

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

*In this week of prayer for Christian Unity  
I pray that they may all be one.  
As you, Father, are in me and I am in you  
John 17: 21*

*Forgive us father for the ways in which we have divided your body, the church.  
Grant us unity in the proclamation of the Gospel and holy worship.*

*We pray for the unemployed and the underemployed.  
For all those who fear the loss of their job and those facing redundancy.  
Especially we pray for those in the employ of Carillion*

*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.*

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

JOHN BIGNALL : VINCENZO BLANDINI  
CARL-FREDRIK : JOAN DAVIES  
SARAH DEAL : TONY GORDON  
BRIAN HARVEY : HILAL KIBBARA  
LEO KOYMANS : SONIA SAMUELS  
ALEXANDRA WATT : CAROLYN  
GOHAR : JOANNA AND FAMILY

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

*And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time*  
BARBARA HOSEGOOD (22 January)

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Central Kensington Group Ministry

## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



# NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning  
21<sup>st</sup> January 2018



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January** **THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY  
CHRISTIAN UNITY SUNDAY**

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
*Epistle:* Romans 12. 16b-21  
*Gospel:* Mathew 8. 1-13

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST,**  
**with Children on Sundays Groups**  
*The Reading:* Ephesians 4. 1-6  
*OT Reading:* Revelation 19. 6-10  
*Gospel:* John 1. 43-end  
*Preacher:* The Rev'd Preb Gillean Craig

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 **SUNG EVENSONG**  
*Old Testament:* Jonah 3. 1-5, 10  
*New Testament:* John 3. 16-21  
*Preacher:* The Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

Followed by HOLY EUCHARIST

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** *Commemoration of Vincent of Saragossa*

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

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

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

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January** *St Francis de Sales*

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

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January** *The Conversion of St Paul*

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

**Friday 26<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 27<sup>th</sup> January**

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

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January** **FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
EPIPHANY**

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
*Epistle:* Romans 13. 1-7  
*Gospel:* Mathew 8. 23-34

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST,**  
**with Children on Sundays Groups**  
*Reading:* Revelation 12. 1-5a  
*Gospel:* Mark 1. 21-28  
*Preacher:* The Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**

*Old Testament:* 1 Samuel 3. 1-20  
*New Testament:* 1 Corinthians 14. 12-20  
*Preacher:* Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST *readings as at 9.30am*

6.30pm **SUNG EVENSONG**  
*Old Testament:* Jeremiah 1. 4-10  
*New Testament:* Mark 1. 40-45  
*Preacher:* Revd Preb Gillean Craig

followed by HOLY COMMUNION

Today January 21 is the Sunday within the



## 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

At the main 9.30 Sung Eucharist we will be using much of the material commissioned by the World Council of Church from the Churches in the Caribbean, which is being used in churches throughout the world.

### At 11.15am Choral Matins

we're delighted to welcome once more our dear friend

**Monsignor JAMES CURRY**, vicar of Our Lady of Victories RC Church, and Mayor's Chaplain, as preacher.

## NEXT SUNDAY JAN 28 NEW MUSICAL PROVISION

Next Sunday we hold the next of our experimental once-a-month provision: the professional quartet, whose splendid singing graces 11.15 matins weddings & funerals, but never our main Sunday service, will join forces with the voluntary choir to offer special music in **9.30 SUNG EUCHARIST**.

*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)*

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



## DALGARNO TRUST FOODBANK.

Thanks to all who support this vital service, seeing increased use every week. Please continue to support this work with regular donations – check the 'shopping lists' in church for the what is needed. Pick-ups every Thursday. Especial thanks our co-ordinator **Alice Bulkai**

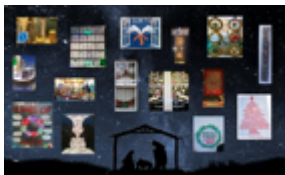
## FRIDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP

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 [laurasylvester@mac.com](mailto:laurasylvester@mac.com)

The new season of 1.05pm Friday Lunchtime is now well under way

## 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.



## 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>

At last the moment arrives when we hear whether or not

## The Rt Revd SARAH MULLALLY DBE, is actually to be the 133<sup>rd</sup> Bishop of London.

This Wednesday, the feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Prebendaries of our cathedral church (including your vicar) meet to elect her on, most appropriately, St Paul's the Patronal Festival. The Eucharist, celebrated with all the splendour of St Pauls is at 5.00pm – all welcome!



**JOHN ESCOTT RIP.** Although known to very few of our present congregation, he has for decades been a major player in the Christian life of central Kensington. A faithful member of Allen Street United Reformed Church, and its skilled organist, he will be greatly missed. His Funeral will be held at his church at 4.00pm on 29 January.

*Rest eternal grant to him O Lord : and let Light Perpetual shine upon him.*

**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); 2018 membership contact treasurer Nigel Grieve.



## Dr JOAN MARTIN

It is with the greatest regret that we announce the death last Sunday night of our beloved friend Joan at the great age of 102. She was known by all at St Mary Abbots and far beyond as a wonderful example to us all of self-giving Christian witness and service. As a junior doctor she dealt with one of the most horrific civilian tragedies of WWII, the Bethnal Green tube disaster, worked faithfully as a local GP and received the OBE for her remarkable work of swimming therapy with the disabled. Her funeral will be here at 11.00am, on Thursday 15 February

*Rest eternal grant to her O Lord : and let light perpetual shine upon her*

## PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

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)**



## CANDLEMAS,

or the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, aka the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Friday week. This is the climax of the cycle of Incarnation Festivals that stretches from Advent through Christmas and Epiphany. We hold our SPECIAL CANDLEMAS

CELEBRATION at 6.30pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February, gathering in the Resurrection Chapel for the Ceremonies of Light, then proceed via a powerful Candlelight Procession to CHORAL EVENSONG. It's a moving liturgy of light & great Candlemas music sung by our combined professional & voluntary choirs. *Book the date now!*

## Easter is early this year: Lent starts in less than a month! FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup> IS ASH WEDNESDAY

After Good Friday, this is the most solemn day of the church's year, when all Christians will want to reflect on their relationship with God and turn again to experience his mercy and forgiveness. Our main services are:

**1.05pm SUNG EUCHARIST**

**7.00pm SOLEMN EUCHARIST**

The music at both of these services will be led by our professional choir, and will include the famous **ALLEGRI Miserere**

## A VITAL MINISTRY TO KENSINGTON HIGH STREET

But in addition to these familiar liturgical observances in church, we will once again be **taking to the streets.**

**7.30 – 9.00am; 12.30 – 1.30pm; 5.00 – 6.00pm**

At these three key periods throughout the day we will be outside the church, by the War Memorial, offering a prayer card and to sign the foreheads of all who want with the sign of the cross in holy ash.

**We'd love YOU to share in this ministry with us:**

**any members of the congregation who would like to join in, please speak to one of the clergy.**

*To make the Ashes we burn last year's Palm Crosses - so please bring yours from home and bring in or outside the Vestry asap.*

**THROUGHOUT LENT** we seek to keep this holy season as a time of renewing and deepening our knowledge of God, our Discipleship of Jesus, and our membership of his servant church.

This year our main Lent Course will be something rather extraordinary:

## CONVERSATIONS IN LENT

The Vicar will hold five conversations with people in public life about their work, their convictions – and how these might intersect with our faith.

**All Thursday evenings at 7.30: Feb 22; March 1, 8, 15 & 22**