

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for those whose lives have been devastated by terrorist acts. And for those who harbour such violence in their hearts.

We pray for the victims and survivors of abuse. Especially for those let down by the action or inaction of the Church.

We look forward to welcoming as Bishop of London the Rt Revd SARAH MULLALLY DBE

We pray for those to whom she leaves behind and for her ministry among us.

We pray that you will bless all those preparing for baptism and confirmation at this time: .

- JAMES ALEXANDER BIANCA ANTE-FERKO ALEX BESSADA ELIZABETH COKAJ KIMBERLEY COLLISON DANIEL D'SOUZA AVELINE EICKELBERG JASPER EICKELBERG JACOB EMMANUEL ROXANA FOLESCU GUNNAR HANSON VICTORIA HANSON NOELLE IRVINE MORGAN JONES GILBERT KANDAMATH KIKI KRISTENSEN SHARP 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 VINCENZO BLANDINI : THEO BULKAI JOAN DAVIES : SARAH DEAL FRANK GAME : TONY GORDON BRIAN HARVEY : HILAL KIBBARA LEO KOYMANS : GEORGE RANCHEV MARK REDMAN : SONIA SAMUELS ALEXANDRA WATT : CARL-FREDRIK CAROLYN : TARA : GOHAR

Please pray for all who have died recently

- BARBRO HANSEN : DERRICK HOLDEN-BROWN JOSEPHINE PURVIS

And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

- BRIAN SALE (26 March) ARTHUR BLISS (27 March)

All Easter collections (apart from pledged stewardship) go to THE DIOCESE OF LONDON HOMELESSNESS APPEAL

Our Bishops are leading a campaign supporting projects and initiatives seeking to ameliorate the scourge, and tackle the roots,

of homelessness on our streets. The appeal is mainly channelled through local organisations – ours 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. If you haven't got much cash with you (many people don't have these days) you can give simply and quickly via your smartphone, using this dedicated QR code.



CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS can now be made (and giftaid) to St Mary Abbots General Funds, using the new contactless card machine by the South and West Doors.

DALGARNO FOOD BANK

We're seeing great generosity in your support: it greatly needs our donations (including Easter Eggs), especially in school holidays when children miss their midday meal- particularly in this holiday period.

6.30 Wednesday 18 April ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Everyone over 16 who worships with us regularly should be entered on the CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL so that you can play your full part in the life of our church. The current Roll is posted in church. Check whether you are on it and if not – if you fulfill these criteria - fill in a form!

You must be: \* baptised & either: \* live in the parish; or, if living outside the parish,\* to have worshipped regularly here for last 6 months+.

Electoral Roll Officer: Sally Bessada er@smaw8.org

St MARY ABBOTS CHURCH CONTACTS

Church Website: www.smaw8.org

Table with 4 columns: Role, Name, Email, Phone Number. Includes Vicar, Associate Vicar, Churchwardens, Parish Office, Vestry/Virger, St MA Centre, Stewardship.

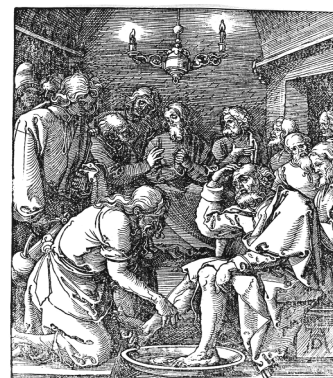
St Mary Abbots with Christ Church and St Philip · Kensington ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER FOR HOLY WEEK 2018



Jesus Enters Jerusalem



Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

THE HEART OF OUR FAITH

This is the most important week of the Christian Year.

Here we recall the events on which our entire faith is based, the moments in history which bring us eternal salvation, reconciling the whole of creation to our loving creator, redeemed through his own bitterly costly love.

For these eight days we enter a different mode of worship; not just listening, watching, singing, but acting, participating bodily in the profound actions of this great week. Our services are by far the richest of the whole year, often complex and long. There are parts for the whole congregation to play, starting with the Palm Sunday procession in which we re-enact the joyful welcome the people of Jerusalem give to Jesus as he enters the Holy City. Overleaf we set out in detail the diary of services and what they signify.

Specific moments of participation include these below: see the notices by the south door, and SIGN UP!

- \* Maundy Thursday 7.00pm Eucharist FEETWASHING
\* Maundy Thursday 8.45-midnight VIGIL BEFORE THE ALTAR OF REPOSE
\* Holy Saturday 10.00am – 12.30pm THE EASTER PREPARATION: CLEANING, POLISHING & BEAUTIFYING OUR CHURCH FOR EASTER
\* Easter 5.00am Vigil, Ceremonies, Baptism & First Eucharist BREAKFAST TO END THE LENTEN FAST IN TRUE St MARY ABBOTS STYLE!

6.30 tonight 25th March

ST JOHN PASSION JS BACH

Holy Week begins with this most profound meditation on Jesus' suffering and death. St Mary Abbots' professional soloists, choir, chorus & the Purcell orchestra



Tickets (£20 / u16s £10) on sale at all morning services and at the door

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March PALM SUNDAY

**Collections to the Diocesan Lent Appeal – see over for details**

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

starting in the Church Centre, Vicarage Gate:

**9.00am PROCESSION OF PALMS** leading to

**9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST**

with Sunday Groups

Gospel: THE PASSION ACCORDING MARK

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**

Sermon: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST

6.30pm **ST JOHN PASSION – JS BACH**

## Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March HOLY MONDAY

At 9.00pm on Holy Mon, Tue & Wed the Revd Jonathan MacNeaney offers Devotional Addresses:

**'THREE VOICES':**

then we sing the ancient office of Compline, (from the Latin for 'completion') a brief reflective service before rest at the day's end.

