

In Our Prayers This Week

Join Fr Gillean as he gives heartfelt thanks to Almighty God for the privilege of serving as Vicar of this parish for eighteen years; for 41 years of Ordained Ministry as a Deacon; for 40 years of Ordained Ministry as a Priest; for the parishes where he previously served: St Marks Old Marylebone Road; St Barnabas Pitsbanger Road and St George-in-the-East, Tower Hamlets

For all those whose lives have touched his life; especially through the baptisms, weddings and funerals; the times of delight and rejoicing and the times of sorrow and pain; for all that by the grace of God we have achieved together in our shared ministry; for forgiveness for all the times of falling short.

We pray for the clergy and warden and all who will lead St Mary Abbots in the interregnum and beyond.

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 : ANNIE REDMILE
SONIA SAMUELS : SUE SPICER
NANCY TODD : MARGY WHEELER
BEN : CARL-FREDRIK
GOHAR : HELEN : SIMON

Please pray for all who have died recently and for those whom we love but see no longer, and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

HENRY ROBERSON (1 October)
CICELY SCOTT (2 October)
JOYCE NORTH (5 October)
ALEXANDRA HORSLEY (6 October)



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Central Kensington Group Ministry ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

30th September 2018



**Sunday 30th September THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY CW Proper B21**

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1. 4-8
Gospel: Matthew 22. 34-end

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
with Professional and Voluntary Choir
and combined preschool children group
Reading: James 5. 13-20
Gospel: Mark 9. 38-50
Preacher: The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

NB NO 11.15am OR 12.30pm SERVICES TODAY

**4.00pm SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
AND FAREWELL TO THE VICAR
THE REVEREND PREBENDARY
GILLEAN CRAIG
ON HIS RETIREMENT**

Monday 1st October *Commemoration of St Remigius*

8.00am Morning Prayer
1.05pm Informal Eucharist : Jesus and the Kingdom of God
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 2nd October

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

Wednesday 3rd October *Commemoration of George Bell*

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

Thursday 4th October *St Francis of Assisi*

8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST
St Mary Abbots Whole School Harvest Festival – *all welcome*
2.30pm *Rainbow Poetry Circle – 'Changes'*
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 5th October

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST
1.05pm Inaugural RCM Student Recital of the Academic Year
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 6th October *Commem'n of William Tyndale*

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

Sun 7th October **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
First Lesson: Ephesians 4.17-end
Gospel: Matthew 9.1-8

9.30am **FAMILY EUCHARIST OF
HARVEST FESTIVAL**
with PreSchool Childrens Groups
with special All-Age Harvest Presentation
and Offertory Procession of Harvest Gifts.

11.15am CHORAL MATINS
Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8. 7-18
New Testament: 2 Corinthians 9. 6-15
Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST *readings as at 9.30am*
6.30pm **TAIZE PRAYER & COMMUNION**
'The Harvest of God's Gifts'

TODAY SUNDAY 30th SEPTEMBER

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST

the Professional Quartet will help lead the music with anthems/motets by TALLIS, STANFORD & MARENZIO

There will be a single combined group for preschool children at this service

There will be NO 11.15am OR 12.30pm SERVICE



4.00pm SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS and Farewell to Fr Gillean as he retires after 16 Years as Vicar of St Mary Abbots and 41 years Ordained Ministry and he & Linda bid adieu to London. We welcome to the service our Bishop of Kensington,

and many clergy and friends who have worked with Gillean and Linda over four decades. It will have all the splendour we can offer to the glory of God – with magnificent music and ceremony. Children are welcome at this service (nb it will be very long and formal!) - we offer them a professionally-run group in the school.

COELIACS WELCOME AT ST MARY ABBOTS!

We now offer gluten-free wafers at our Eucharists. Tell clergy/virger/warden before the service. They are easy to identify – they're not round but square



Dalgarno Trust Foodbank thanks for your generous support for this vital work. 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

'SUNDAY ON MONDAY'

Our current theme to 15th October is **JESUS AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**

Each Monday at 1.05pm. The service is short enough to fit in your lunch break. What's more Lunch is provided after the service to sustain you for the afternoon.



RAINBOW POETRY CIRCLE THIS THURSDAY

Thursday 4th October at SMA beginning at 14:30. The topic is "Changes". Changes personal, changes political, changes among friends or in society at large, all can trigger intense emotions which may find their best expression in poetry. The meeting followed by afternoon tea. *Visitors welcome as usual.*

YOUNG ACTORS CHURCH CENTRE EVERY THURSDAY

Russell Actors for 10-25 year olds (did you see their wonderful Midsummer Nights Dream in August?). It is a welcoming and fun environment teaching lots of theatre skills from improvisation to stage combat and creating your own shows to be performed in a professional theatre. Thursday evenings at The St Mary Abbots Centre in Vicarage Gate: Juniors (10-14 year olds) 5.00pm-6.30pm and Seniors from 6.30pm-8.30pm. To find out more contact Sherina Russell, on 07966 617192. Further information, pictures of previous productions and festivals see www.russellactors.com

FRIDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP MEETING AGAIN

Martina Sadovska is for the time being running this much-loved provision from pre-school children (newborns very welcome!). It meets at St Mary Abbots Centre from 9.45 to 11.15. Queries: m.sadovska@yahoo.co.uk.

