

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

*This is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh'*

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

*We pray for all those who have been married,  
rejoicing especially for our parishioners  
THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF SUSSEX*

*We pray for lasting peace justice in the Holy Land,  
commending to almighty God the sixty-one Palestinians killed last week  
and praying for the recovery of all who have been injured.*

*We pray for those preparing for their confirmation this Thursday.*

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*Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers*

TAREK ALWER : SHEILA BRADSHAW  
THEO BULKAI : JOHN CANTLIE  
SARAH DEAL : DAPHNE CRAIG  
JAKE FITZGERALD : FRANK GAME  
TONY GORDON : BRIAN HARVEY  
HILAL KIBBARA : ROGER MORRELL  
ANNIE REDMILE : MARK REDMAN  
JAMES WORSLEY CAROLYN  
GOHAR : LARISSA

*Please pray for all who have died recently*

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

DIDIER LENART (May 20)  
NEMO TIN (May 23)  
TOMMY NEVELL (May 24)  
ENID STUBBS (May 26)

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**ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH**



**NEWSLETTER**

**20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018**



**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**PENTECOST**

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
First Lesson: 1 Peter 2. 19-end  
Gospel: John 10. 11-16

9.30am **FAMILY EUCHARIST**

**With preschool Children on Sundays Groups**

Reading: Acts 2. 1-11  
Gospel: John 15. 26-27; 16. 4b-15  
All-age Address: The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS AND EUCHARIST**

Old Testament: Ezekiel 36. 22-28  
New Testament: John 20. 19-23  
Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

No 12.30 Eucharist today

6.30pm **SUNG EVENSONG**

Old Testament: Isaiah 11. 1-9  
New Testament: John 15. 26-27; 16. 4b-15  
Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

followed by Holy Communion

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**Commemoration of St Helena**

8.00am Morning Prayer  
1.05pm INFORMAL EUCHARIST 'Sunday on Monday'  
Exploring the Psalms: the Wisdom Psalms  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

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

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

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

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**Comm'n of John & Charles Wesley**

8.00am Morning Prayer  
9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST Joint St Mary Abbots  
& St Barnabas & St Philips Schools – all welcome  
5.30pm Evening Prayer  
7.00pm **SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**The Ven Bede**

8.00am Morning Prayer  
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST  
1.05pm RCM Students' Recital  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**St Augustine**

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

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
First Lesson: Revelation 4.1-11  
Gospel: John 3. 1-15  
9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**  
**With preschool Children on Sundays Groups**  
Reading: Isaiah 6. 1-9  
Gospel: John 3. 1-8  
Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**

Old Testament: Ezekiel 1. 4-10, 22-26a  
New Testament: Revelation 4.1-9  
Preacher: The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

12.30pm **HOLY EUCHARIST AND HOLY BAPTISM**

6.30pm **SUNG EVENSONG**

Old Testament: Proverbs 8. 1-4,22-31  
New Testament: Mark 1. 1-13  
Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

Followed by Holy Communion

**TODAY SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY IS THE FEAST OF  
PENTECOST or  
WHIT-SUNDAY**



when we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Fifty days after Easter, it marks the very end of our annual recitation of the events of the earthly life of Jesus, the sequence of history that starts at Advent Sunday. As God pours his Holy Spirit upon the church the responsibility for building God's kingdom of peace and love is entrusted to his church on earth - *TO US*.

The liturgical colour is red, for the flames of the Holy Spirit.

This is a key moment of transition in the church's year:

**After today** Eastertide is over - so tomorrow the paschal candle is moved to stand next to the font; the Easter garden is dismantled; the colour is green as Ordinary time resumes. Today, for the last time this year, the **Easter Alleluias** ring out: let's sing them with the greatest gusto!

In fact, there will be one last chance to imagine that we're still in the most glorious season of Eastertide, because the

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 9.30 School Eucharist**

is St Mary Abbots' & St Barnabas & St Philips joint wholeschool celebration of the Feast of Pentecost. All of course are most warmly welcome.

**Today we offer our special once-a-month provision:**

**9.30 Family Eucharist**



An All-age modern language service designed to enable the whole family to worship together. Younger members of our fellowship will play many roles: sidesmen, taking the collection, acting as servers and readers.

