

In Our Prayers This Week

In this week of our Patronal Festival we give you thanks for St Mary Abbots and pray for the flourishing of our ministry here.

We give you thanks for all who have found healing and peace here;
for all who have found new hope and forgiveness;
for all who have bowed before you in love and worship.
May all who come here find this a holy place filled with your spirit.

We thank you for the example of Mary our patron
and pray we may follow her in working your will in our lives.

We give you thanks for those Baptised at this time, including
PIA-MARINA MARGARET TRINITY DAISY GLENNA
PEYTON-JONES

JOSHUA SANTIAGO FERREIRA MATTHEWS
ISABELLA MCFARLANE BILLINGTON

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

SYLVIA NAZARETH : JOYCE OSHO-WILLIAMS

JAMES PHILPOT : MARK REDMAN

ANNIE REDMILE : SONIA SAMUELS

SUE SPICER : MARGY WHEELER : BEN

GOHAR : SIMON : CARL-FREDRIK

Please pray for all who have died recently

SITHEMBISO KANYANGARARA

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

ELLA DUFFY (September 9)

MARCUS AMES-LEWIS (September 10)

SUSAN MAXWELL (September 11)

JANET POLLEY (September 15)

JAMES DAWNAY (September 15)



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Central Kensington Group Ministry ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

9th September 2018



Sunday 9th September PATRONAL FESTIVAL

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
First Lesson: Galatians 6. 11-end
Gospel: Matthew 6. 24-end

9.30am **FESTAL EUCHARIST**
with Joint voluntary & professional Choir and Children on Sundays Group

Reading: Galatians 4. 4-7
Gospel: Luke 1. 46-55
Preacher Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

11.15am **SOLEMN MATINS**
Old Testament: 1 Kings 8. 22-30
New Testament: 1 Peter 2. 1-10
Preacher The Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST
readings as at 9.30am

6.30pm **SUNG EVENSONG**
Old Testament: Isaiah 35. 4-7a
New Testament: Mark 7. 24-37
Preacher The Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

followed by HOLY EUCHARIST

Monday 10th September

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

Tuesday 11th September

8.00am Morning Prayer
11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST (*Book of Common Prayer*)
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 12th September

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST
10.30am St James's Schools Start of Year Service
1.05pm *Meditation Group*
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 13th Sept St John Chrysostom

8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST
St Mary Abbots School Service – all welcome
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 14th September Holy Cross Day

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST
4.15pm Holy Baptism: Joshua Matthews
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 15th September St Cyprian

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

Sunday 16th September THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Common Worship Proper B19

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
First Lesson: Ephesians 3. 13-end
Gospel: Luke 7. 11-17

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST & HOLY BAPTISM**
and Children on Sundays Group

Reading: Isaiah 50. 4-9a
Gospel: Mark 8. 27-38
Preacher Revd Preb Gillean Craig

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**
Old Testament: Exodus 18. 13-26
New Testament: Revelation 12. 1-12
Preacher Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST
readings as at 9.30am

6.30pm **SUNG EVENSONG**
Old Testament: Isaiah 44. 24 – 45. 8
New Testament: Matthew 7. 1-12
Preacher Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

followed by HOLY EUCHARIST

Today Sunday 9th September 2018



PATRONAL FESTIVAL

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 our life here. This year, with an enormous Sunday afternoon service a few weeks later to celebrate something or other to which we've invited all our friends and neighbours, we have decided that, rather than adding an extra service, we will keep our regular services with especial splendour:

9.30 FESTAL EUCHARIST

with special music by our combined Voluntary and Professional Choir – anthems by **VIERNE, DYSON & RACHMANINOV**
If you enjoy singing, this would be an excellent time to explore joining our voluntary choir, which offers a wide range of involvements: for details, contact our Director of Music uglowmark@yahoo.co.uk

11.15 SOLEMN MATINS

Our professional choir offers festival music:
Benedictus in C – **STANFORD**
Ave Maria – **PARSONS**

CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS RESUMES TODAY!

Today we resume our full provision of ministry to children at our main 9.30 Sung Eucharist (nb – of course, children are very welcome at ALL our services).

If you're new to our church, we invite children (and parents of pre-school age children) to join in the Introit Procession at the start of the service and gather at the chancel steps for the welcome and introduction to the service (one of our older and more distinguished congregants calls this **The Muster!**). The children then go out to their respective groups:

CATERPILLARS - 0, 1 & 2 year-olds:

School Dining Room (downstairs)

CHRYSALIS – 3-year-olds & pre-school 4s:

School Main Hall

BUTTERFLIES – School Reception Class & Years 1 & 2:

School Technology Room

JUNIORS – School Years 3 to 7

Vicar's Parlour, above the Church Vestry

This looks organized and prescriptive –but you'll find that in practice there is more flexibility than appears: families fall into many different patterns. Just take your child(ren) to the likeliest groups and talk to the leader who will sort things out!

