

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

*We pray for all who suffer from the bitter weather especially all who are homeless.
Bless Father the work of Glass Door and the Dalgarno Foodbank*

*We pray for the Bishop elect of London
the Rt Revd SARAH MULLALLY DBE*

We pray for all those preparing at St Mary Abbots for confirmation:

JAMES ALEXANDER BIANCA ANTE-FERKO
JODY ASHMORE ALEX BESSADA ELIZABETH COKAJ
KIMBERLEY COLLISON DANIEL D'SOUZA
AVELNE EICKELBERG JASPER EICKELBERG
JACOB EMMANUEL ROXANA FOLESCU
GUNNAR HANSON VICTORIA HANSON
NOELLE IRVINE MORGAN JONES
GILBERT KANDAMATH KIKI KRISTENSEN
ELI KWAKYE FLORA LYSTER KAREN MAK
ELIO MESSIMERIS TASSIA MESSIMERIS
HONOR PURVIS JAMES REDMOND
STANLEY REYNOLDS ANTONIS VAKIS
WILLOW WHITFIELD CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS RAN XU

Please intercede for those who have asked for our prayers

TAREK ALWER : SERGIO AVANZI
JOHN BIGNALL : VINCENZO BLANDINI
THEO BULKAI : JOAN DAVIES
SARAH DEAL : FRANK GAME
TONY GORDON : BRIAN HARVEY
HILAL KIBBARA : LEO KOYMANS
JOSEPHINE PURVIS : GEORGE RANCHEV
MARK REDMAN : SONIA SAMUELS
ALEXANDRA WATT : CAROLYN
TARA : GOHAR : CARL-FREDRIK

Please pray for all who have died recently

BARBARA DE ZALDUONDO
CYRIL TAYLOR : JUNE TAYLOR
LEWIS BLACKMAN : ABDIKARIM HASSAN
SADIQ ADAN MOHAMED : LAURENCE CURTIS

And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

CHARLOTTE FELDERHOF (Mar 4) JOHN ATACK (Mar 4)
MARY ISA (Mar 5) JOSEPHINE GRIEVE (Mar 5)
PENELOPE KING (Mar 8) ALFRED BAILEY (Mar 10)

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Central Kensington Group Ministry
ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning
4th March 2018



Sunday 4th March **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
First Lesson: Ephesians 5. 1-14
Gospel: Luke 11. 14-28

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
Children on Sundays Groups
Old Testament: Exodus 20. 1-17
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1. 18-25
Gospel: John 2. 13-22
Sermon: Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**
Old Testament: Exodus 5. 1 – 6. 1
New Testament: Philippians 1. 1-26
Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST
Readings as at 9.30

6.30pm **TAIZE PRAYER AND EUCHARIST**
The Hour is Coming

Monday 5th March

8.00am Morning Prayer
1.05pm INFORMAL EUCHARIST *Sunday on Monday*
3.00pm Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir Cyril Taylor
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 6th March

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

Wednesday 7th March **St Perpetua & her Companions**

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

Thursday 8th March **Commemoration of Edward King**

8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST:**
St Mary Abbots School Service- *All welcome*
3.30pm Rainbow Poetry Circle
5.30pm Evening Prayer
7.30pm 'Conversation in Lent': Sir Andreas Whittam Smith

Friday 9th March

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

Saturday 10th March

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

Sunday 11th March **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
First Lesson: Galatians 4. 21-end
Gospel: John 6. 1-14

9.30am **FAMILY EUCHARIST**
Children on Sundays Groups
Old Testament: Exodus 20. 1-17
Gospel: John 2. 13-22
Address: Revd Jonathan Fielding

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS AND EUCHARIST**
Old Testament: Numbers 21 4-9
New Testament: John 3.14-21
Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

No 12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST today

6.30pm **PLAINCHANT EVENSONG**
Old Testament: Exodus 6. 2-13
New Testament: John 12. 1-8
Preacher: The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

followed by HOLY EUCHARIST

THIS SOLEMN SEASON OF LENT

continues, as the austerity of our church and services bear witness.

