

In Our Prayers this week:

We give thanks for all who support the ministry of your church.

We pray for the safety of those who are travelling.

*We commend to you the leaders of the nations
and pray particularly for peaceful negotiation.*

*We give thanks for the healing of
BRIAN HARVEY*

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

TAREK ALWER : SHEILA BRADSHAW
THEO BULKAI : JOHN CANTLIE
DAPHNE CRAIG : SARAH DEAL
FRANK GAME : TONY GORDON
HILAL KIBBARA : MARGARET LOMAS
SYLVIA NAZARETH : JAMES PHILPOT
MARK REDMAN : ANNIE REDMILE
MARGY WHEELER : JAMES WORSLEY
CAROLYN : GOHAR : LARISSA : BEN

Please pray for all who have died recently
Rev'd ANTHONY CAESAR
VICTORIA NIGHTINGALE
RODNEY WHITWORTH
ZARA

*and for those whom we love but see no longer,
and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time*

ELSIE WILSON (July 25)
DOROTHY COLEMAN (July 25)
RICHARD PETHYBRIDGE (July 28)
BILL MCBRYDE (July 28)



WORLD CUP PRAYERS

Congratulations to France on their World Cup victory. No doubt it was made possible in no small part by Kim's unceasing intercession for the national team – she drew the team in our draw for individuals to pray for a particular competing nation! And our thanks to all of you who kept the players, coaches and nation of Russia in your prayers over the last weeks.

Note that our daily prayers should be occasions of love and joy for our heavenly Father and his glorious creation – not just the necessary intercession for all that is broken and tragic.

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

22nd – 28th July 2018



Sunday 22nd July St MARY MAGDALENE

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
First Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5. 14-17
Gospel: John 20. 1-2, 11-18

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
with preschool Childrens Group
Old Testament: Song of Solomon 3. 1-4
Gospel: John 20. 1-2, 11-18
Preacher: The Vicar, The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

11.15am CHORAL MATINS
Old Testament: Zephaniah 3. 14-end
New Testament: Mark 15. 40 – 16. 7
Preacher: The Vicar, The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST
readings as at 9.30am

6.30pm SUNG EVENSONG
Old Testament: 1 Samuel 16. 14-end
New Testament: Luke 8. 1-13
Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

followed by HOLY COMMUNION

Monday 23rd July St Bridget

8.00am Morning Prayer
1.05pm Informal Eucharist 'Sunday on Monday'
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 24th July

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

Wednesday 25th July St James

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

Thursday 26th July St Anne & St Joachim

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

Friday 27th July Commemoration Brooke Foss Westcott

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

Saturday 28th July

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

**Sunday 29th July THE NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY**

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8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10. 1-13
Gospel: Luke 16. 1-9

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
with preschool Childrens Group
Reading: Ephesians 3. 14-21
Gospel: John 6. 1-21

11.15am CHORAL MATINS
Old Testament: Ecclesiasticus 38. 24-34
New Testament: Hebrews 8

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST
readings as at 9.30am

6.30pm SUNG EVENSONG
Old Testament: Song of Solomon 2
New Testament: Luke 11. 1-3

followed by HOLY COMMUNION

WELCOME TO ST MARY ABBOTS!

An especial welcome to visitors and newcomers to our church – and also to old friends returning in this holiday season

SUNDAY 9.30 SUNG EUCHARIST

On holiday Sundays we only have one readings as well as the Gospel, and the Gradual Psalm is replaced by a hymn.

CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS We offer a combined preschool Group throughout the holidays; older children stay in church, so the Sermon has something of the character of an all-age address.

We may now be in our holiday mode – **but take note that in no way do we close for the summer!** Here we continue to offer our daily round of praise and prayer, word and Sacrament, with Morning Prayer, Holy Eucharist and Evening Prayer offered every day of the year. Although many of our regular worshippers are away over the next month or so we are delighted to welcome newcomers and visitors to our church, which as always is open from early morning to early evening, offering a haven of peace for prayer. The cycle of services continues, with a few minor modifications. Our weekday services feed into our general life in a special way: people drop in on their way home from work, or simply to mark the turn from afternoon to evening. Some initially drawn by this service have become regular worshippers at our main Sunday services and committed members of our church.

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP Now in abeyance over the summer, and not meeting again until the start of the new school term.

DAILY EUCHARIST

Do you know that we offer the Eucharist every day of the year? I expect that you think it's a good idea to have at least one meal a day – so don't forget that your heavenly Father has prepared a daily banquet to sustain and strengthen you. His Table is ready for you; will you accept the invitation?

Monday	8.00am	Morning Prayer
	1.05pm	Sunday on Monday INFORMAL EUCHARIST <i>with informal address & shared lunch with the chance for discussion.</i>
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Tuesday	8.00am	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	HOLY EUCHARIST (Book of Common Prayer)
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	8.00am	Morning Prayer
	8.15am	HOLY EUCHARIST
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	8.00am	Morning Prayer
	8.15am	HOLY EUCHARIST <i>note summer holiday time</i>
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Friday	8.00am	Morning Prayer
	8.15am	HOLY EUCHARIST
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday	9.40am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	HOLY EUCHARIST
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer

Why not mark the summer by taking on a weekday act of praise and prayer?