Our theme today: **'The Gifts of the Spirit'**

**Then at the 11.15 Choral Matins and Eucharist  
we will for the first time be part of the  
LONDON FESTIVAL OF CONTEMPORARY CHURCH MUSIC  
The World Premiere of  
MISSA LOQUEBANTUR VARIIS LINGUIS**



This festival is growing in prestige from year to year - a remarkable showcase of the talent of composers, singers and organists creating new music, largely for the Church of England. Our Associate Director of Music Nick O'Neill, who of course is an award-winning composer as well as organist and conductor (he runs a rock band also, but we know rather less about that) has written a new setting of the

Eucharist. Its title refers to the many tongues spoken by the Apostles on the Day of Pentecost. As the promised official sponsorship failed to materialize, I asked if members of the congregation would contribute towards the Commission Fee. I'm delighted to report that every last penny has been pledged! Bravo! After the service a glass of fizz and a cheese straw to share with composer and choir.



**Today is Christian Aid Sunday**

All our collections (other than Pledged Stewardship envelopes) will go towards this vital work of charity - active

throughout the world, working with the poorest of the poor, building up local partnerships with those closest to their communities and circumstances, working to respond to disasters, and above all seeking long-term, solutions so that communities become self-reliant, educated and productive. If you pay UK tax, please use the Giftaid envelopes. If you want, take away an envelope, fill it with a handsome cheque, then bring it to the Vestry or the Parish Office through the week.

We are deeply grateful to all who have already worked hard raising money, collecting through the week at High St Ken.

**Then Fr Gillean's FINAL Christian Aid Sponsored Walk**

Your aging and decrepit Vicar will indeed for one final time bestir himself to attempt this afternoon the **Christian Aid 'Circle The City'** sponsored stagger around the Square Mile. wealthiest friends. You can sponsor him ONLINE: <https://www.justgiving.com/GilleanCraig2018>

People have already been marvelously generous - we're well on the way to raising the largest sum ever.....

**It's this Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm  
SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND  
CONFIRMATION 2018**

We're delighted to welcome **Bishop Walter Makhulu** formerly Archbishop of Central Africa, to Confirm our candidates,

who have spent nearly four months in preparation:

- JAMES ALEXANDER BIANCA ANTE-FERKO**
- ALEX BESSADA ELIZABETH COKAJ**
- KIMBERLEY COLLISON ELI DARKO**
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Some of the children worship regularly at other local churches, and we welcome their clergy and congregations. When the Church of England is supposed to be in terminal decline, this is a wonderful expression of the vitality of our church and we're moved that so many wish to stand up and make this public profession of their faith.

We also welcome seven candidates from St Philips Church, Earls Court Road, who have been prepared and will be presented by Philippa Turner

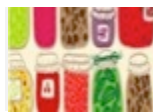
This is NOT a private service for the candidates' families & friends: *it is one of the most important services in our church year, a marvelous act of inspiring worship with wonderful music, and the Wardens and clergy have no doubt that ALL committed members of St Mary Abbots should be there, to welcome the Bishop and support those joining our Eucharistic fellowship.*

We need YOUR help in providing a platter or two of canapés/finger food for the reception after the service - contact Hannah Stewart with offers



**OUR SUNDAY ON MONDAY COURSE:  
'INTRODUCING THE PSALMS'**

This five course course continues. Within our 1.05 Sunday on Monday informal Eucharist, Fr Stephen will look at the **Wisdom Psalms**. Join us to learn more about this wonderful treasury of prayers in which 'the whole of the Bible is found' (Luther). Afterwards there's a light lunch and fellowship.



**Dalgarno Trust Foodbank**

Our thanks for your terrific response to our continuing appeal for this vital project.

It is greatly appreciated - let's keep up the good work!

**1.05pm Friday Lunchtime Recitals Back!  
ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC STUDENT RECITAL**

We are indeed fortunate to be the venue for these splendid free concerts, whose Summer Season started last Friday. These talented young musicians cannot be praised too highly. Tea and coffee are served and you are welcome to bring your lunchtime sandwich if you wish. There's a flier with full details of Recitals between now & the Summer break - take lots for you and your musical friends

**Some Key Summer Dates for your diary:**

Saturday 23 June

**Annual Summer Fete** in the Vicarage Garden volunteers please to help with preparations and on the day and for raffle/silent auction prizes. All help contact dedicated [smeventsteam@gmail.com](mailto:smeventsteam@gmail.com)

Wednesday 27 June 7.30pm

**Vocal & Poetry Recital**

Our own *Lola Ganzarolli* presents an evening of the work of Pushkin

Thursday 12 July Opera in the Vicarage Garden

**The Marriage of Figaro** - a semi-staged gala performance

Monday 13 August Vicarage Garden

**Youth Theatre Shakespeare**