

### In Our Prayers This Week

*In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity,  
that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives.*

*In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission,  
that the hope within might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives.*

*In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service,  
that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity.*

*Lord guide the future of our nation and its relationship with the European Union.*

*We pray for those preparing for Baptism*

Liberty Charlotte Victoria Cripps  
Harriet Poppy Grace Innes  
Albert John Roddy Stubbings  
Florence Emily Stubbings

*We pray for those who have been baptised*

Isla Niamh Marie Ashraf

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

<i>Those in acute need</i>	June Scully	<i>And those in long-term need</i>
Sheila Bradshaw	Sue Spicer	Sergio Avanzi
Theo Bulkai	Sheila Uglow	Vincenzo Blandini
Phoebe Coleman	Margy Wheeler	John Cantlie
Sarah Deal	Ben	Joan Davies
Dianne Gabitass	Gohar	Leo Koymans
Frank Game	Simon	Sylvia Nazareth
Tony Gordon	Carolyn	Annie Redmile
Joan Jackson	Roger	Sonia Samuels
Denise North		James Worsley
Michael North		Carl-Fredrik
James Philpot		Larissa

*Please pray for all who have died recently*

Mark Redman

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

David Wainwright 8 December

Jo Harriman 8 December



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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



# NEWSLETTER

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018



### Services for Sunday 2nd December

#### Advent Sunday

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)  
9.30am Sung Eucharist with Children on Sundays Groups  
Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding  
11.15am Choral Matins  
Canticle: Benedicite in B flat - Sumsion  
Anthem: Ne timeas Maria - Victoria  
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney  
12.30pm Holy Eucharist  
6.30pm Advent Procession  
Followed by Holy Eucharist

#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December *Francis Xavier*

- 8.00am Morning Prayer  
1.05pm Informal Eucharist 'Sunday on Monday'  
3.45pm Advent Window: Pickwicks  
5.30pm Evening Prayer  
6.00pm Tommy's Carol Service

#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December *John of Damascus*

- 8.00am Morning Prayer  
11.30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
3.45pm Advent Window: Ole and Steen  
5.30pm Evening Prayer  
7.00pm RADA Carol Service

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

- 8.00am Morning Prayer  
8.15am Holy Eucharist  
1.05pm Meditation Group  
3.45pm Advent Window: La Fortuna  
5.30pm Evening Prayer  
7.00pm Hope and Homes Carol Service

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December *Nicholas*

- 8.00am Morning Prayer  
9.30am St Mary Abbots School Eucharist - All Welcome  
3.45pm Advent Window: Beauty by Nicole  
5.30pm Evening Prayer  
7.00pm DDMT Carol Service

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December *Ambrose*

- 8.00am Morning Prayer  
8.15am Holy Eucharist  
1.05pm Royal College of Music Lunchtime Recital  
3.45pm Advent Window: Gail's  
5.30pm Evening Prayer  
7.00pm St Pauls Juniors Carol Service

#### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December *Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- 9.40am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Holy Eucharist  
12.30pm Burial of Ashes  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Services for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

#### Second Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)  
9.30am Sung Eucharist and Holy Baptism  
with Children on Sundays Groups  
Preacher: Rev'd Alison Cooper  
11.15am Choral Matins  
Anthem: Canite tuba in Sion GUERRERO  
Benedictus - Tonus Peregrinus with Fauxbourduns - MOORE  
Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding  
12.30pm Holy Eucharist  
6.30pm Handel's Messiah

### Nativity Play – first rehearsal today!

The Nativity play is fast approaching and you (if you are a child or young person) or your child can take a starring role. Our script has been written by two of our young people. We have a talented director lined up. Now all we need is actors. Parts will be distributed and rehearsals begin at a joint Butterflies and Junior/Senior group today. There will be rehearsals on 9th December during the 9.30am service and then a final dress rehearsal at 2pm on 15th December. The play will be acted during the 9.30am service on 16<sup>th</sup> December

