

### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

At the beginning of the week of prayer for Christian Unity  
*Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. (1 Cor 1:10)*

*Father of all we pray for unity among your churches that we may all be one. Bless the Ecumenical Patriarch, the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury Strengthen all those who work for ecumenical fellowship.*

*With joy and thanksgiving we celebrate the announcement as the Bishop Designate of London of the Rt Revd SARAH MULLALLY DBE We pray for those to whom she currently ministers and for her safe move.*

*We pray for those affected by natural disaster especially those injured or killed in fires and mudslides in California.*

*We pray for all those recently baptized, including*  
ALARA SOPHIA FUCHS  
TALLULA LEANDRA FUCHS  
SIENNA IMAN FUCHS  
SOPHIA ROSE MILLIGAN

*Please intercede for those who have asked for our prayers*  
JOHN BIGNALL : SHEILA BRADSHAW  
JOHN CANTLIE : DAPHNE CRAIG  
SARAH DEAL : TONY GORDON  
BRIAN HARVEY : HILAL KIBBARA  
LEO KOYMANS : JOAN MARTIN  
JUNE SCULLY : ALEXANDRA WATT  
JAMES WORSLEY : CAROLYN : GOHAR  
JOANNA AND FAMILY : SAMIR

*Please pray for all who have died recently*  
NIGEL LEYLAND : BILL KIRKPATRICK  
SIMON EGERT : OLGA : GAVIN STAMP  
JOHN ESCOTT : JACOB SEPULVEDA

*And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time*  
FREDERICK LLOYD (14 January)  
DAVID WILSON (17 January)  
DENNIS CORBLE (20 January)

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Central Kensington Group Ministry

## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



# NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning  
14<sup>th</sup> January 2018



### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January **SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

*Epistle:* Romans 12. 6-16a  
*Gospel:* Luke 2. 1-11

9.30am **RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS,  
HOLY BAPTISM AND SUNG EUCHARIST  
with Children on Sundays Groups**

*Reading:* Acts 19. 1-7  
*Gospel:* Mark 1. 4-11  
*Preacher:* The Vicar, The Rev'd Gillean Craig

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**

*Old Testament:* 1 Samuel 3. 1-20  
*New Testament:* John 1. 43-end  
*Preacher:* The Revd Stephen Fielding

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST *readings as at 9.30am*

6.30pm **CHORAL EVENSONG**

*Old Testament:* Isaiah 60. 9-end  
*New Testament:* Matthew 8. 5-13

followed by HOLY COMMUNION

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January

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

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January

8.00am Morning Prayer  
11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January *St Antony of Egypt*

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

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

8.00am Morning Prayer  
9.30am SING EUCHARIST St Mary Abbots School - All welcome  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January

### St Wulfstan

8.00am Morning Prayer  
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST  
1.05pm *Royal College of Music students' recital*  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January

### Commemoration of Richard Rolle

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

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY CHRISTIAN UNITY SUNDAY

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

*Epistle:* Romans 12. 16b-21  
*Gospel:* Matthew 8. 1-13

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST,  
with Children on Sundays Groups**

*NT Reading:* Genesis 14. 17-20  
*OT Reading:* Revelation 19. 6-10  
*Gospel:* John 1. 43-end  
*Preacher:* The Rev'd Preb Stephen Fielding

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**

*Old Testament:* Jeremiah 3. 21 – 4. 2  
*New Testament:* Titus 2. 1-8, 11-14  
*Preacher:* Monsignor James Curry

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST *readings as at 9.30am*

6.30pm **CHORAL EVENSONG**

*Old Testament:* Jonah 3. 1-5, 10  
*New Testament:* John 3. 16-21

followed by HOLY COMMUNION

# THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Today we keep the Feast of the Baptism of Christ. The 9.30am Sung Eucharist includes the

**Sacrament of Baptism** for four new Christians and also the **Renewal of Baptismal Vows** for us all.

We've invited all those baptised in recent years at Mary Abbots to share in this service.



## Tonight at 6.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG



Our Professional and Voluntary choirs combine to offer this particular glory of the Church of England. The Introit motet is by PETER PHILLIPS, The evening canticles WOOD in D And the Anthem is JOHN BULL'S famous 'Star Anthem'

*If you enjoy singing, this would be an excellent time to explore joining our voluntary choir. There is a potential range of involvements: the regular weekly 9.30 Sung Eucharist, the monthly 9.30 Sung Eucharists where the professional quartet joins and we offer more challenging music, and the roughly monthly Choral Evensong. And twice a year the really major sings: Bach's St John Passion and Handel's Messiah.*

For details, contact our Director of Music [uglowmark@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:uglowmark@yahoo.co.uk)



## DALGARNO TRUST FOODBANK.

Thanks to all who support this vital service, seeing increased use every week (a quarter more families supported this Christmas). George, foodbank supremo, was delighted to be able to provide Christmas hampers, targeted at those below the poverty-line, 'who otherwise wouldn't meet their basic food requirements, let alone celebrate Christmas'. Please continue to support this work with regular donations. Pick-ups every Thursday. We especially thank our co-ordinator **Alice Bulkai**

## JOHN ESCOTT RIP

John, although known to very few of our present congregation, has for decades been a major player to the Christian life of central Kensington. A faithful member of Allen Street URC Church (one of the few surviving outposts of nonconformity in our neighbourhood) and its skilled organist he will be greatly missed. His Funeral will be held on 29 January. *Rest eternal grant to him O Lord : and let Light Perpetual shine upon him.*

## STANDARD WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES RESUME!

We offer every day of the year Morning Prayer, Holy Eucharist and Evening Prayer - one of the most important things that we do, each day welcoming a wide range of people seeking God's presence and grace. The numbers at the services may be small - but they are faithful and steady, and those who come speak movingly about how central it is to their lives. Perhaps the start of a New Year would be an excellent time for YOU to start / resume a commitment to sharing in one or more of our weekday services?