This Friday October 5th at 1.05 in church

The first concert in the 2018/19 season of

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC STUDENT RECITALS

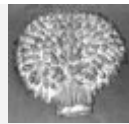
We are indeed fortunate to be the venue for these splendid free concerts. The standard of these students is always amazing and moving. This Friday: music for piano solo, viola and cello HINDEMITH & SCHUMANN Tea & Coffee served – bring sandwiches if you want!

IF YOU BRING CHILDREN TO ST MARY ABBOTS

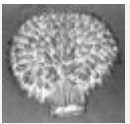
(whether they go to the groups or not) you may have been one of the lucky ones who shared in last Wednesday's Social Evening. We greatly enjoyed

- meeting each other for far longer than is possible over coffee on a Sunday morning – and especially without the distraction of the children
- hearing about many of the aspects of StMA & what it might offer you.
- Sharing a buffet supper and glass(es) of wine.....

If you couldn't make it, look out someone who did & find out what you missed



HARVEST FESTIVAL



COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME!

At 9.30 younger members of our church will help lead the service – We all participate in the **Harvest Offertory Procession** in which: Children offer food – **tinned tomatoes, sweetcorn, kidney beans, chickpeas, soup etc etc, & dried herbs, powdered custard, rice, pasta, pasta sauces etc etc**

BUT PLEASE NO Baked Beans, tinned spaghetti etc or cereal – to provide throughout the winter nourishing meals served by the **UPPER ROOM** to local homeless & hungry people.

Collections at all next Sunday's services (other than pledged Stewardship) will be in aid of the **BUSOGA TRUST** to dig more St Mary Abbots wells in Uganda (see display on notice board).



Next Sunday October 7th 6.30pm

TAIZÉ PRAYER

'The Harvest of Gods Gifts'



RECONCILIATION – Our Autumn Study Programme

We are pleased to announce that our evening study sessions 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 at 7pm 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

PROPER LOOS AT LAST?

The revised **Planning Application** for the new building to provide essential facilities for the church – lavatories, disabled lavatory, small kitchen etc – that we have been planning for so long has finally been lodged with RBKC.

You may remember that the previous application was dismissed by officers and wasn't considered by the Planning Committee. We are very keen that this does not happen again. So can you please lodge your support for the project via their website as soon as possible.

Planning portal link: <http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/PP/18/05588>

(Case ref: PP/18/055880) An email or letter to your Ward Councillor would also help. See the drawings in church. NB the new structure will be very discrete, hardly impinging on the views of the church from outside, tucked beneath the windows of the north aisle. It will cover part of that wide paved area with no function except being lethally slippery in wet weather – still leaving a broad footway alongside the 'long playground', of course.

THE CRUCIAL PUBLIC BENEFITS THAT WILL BE GAINED:

1. WC facilities for all users including those with disabilities: no more temporary toilets currently brought onto the site for larger events.
2. The provision of refreshments at public events.
3. The magnificent historic church building, surrounded by its churchyard offering a remarkable oasis of peace just off the High Street at the very heart of Kensington, open every day of the year, will be able properly to welcome a far wider range of events, performances, exhibitions, meetings – and provide proper hospitality for the great events using the whole church building.
4. St Mary Abbots is central to the heritage, story and identity of Kensington. We wish to make it a place where all our neighbours, regardless of creed or culture, can gather together to celebrate, learn, enjoy and build community. The facilities that we seek to build are central to realising this vision, and to fulfilling our basic legal duty to provide equal and dignified facilities for disabled people.

St MARY ABBOTS PARISH SURVEY

Jamie Dunford-Wood writes: *A big thank you to everyone who filled out the parish survey in July. We have now finished analysing the responses. These have provided some very interesting insights, that will be invaluable in helping guide how we develop as a church, as we enter a new, exciting period in the life of SMA. 195 people completed the survey, giving the views of around 300 of us, with families into account. 65% say they come most weeks, or at least once a fortnight etc etc etc – it's fascinating reading! See the summary of results: <http://www.smaw8.org/survey-results.html>*

Saturday 13th October VICARAGE GARAGE SALE!!!!

Come along and marvel at the junk Fr Gillean has amassed over the years and buy YOUR souvenirs of happy times with him and Linda. From 1.30pm-3.30pm at St Mary Abbots Centre Refreshments served. All proceeds 50/50 St Mary Abbots Ministry & Vicars moving expenses.