8.00am Morning Prayer

1.05pm 'Sunday on Monday' INFORMAL EUCHARIST

5.30pm Evening Prayer

9.00pm **MARY MAGDALENE**

Devotional Address; followed by Compline

## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March HOLY TUESDAY

8.00am Morning Prayer

11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST *Book of Common Prayer*

3.00pm Memorial Service: Derrick Holden-Brown

5.30pm Evening Prayer

9.00pm **MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS**

Devotional Address; followed by Compline

## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March HOLY WEDNESDAY

8.00am Morning Prayer

8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST

5.30pm Evening Prayer

9.00pm **JUDAS ISCARIOT**

Devotional Address; followed by Compline

## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April MAUNDY THURSDAY

8.00am Morning Prayer

11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST *Book of Common Prayer*

1.30pm SUNG EUCHARIST & PASSION PLAY

St MA School Holy Week Service – all welcome

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**7.00pm LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

followed until midnight by

**THE VIGIL OF GETHSEMANE**

This is a service with two utterly conflicting characters:

**rejoicing**, because we are recalling firstly how Jesus broke bread and shared the wine, instituting the Holy Eucharist which sustains his church throughout the ages; and also **great sadness**, as we remember his betrayal by those he loved. Bring bells, rattles & whistles to punctuate the Gloria, before the mood changes!

In obedience to Our Lord's command, it includes the rite of feetwashing, showing how much we need God's cleansing.

**We need more volunteers willing to have their feet washed – please sign the list in church.**

After we have shared the Communion, remembering how Jesus led his disciples out to Gethsemane, consecrated Bread and Wine is carried in solemn procession to the Altar of Repose – a side altar bedecked with flowers. The rest of the church is solemnly stripped of all its decorations.

**The Gethsemane Vigil** is our opportunity to share Jesus's desolation as he awaits betrayal and death, a solemn vigil of prayer and silence before the sacramental presence of Our Lord on the Altar of Repose. 'Could ye not watch with me one brief hour?' Sign the list in church to indicate when YOU will share in this vigil.

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March GOOD FRIDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer & Litany

10.00am Children's Good Friday Service

The Children's Service is a short Passion Play processing inside & around the church, telling in drama, song & prayer Jesus's suffering & death - families and children of all ages.

## 12noon PREACHING THE LORD'S PASSION

**Mark And The Cross**

The Vicar, the Revd Preb Gillean Craig

Two hours' meditation with addresses, hymns and silence.

You may come and go, joining & leaving this devotion if you wish

## 2.00pm GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY AND COMMUNION

This is the year's most solemn service; austere, moving, beautiful. The choir sings to plainchant Our Lord's Passion according to St John, we Venerate the Cross and pray the Solemn Intercessions. As we approach the moment of Jesus's death we share the Communion – the Bread and Wine consecrated the day before.

## Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March HOLY SATURDAY

9.30am Morning Prayer & Litany

10.00am THE EASTER PREPARATION

EVERYONE, young and old, prepares the church to celebrate the Resurrection. We sweep & polish, spring cleaning throughout & decorate with flowers: the children make the Easter Garden.

5.30pm Evening Prayer

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April EASTER DAY

All Collections to Diocesan Lent Appeal – see over for details

## 5.00am THE EASTER VIGIL, BAPTISMS, EASTER CEREMONIES AND FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

The year's most complex, most wonderful – and longest – service. Originally a night-long Vigil ending at dawn with the first Eucharist of Easter, we keep it once again at 5.00am. It begins with readings from the Old Testament, retelling our salvation history. Then we move outside and light the New Fire, symbolising the Resurrection of Christ from the dead. The new Paschal or Easter Candle is lit from it and carried into the dark church. From it all the candles are lit and The Exultet, the Easter hymn of praise, is sung. We bless the baptismal waters and all renew our baptismal vows. Finally, the First Eucharist of Easter is celebrated, for Christ has risen from the dead and our Communion with him will never be broken. Bring bells, rattles & whistles to celebrate Christ rising from the Dead! All who attend this service are invited to join us afterwards for a **SPLENDID CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** – please sign the list.

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

## 9.30am FAMILY EUCHARIST, BAPTISM & PROCESSION

Anthem: Blessed be the God & Father – WESLEY

The Easter Family Eucharist is led by our professional choir, includes a joyful procession to the font, baptism and an all-age address (there's a Group for the youngest children). It is the year's most joyful service, and afterwards we continue the celebrations with drinks for the grown-ups and Easter Smarties for the children.

## 11.15am SOLEMN MATINS

Te Deum: BRITTEN

Benedictus: SUMSION

Anthem: Rise Heart! – VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST

## 5.00pm FESTAL EVENSONG OF EASTER AND HOLY EUCHARIST

Canticles: Evening Service in A - STANFORD

Anthem: The Good Shepherd is Risen - PETTER