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>EVERY DAY (Saturday 9.40)</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>1.05pm</b>	<b>'Sunday on Monday' Informal Eucharist</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Book of Common Prayer Eucharist</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>8.15am</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Mary Abbots School SUNG EUCHARIST</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>8.15am</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>5.30am</b>	<b>EVERY DAY</b>



## 2.00pm this Wednesday - 17 January 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. We are grateful for all offers of help.

## FRIDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP

Children from birth to 4yrs (with a parent or two) warmly welcomed at our playgroup, now meeting again after the Christmas break, in StMA Centre, Vicarage Gate W8 4HN. Details from [laurasyvester@mac.com](mailto:laurasyvester@mac.com)

The new season of 1.05pm Friday Lunchtime has resumed

## ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC STUDENT RECITAL

There's a flier with details of all the Recitals between now and Easter - take one for you and lots for your musical friends. You can eat your lunchtime sandwich, and there's tea & coffee.

This Thursday 18 January marks the beginning of the **2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**



Our main local observance will be



**7.00pm**  
**Thursday 18 January**  
**VESPERS**

We join our neighbours in Christ from every denomination for our annual Christian Unity service at Our Lady of Victories RC, Kensington High Street.

The service is followed by a reception

## Next Sunday 21 January is CHRISTIAN UNITY SUNDAY

We're delighted that our old friend **Monsignor JAMES CURRY**, vicar of Our Lady of Victories RC Church, and Mayor's Chaplain, will join us as preacher at 11.15am Choral Matins. Jim is always worth hearing: book the date now!

## PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

We're announcing our annual preparation Confirmation courses:

This year's Confirmation will be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

We take the process of preparation very seriously, and offer a four-month course of weekly sessions exploring Christian faith and practice, starting in a couple of weeks and extending through the crucial church seasons of Lent, Eastertide, Ascension and Pentecost.

We prepare children from school Year 5, about 9+ in age, and we'll have groups of children, teenagers and adults.

Remember, no-one's too old: we're aware of many adults who have not been confirmed or who, even if they receive the Sacrament, have not shared in this vital process. The weekly study and discussion groups explore the major themes of Christian belief and practice, so we may play our full part in the church's life. To find out more, see the clergy - or, even better, talk to someone who took part last year.

There are two meetings for those interested:

**Children on Tuesday 30 January 3.45 - 4.45pm**

**Adults (say over 16s) on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm**

email [jm@smaw8.org](mailto:jm@smaw8.org)

## Just before Christmas we were delighted to hear that

The Rt Revd **SARAH MULLALLY DBE**,

Bishop of Crediton in Exeter Diocese, is to be the 133<sup>rd</sup> Bishop of London.



Knowing how accurate you like to be it's worth pointing out that she is at the moment our Bishop **designate**. Ancient arcane processes must be completed before she can proceed to her Installation. As one of them involves your Vicar - it's about the only remaining power wielded by the Prebendaries of St Paul's Cathedral - he is keen to encourage everyone to get this right. In fact the

Prebendal confirmation of the appointment is a fictional sham, a ceremony whose outcome is predetermined and immutable - but that's the CofE!

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS/HOSPITALITY/ETC ETC

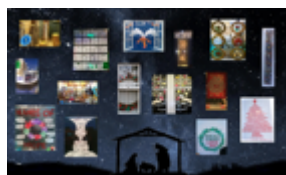
Our thanks to all who worked so hard in the weeks and days up to Christmas: flower arrangements, candle decorations, tree, pillars, good things to eat and drink. Especial thanks: Simon Fitter Head Virger & team!

## CHRISTMAS MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY AND ALONE

We held - thanks to you - a wonderful Christmas lunch for some of our local older people. For drivers and singers, present givers and administrators, waiters and mulled wine mixers; we give thanks. Everybody had a top lunch and a cheerful Christmas. Caring for our community is at the heart of our Christian calling, as is.



feeding the hungry It is a privilege to celebrate Jesus' birth amongst such good company: see you again next year! *Lucille Briance & Fr Jonathan*



## The full Kensington LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR

Is now available for all to see online Our thank to all the shops & organizations who presented window displays on the theme

## MAKING SPACE FOR HOPE

See the dedicated website <http://www.smaw8.org/living-advent-calendar.html>

**FRIENDS OF ST MARY ABBOTS** Still basking in the success of Lord Alton's talk in December, The Friends looks forward to a new year of activity and its Appeal for the creation of disabled toilets in the church. Donations [steveatack@aol.com](mailto:steveatack@aol.com) and 2018 membership contact treasurer Nigel Grieve.