The liturgical colour is penitential purple;

no flowers decorate the church;

Gloria is replaced by Kyrie eleison;

the A-Word is completely banned in liturgy and hymn;

in place of Anglican Chant we sing the ancient and austere Plainchant.

We continue our keeping of this season

not as time of **negatives** – rather of **simplification**, of cutting-back, of pruning to encourage stronger and healthier growth, so that we may the better concentrate on what really matters. Although we focus particularly on our failure to use aright the talents, skills and time that God gives us, and assist this focus by fasting, here at St Mary Abbots we offer a rich diet of ways in which we can deepen our relationship with God.

DIOCESE OF LONDON HOMELESSNESS APPEAL

St Mary Abbots' Response:

Today our *Children on Sunday* groups will learn about **homelessness** and our local support organisations. Each child will receive an empty (it is Lent after all) smarties tube which they will be decorating.

Throughout Lent we will be collecting money in these tubes for the diocesan homelessness appeal. We will return them on Easter Sunday when the previously evacuated smarties will also make an appearance. Our local organisation is **GLASS DOOR** which offers shelter, food and advice for homeless people in Kensington. In addition to collecting money please pray for them and their work this Lent.

Adult members of the congregation:

If you feel that you're missing out, why not seek out one or more of the children over coffee and give them a few coins for their tube?

6.30pm Tonight Sunday 4th March

TAIZÉ PRAYER

‘The Hour Is Coming’

DALGARNO TRUST FOODBANK.

Did you see Friday's email appeal? The bitter weather has meant that as Supermarkets haven't received much of their fresh stock they in turn have nothing to give to the foodbank – so St Mary Abbots is the **ONLY** source of food at the very time that it is most desperately needed. Thanks to all who support this vital service.



YOUR Opportunity for Christian Service?

Helping with our Butterflies Children on Sundays Group

Is God calling you to lead our young people in worship and discipleship? Unlike many churches our size our excellent children's work is primarily supported by members of our congregation. At this time we are looking for leaders for our butterflies group (early school years). If you discern that you may be being called into this ministry please speak to Martina our Children on Sunday coordinator or Fr Jonathan who can provide you with a job description and answer any questions – you'll find his email and phone numbers on the back of the newsletter.

SPECIAL LENTEN SUNDAY ON MONDAY

During the six weeks of Lent, our weekly service of Sunday on Monday are focussed on the Lord's Prayer. Within the short service of holy communion, Fr Stephen and Fr Jonathan will be looking at each of the petitions of the prayer that Christians have used since the time of Jesus. They will be showing how the prayer is a gateway to the Christian Gospel as a whole and a guide to a better understanding of our faith. *All welcome* 1.05 - 1.40. Followed by sandwiches, tea and coffee.

For further details please speak to Fr Stephen on (020) 7937 4106.

COMMISSIONING CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

It was our pleasure at last weeks 9.30 to admit to the Catechumenate those who are preparing for Confirmation. Juniors meets on Wednesday afternoons; Adults on Tuesday evenings. NB We have some candidates who are unable to come at these times and we are making special arrangements to prepare them – so unavailability is no excuse not to join in!

It would still be possible to join in!

email jm@smaw8.org or see clergy for details

RAINBOW POETRY CIRCLE meets this Thursday 8th March in the Holland Chapel at 2.30pm as usual. The theme (nb St. David's Day last week) will be Poems of Edward Thomas and his circle / contemporaries (including W.H. Davis and Dymock poets). As usual guests are welcome.

We are deeply grateful to congregation member PIER CAORERIO who with his marvelous team of workmen – they're all expert craftsmen, able to turn their hands at anything from specialist heritage repairs to designing and building a Santa's Grotto for the Christmas Bazaar - have done a splendid job of repairing the broken leaded lights to the **south porch door**



Continues this Thursday - St Mary Abbots' unique Lent Course:

CONVERSATIONS IN LENT

As he approaches the end of his full-time parochial ministry your Vicar has, with customary self-indulgence, organised a series of conversations in church with a few of the marvellous people he has come to know over the last 40 years, people prominent in public life. They will talk about their work, their values and convictions. It's deliberately not ostensibly a religious exercise – many of our guests would hesitate to wear that label – but I am convinced that their stories and work will intersect with our faith and give us much to think about in our own story, and how we live out our lives.