COELIACS WELCOME AT ST MARY ABBOTS!

We now offer gluten free wafers at Sunday Eucharists – or indeed any others if we are given prior notice. Just indicate to the priest. If you are able to inform a warden in advance of the service it will help us ensure that we consecrate the proper number. These gluten free wafers are easy to identify – instead of round, they are square.



Dalgarno Trust Foodbank

Thanks for your continued support for this vital work – especially valued in the holiday season when many children miss the cooked school midday meal.

We bring food and materials from the range requested in the posters and information around the church, and place them in the large plastic containers in church every Sunday. Donations can be brought to church on any other day, too. We take them up to the Dalgarno Centre every Thursday morning.

CARR-GOMM MEMORIAL TABLET

Yesterday we had the privilege of unveiling, dedicating and blessing the new Memorial Tablet to **JEANNIE AND TONY CARR-GOMM**, for many decades devoted members of our fellowship here and involved in every aspect of the life our community. You can find it at the west end of the south aisle, pristine in gray slate and fine letter-cutting.

THEOLOGICAL BOOKS

We have been donated several boxes of books under the general heading of religion, part of the library of the late scholar and musician Robert Anderson, who lived close to the church. We are planning how to offer them members of the congregation (for a donation?) – but in the meantime if you wish to express an interest do speak to Fr Jonathan.

ST MARY ABBOTS READING GROUP

Passionate about modern and classic literature? Give your book consumption a new lease of life with St Mary Abbots Reading Group. Launch planned for this autumn with daytime midweek meetings. If YOU are interested contact Fr Jonathan: jm@smaw8.org



Last Thursday we had the privilege of celebrating the **FINAL ST MARY ABBOTS SCHOOL EUCHARIST OF THE YEAR**

before the summer break: we said farewell to many school leavers, not just from Year Six, and some staff members going to posts



elsewhere. In addition to the many contributions that the Leavers made to the service, we were particularly impressed with these prayers, which we share with you all:

Dear God,
Help us to be brave enough
to face times ahead of which we are afraid,
Strong enough
to overcome the temptations which try to make us do wrong
Persevering enough
to finish every task that is given us to do,
Obedient enough
to listen to your voice when you speak with us
And kind enough
to be ready to help others. *Amen*

Dear God,
As another year passes, we look back with happy memories to those things we have enjoyed and to the times when we have been successful.
Help us to turn to the future with confidence,
resolving to give of our best at all times, seeking in all things to do your will and trusting in you for strength. *Amen*

Dear God,
We thank you for the wonderful times we have had this year.
As we look around us, we see the evidence of your love,
for you have given us so many things to enjoy.
We thank you for our friends, our school staff, and governors,
Protect us during the coming holidays that we may have time to relax
and so bring us safely to the beginning of a new term. *Amen*

CHRISTINE GABBITASS SPONSORED BIKERIDE

Christine is the faithful server at our Sunday 8.00 Prayer Book Eucharist – but she won't be there next week:

I have been training to take part in the fast approaching 100 mile Prudential cycle event on Sunday 29th July. I foolishly signed up for this together with a group of six other colleagues from our very small London and Hong Kong offices. We have certainly set ourselves a serious challenge: the route follows the 2012 Olympic event. We are each trying to raise money for one of two worthy charities, Bloodwise and the Alzheimer's Society. We will set off in waves early on Sunday morning in company with around 25,000 other riders. I'm sure that our congregation will want to sponsor her generously:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Christine-Gabbitass>

Nothing to do in August?

Your final chance to enjoy the Vicarage Garden. In the evening of Monday 13 August the Youth Theatre group that meets in the Centre to rehearse every Thursday will present an evening of Shakespeare. Might we dare hope that it will be A Midsummer Night's Dream? *Full details to come...*

St MARY ABBOTS PATRONAL FESTIVAL Sunday 9 September

We keep the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (actually Sept 8th) as our Patronal Festival, our annual offering of Praise and Thanksgiving for every aspect of our life here. This year, with an enormous Sunday afternoon service a few weeks later to celebrate something or other to which all our friends and neighbours will be invited, we have decided that, rather than scheduling an extra service, we will keep our **9.30 Sung Eucharist and 11.15 Solemn Matins** with especial splendour. Book the date now!



A NEW ST MARY ABBOTS WOMEN'S GROUP

Angela Fielding writes: After an enthusiastic initial meeting we have fixed our first session for Tuesday 11th September at 9.45. It's particularly intended for would be or new mums and those with children at nursery or starting school. There will be coffee, cake, companionship and other diversions. Do let me or Noelle know if you would like to come or find out more. We will be meeting in a home close to the church - do put the date in your diary. Contact me on angela_fielding@hotmail.com



Sunday 30 September at 4.00pm
SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
Including farewell to Fr Gillean: he retires after 16 years as Vicar and forty-one years' ministry (that's worth a party!) & he & Linda bid adieu to London. Formal Invitations on their way....