALL SAINTS SUNDAY FAMILY EUCHARIST

When we give thanks for the whole company of heaven – especially those saints and martyrs who do not have a particular festival in the course of the year, & those whose sanctity is known only to God. Younger members of our fellowship will take on many roles.



### 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'S REQUIEM

At the heart of the service we commemorate by name those whom we wish to remember – please add the names of those you want us to pray for in this way to the lists on the sidesman's/churchwatchers' desk.

### Tuesday 7 November from 7.30am FASHION AND WELL-BEING

*Fr Stephen writes:*

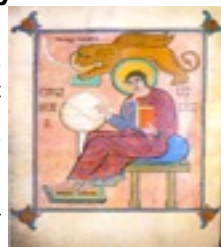
'Do join us for the last of this year's well-being breakfasts. We are delighted to welcome Simon Ward, formerly chief operating officer of the British Fashion Council and the author of *the Character of Fashion*. His talk will be both well-informed, wide-ranging and lively. As usual, the talk will begin at 8am, with coffee and croissants available from 7.30. Bring your friends!



### Thursday 9, Tuesday 14 & Thursday 23 November

### 'THE DRAMA OF MARK'

From Advent Sunday the main Sunday service Gospel Readings are taken from Mark's, 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, followed by comment and discussion, all held in **church**. This will be something special – Pick up a handbill and book the dates now!



### The Friends of St Mary Abbots Church

### "HOW DO YOU SOLVE A PROBLEM LIKE KOREA?"



A Talk and Presentation by Prof. Rt. Hon Lord Alton of Liverpool, Patron of the Friends of St Mary Abbots, will be held in church on Tuesday November 28th at 7.00pm. Lord Alton, a recognised world authority on North Korea, is the Founder and Joint-Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Korea and author of "Building Bridges - is there hope for North Korea" All funds raised will go toward projects funded by the Friends for the fabric of St Mary Abbots. The event which will be hosted by Mr Steven Attack, will be followed by a Korean Buffet TICKETS £15 from. Steve Attack ([steveattack@aol.com](mailto:steveattack@aol.com)), Alison Steel or the Vestry



### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**11.00am to 2.30pm**

★ Fabulous Silent Auction ★ Antiques  
★ Books ★ Bric-a-Brac ★ Home Produce

★ Dining-Out Raffle ★ Lunch for all the family ★

**Kidszone: Children's Games, Activities & Stalls ★ Etc**

Book the Date Now! Decide how YOU can help. Why not run a stall/donate prizes/help with publicity/cook scrumptious comestibles – or **ALL OF THE ABOVE!**