

## In Our Prayers This Week

We pray for all who have received exam results, rejoicing with those who rejoice and seeking to support and console those grieving over poor grades.

We pray for the work of the United Nations. And for all who work towards peace and alleviate suffering.

We pray for all victims of natural and man-made disaster or accident: those killed and all whose lives have been affected.

Pray especially for those caught in severe flooding in Kerala. And for those who died in the Genoa bridge collapse.

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

TAREK ALWER : VINCENZO BLANDINI  
SHEILA BRADSHAW : THEO BULKAI  
PHOEBE COLEMAN : JOAN DAVIES  
SARAH DEAL : MARY DOWNING  
FRANK GAME : TONY GORDON  
HILAL KIBBARA : MARGARET LOMAS  
JOYCE OSHO-WILLIAMS : JAMES PHILPOT  
MARK REDMAN : SONIA SAMUELS  
MARGY WHEELER : BEN  
CARL-FREDRIK : GOHAR : SIMON

Please pray for all who have died recently

JULIAN CHILDS  
GRETA MORRISON  
ZIO CARLO  
KOFI ANNAN  
JEREMY CATTO

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

ROSEMARY ROWLES (Aug 23)  
WILFRED URICH (August 25)



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## Central Kensington Group Ministry ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



# NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018



### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August THE TWELFTH SUNDAY CW year B proper 15 AFTER TRINITY

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
*First Lesson:* 2 Corinthians 3. 4-9  
*Gospel:* Mark 7. 31-37

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**  
**with preschool Children's Group**  
*Reading:* Ephesians 5. 15-20  
*Gospel:* John 6. 51-58  
*Preacher* The Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

11.15am CHORAL MATINS  
*Old Testament:* Exodus 2. 23 – 3. 10  
*New Testament:* Hebrews 13. 1-15  
*Preacher* The Rev'd Preb Gillean Craig

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST  
*readings as at 9.30am*

6.30pm SUNG EVENSONG  
*Old Testament:* Jonah 1  
*New Testament:* Luke 12. 49-58  
*Preacher* The Rev'd Canon Stephen Fielding

followed by HOLY COMMUNION

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August St Bernard of Clairvaux

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

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August

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

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

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

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

8.00am Morning Prayer  
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST NB Summer Schedule time  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August St Bartholomew

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

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August

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

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY CW year B proper 16 AFTER TRINITY

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
*First Lesson:* Galatians 3. 16-22  
*Gospel:* Luke 10. 23b-37

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**  
**with preschool Children's Group**  
*Reading:* Joshua 24. 1-2a, 14-18  
*Gospel:* John 6. 56-69  
*Preacher* The Rev'd Preb Gillean Craig

11.15am CHORAL MATINS  
*Old Testament:* Exodus 4. 27 – 5. 1  
*New Testament:* Hebrews 13. 16-21  
*Preacher* The Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST  
*readings as at 9.30am*

6.30pm SUNG EVENSONG  
*Old Testament:* Jonah 2  
*New Testament:* Luke 13. 10-17  
*Preacher* The Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

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 reading 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.

## 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.**

*George the manager writes:* At present we have 50+ recipients attending the Food Bank every Thursday. In addition to our normal selection we are trying to run specials in volume once a month. Last week, and particularly because of the hot weather, we ran a special on laundry pods with half of your donations. We purchased in bulk on offer and repackaged: each recipient could take 5 washes home. I expect we'll repeat this next month. For the last 2 weeks the Food Bank has also been very lucky with milk, as Sainsbury Local at Ladbroke Grove received a Tesco milk order in error. The Food Bank is also benefiting from several of the Grenfell storage sites ending, which has released toiletries and nappies to us in relative bulk.

**Our regular top items are:** Baked beans; Tinned meat/ fish; Pasta; Rice; Pasta Sauce; Chopped tomatoes; Coffee; Tea bags

**Specials:** Long-life milk; Shower gel; Washing up liquid; Loo roll; Nappies



### SPECIAL VISITOR LAST SUNDAY

We were delighted to welcome at matins the Very Rev. John Tyrrell, and his wife Carol, recently retired as priest-in-charge from St. Mary Abbots Barrhead in Albert Canada. This is the other St Mary Abbots, one of the many churches founded by our tireless former curate Revd Seymour Dallas. Our picture shows them holding Fr Seymour's photo, by the inscription recording his death in the 14-18 War

## THEOLOGICAL BOOKS GOING FAST

It is a great pleasure to the clergy to see how quickly people have been taking books under the general heading of religion, part of scholar and musician Robert Anderson's library. You'll find them sorted by genre at the back of the church on the bench under the library. There's still a few left: please take whatever piques your interest. Donations very welcome: simply use the card machines by the south or west door.

### NEW & SIMPLE WAYS TO GIVE TO THE COLLECTION!

If you have an Apple or Android smartphone you can donate to St Mary Abbots via this QR code with just three clicks – Try it now!



Or with your CREDIT CARD using the 'Goodbox' readers by the doors

## ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDEN

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the resignation of **HANNAH STEWART** from the post of churchwarden. She has filled this role with the greatest enthusiasm, energy and imagination – but long-term and acute family illness has meant that she has had to spend most weekends in Kent to support them,

and this difficulty is only likely to increase. While she hopes to continue to work for our church during the week (and few people have any idea of just how much time she spends on this) she has, with characteristic integrity, decided that with a looming Interregnum St Mary Abbots needs wardens who can be active and visible in leadership on Sundays, and has stepped down.

We will of course keep her in our prayers, and look for a proper occasion to thank her.

But meanwhile we have called an **Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners** to elect a churchwarden in her place – on **Sunday 2 September at 11.00am**, between the two main Sunday services. The official notices and Nomination form have been posted.

### NO NEED TO MISS OUT ON OUR SUNDAY SERMONS!

**You Can Revisit Them Again And Again To Savour And Reflect On Their Subtle Theology and Divine Exhortation**

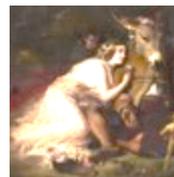
SMA sermons can now be accessed online!

Jonathan's sermons are

here: [youtube.com/user/jmacneaney/](https://www.youtube.com/user/jmacneaney/)

All other sermons are available: [goo.gl/rMaUYN](https://goo.gl/rMaUYN)

Alternatively, check our facebook or twitter feed on Monday to see links to the previous day's sermons.



**Our thanks to the Russell Actors** youth drama group that rehearses in our Centre for their inspired Vicarage Garden performance last Monday evening of **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**

The talent, energy and commitment was a wonderful delight to the audience young and old. We'll advertise their new term when it starts up in the autumn.

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

## St MARY ABBOTS PATRONAL FESTIVAL

### Sunday 9 September

We keep the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (actually Sept 8<sup>th</sup>) 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](mailto:angela_fielding@hotmail.com)



### Sunday 30 September at 4.00pm SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

*Regular members of our congregation should all by now have received invitations to this very special service which includes the farewell to Fr Gillean: he retires after 16 years as Vicar and forty-one years' ministry (that's worth a party!), and he & Linda bid adieu to London. If you haven't had an invitation speak to the clergy or contact the Vicar's PA Sophie Gazeley [sg@smaw8.org](mailto:sg@smaw8.org)*

*who will give you one immediately, making sure that we have your name and address so that we can add you to what is proving to be (to no-one's surprise, of course) a somewhat inadequate database....*