Remember that for pre-school children we need one parent to stay with the child/ren – but as soon as the children reach the Butterflies it's important that the children work as a group with the Leader and Helper **without the distraction of their parents in the room** – so you can take part in the service in church. Of course we realise that there are times when a child might need settling and reassurance from parents or carers.

We are immensely grateful to the leaders and helpers who work so hard to make this ministry possible. We always need more – could YOU help? (You don't have to have a child, and we'll offer training etc). Speak to Fr Jonathan or Martina Sadovska m.sadovska@yahoo.co.uk.

All who bring children to services at St Mary Abbots are warmly invited to a

Social Evening on Wednesday 26th September at 7.30pm
at St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate W8 4HN

- To tell you about our ministry to children and families
- To get to know each other in a way not possible in the rush of Sunday mornings
- To enjoy some social time together (with supper and wine etc) without the children.

We'll have our usual bring-and-share supper (*buffet/finger food*). We need to know numbers: **please reply** to sg@smaw8.org by Monday 24 Sept.

The FRIDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP

Meets at St Mary Abbots Centre (9.45-11.15). Parents & carers of pre-school children do bring along your child(ren) – all most welcome.

COELIACS WELCOME AT ST MARY ABBOTS!

We offer gluten-free wafers at our Eucharists. Tell the clergy/virger/warden before the service to ensure that we consecrate the right number. Gluten-free wafers are easy to identify – they're not round but square.

FR ANDREW BISHOP

Longer-serving members of our congregation have the fondest memories of Fr Andrew our former curate. Last Monday, after many years service as a Residentiary Canon of Guildford Cathedral he was made priest in charge of Croydon Minster, and Fr Gillean was delighted to be present and to bring to him and to his family the congratulations, best wishes and prayer of all here in Kensington.

OUR NEW CHURCHWARDEN

With deepest regret we had to announce the resignation of **Hannah Stewart** from the post of churchwarden. She 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. She knew that with a looming Interregnum St Mary Abbots needs wardens who are be active and visible in leadership on Sundays, and has stepped down. We keep her in our prayers, and will make a proper occasion to thank her. Last Sunday we held an **Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners** and I am delighted to announce that **DAVID BANKS** was elected in her place. David has served as churchwarden previously and has the best experience and knowledge of St Mary Abbots and Kensington generally over the decades. We pray for him & the continuing warden, Jamie Dunford-Wood.



Dalgarno Trust Foodbank

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

The most popular regular items are:

Baked beans; Tinned meat/ fish; Pasta; Rice; Pasta Sauce; Chopped tomatoes; Coffee; Tea bags; Washing up liquid; **Specials:** Long-life milk; Shower gel; Loo roll; Nappies

NO NEED TO MISS SUNDAY SERMONS!

Revisit Them Again & Again To Savour & Reflect On Their Subtle Theology & Divine Exhortation SMA sermons can now be accessed online! Find Fr Jonathan's here: [youtube.com/user/jmacneaney/](https://www.youtube.com/user/jmacneaney/)

And other preacher's at: goo.gl/rMaUYN
Or check our facebook or twitter feed on Monday for yesterday's sermons



Now Booking - Autumn Quiet Day

BEING BORN AGAIN

led by Fr Gillean Craig
Addresses, Silence, Eucharist, Lunch
9.30-3.00 (ie, within school times)

Tuesday 18 September

St Mary's Convent, Burlington Lane,
Chiswick. W4 2QE

Our quarterly Quiet Days have become a greatly-valued experience of calm and

reflection to re-charge our batteries and renew our faith. This will in fact be the final Quiet Day that Fr Gillean conducts here at St Mary Abbots. To book email jm@smaw8.org or sign the sheet on the sidesmen's table

Autumn Study Programme - Reconciliation

We are pleased to announce that our evening study session for this autumn will be centred on the theme of reconciliation. They will cover:

- **Reconciliation** of the penitent to God
- **Reconciliation** in healing wounds of mind, body and spirit
- **Reconciliation** within families and organisations
- **Reconciliation** following the first world war

They culminate in this fourth session as we mark this year the centenary of the cessation of fighting at the end of World War I.

All sessions will be held in the Long Room at the **Church Centre**
The evenings to safeguard in your diaries are:

Tuesday 16th October Thursday 25th October
Tuesday 30th October Thursday 8th November



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

*see the clergy or contact Fr Jonathan MacNeaney jm@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.... The stated RSVP date is 31st August, but we are extending that – you are still really welcome to come: **BUT DO LET US KNOW BY FRIDAY!***