Each session will be held in church, starting with a light supper at 7.30

We heard last week a marvelous talk from **SIR PETER BAZALGETTE** Chairman of ITV, former Chairman of Arts Council, etc etc.

This Thursday 8th March

Sir ANDREAS WHITTAM SMITH

Expect to hear about his Vicarage childhood, his work in Journalism, his founding and editorship of *The Independent* newspaper, his liberalising presidency of the British Board of Film Classification, and from 2002-2017 as First Church Commissioner, the senior guardian of the Church of England's central assets and funds, his uniquely informed perspective on our church's future viability! Oh – and he worships weekly at St Mary Abbots. **DON'T MISS!**



March 15 – GAVIN HENDERSON CBE

Director, Brighton Festival, TrinityLaban Conservatoire, Royal Central School

March 22 – REAR ADMIRAL NICK WILKINSON

Formerly DA-Notice Secretary, Author of 'Secrecy and the Media'

Do join us. Book via jm@smaw8.org or fill in the form on the flier.

Suggested donation (if you can afford it) £25 for the course; £5 session.

NEXT SUNDAY: MOTHERING SUNDAY

NOT please 'Mother's Day' – that's a recent US secularist solecism!!

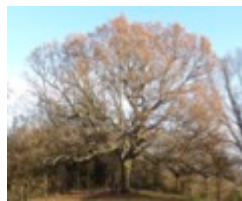


On Sunday 26th March the 9.30 Service is a **FAMILY EUCHARIST**; apart from the very youngest, children will stay in church to see the presentations made by the older children and flowers will be blessed & distributed. We hope that many children will take part - & **adults will help from 11.00 on Saturday** to make up the bunches of flowers – see wardens.

This is one of the year's most popular services: please invite your family, friends and neighbours.

All our Mothering Sunday collections (apart from pledged Stewardship) will be given to **St Andrew's Clinics for Children**, to supports basic primary health care to children and their mothers in Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Zanzibar, Kenya and Ghana, in sub-Saharan Africa. Its top priority is reducing the Under Five Mortality Rate. The U5MR in Sierra Leone is 262 deaths per 1000 live births. In the UK it is 6. Last year StACC provided no fewer than 90,000 patient treatments – 60% for malaria - at a cost of c£1 per treatment.

It's this Wednesday 7th March, 9.30-3.00 (within school day)



OUR LENT QUIET DAY – a few places left:

THE JOY OF LENT

Addresses, silence, simple lunch, refreshments Led by the Vicar amid the tranquility of St Mary's Convent, Chiswick. Posters & fliers in church give full details. Book your place email jm@smaw8.org or sign list in church. **Voluntary** donation of £10ish.

STAY IN TOWN FOR EASTER! GO AWAY AFTER!!

This year the Festival is early, with the school holidays falling afterwards. So this is YOUR chance to stay in Kensington and share in the finest and most moving of all our annual services:

- March 25 PALM SUNDAY
9.00am PROCESSION OF PALMS gather in StMA Centre
6.30pm Bach's ST JOHN PASSION see handbills tickets £20 now on sale www.smaw8.org or from vestry
- March 29 MAUNDY THURSDAY
7.00pm SOLEMN EUCHARIST with Footwashing etc
8.30-midnight THE VIGIL OF GETHSEMANE
- March 30 GOOD FRIDAY
10.00am Childrens Passion Play
12noon Preaching the Passion (The Vicar)
2.00pm Solemn Liturgy and Communion
- March 31 HOLY SATURDAY
10.00am Easter Preparation we clean & polish the church
- April 1 EASTER DAY
5.00am Vigil, Easter Ceremonies, First Eucharist then services at
8.00am, 9.30am, 11.15am, 12.30pm & 5.00pm