### Handel's Messiah

On 9th December we offer a unique chance to experience one of the world's great musical masterpieces as it was originally intended. This will be a wonderful candlelit Christmas concert played on Baroque instruments recreating the atmosphere of Handel's original performance – please invite friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues etc. and encourage them to buy tickets. Every ticket sold contributes towards much needed Church funds. We look forward to seeing you there  
Tickets: £20 (£10 under 16) including programme and interval drink. Book online at: <http://www.smaw8.org/messiah2018>

### Hospitality or Administration

Do you have a heart for hospitality or administration? Could you serve the church by preparing, serving and clearing up coffee after the 9.30am service?  
Fear of caffeine? Instead you could serve as administrator of the coffee rota! Offers of help to Fr Jonathan [jm@smaw8.org](mailto:jm@smaw8.org)

### Advent and Christmas Highlights

(This is not an exhaustive list!)

#### Monday 3 December Advent Windows Start

3.45pm Pickwicks, Holland Street

#### Sunday 9 December Advent 2

6.30 pm Handel's Messiah by Candlelight

#### Sunday 16 December Advent 3

9.30 am Family Eucharist with Nativity Play

11.15 am Choral Matins Leading into

Choral Eucharist

#### Wednesday 19 December

1.05 pm Community Carol Service

#### Thursday 20 December

7.00 pm Nine Lessons & Carols

#### Monday 24 December Christmas Eve

4.00 pm Children's Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

#### Tuesday 25 December Christmas Day

9.30 am Family Eucharist

11.15 am Choral Matins

4.00 pm Carols, Prayers & Communion by the Crib

#### Sunday 30 December Christmas 1

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

11.15 am Choral Matins

4.00 pm Sung Evensong

### Dalgarno Trust Foodbank

Thank you for your generous support for this vital work. At this time of year they are in special need of festive donations to complement the most popular regular items: Baked beans; Tinned meat/ fish; Pasta; Rice; Pasta Sauce; Chopped tomatoes; Coffee; Tea bags; Washing up liquid; Long-life milk, Shower gel; Loo roll and Nappies

### Papi's Cucina

"Donate to the friends of St Mary Abbots and enjoy home cooked Puerto Rican cuisine at the same time!

New Kensington local business, Papi's Cucina, set up by St Mary Abbots parishioner Juan Carrion, has opened its doors in time for the festive season serving freshly homemade Puerto Rican cuisine to order and delivered to your door. Save the cooking and just heat for a short while and serve. The extensive menu can be found on [www.papiscucina.co.uk](http://www.papiscucina.co.uk). Papi is now taking orders for freshly cooked Puerto-Rican style Turkeys for Christmas.

A 10% donation will be made to the friends of St Mary Abbots with every order. Simply quote "SMA" when ordering. If you would like to discuss your order with Juan phone 07971 532200."

### St Mary Abbots School Success

St Mary Abbots school was ranked in the top 250 schools nationally by *The Sunday Times* in their primary school league table. This makes our school in the top 1% of schools in the country. Congratulations to Mrs Doyle, her staff, students, and families for this great achievement.

### St Mary Abbots Reading Group

We are pleased to announce the launch of the St Mary Abbots Reading Group. David Strong has been hard at work preparing the administration and its first meeting will take place at the Kensington Central Library on 9<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm. It will then be meeting monthly at 3pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday.

The first session will be a chance to meet one another and to pick up the first book we will be reading together. We would greatly benefit from knowing numbers in advance. Please either speak to David or email Sophie who can pass on your details [sg@smaw8.org](mailto:sg@smaw8.org)

### Advent Windows – 'Light in our Darkness'

This is the third year in succession that we have launched a Living Advent Calendar across central Kensington.

The programme runs each weekday from Monday 3 December to Friday 21 December.

The theme is Light in our Darkness, and it will be very interesting to see what participants make of the theme.

As usual, we value your support, especially in joining us any (or every) weekday at 3.45. Bring your mobiles or cameras to take pictures of us and everyone having a good time.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Pickwicks	4 Ole and Steen	5 La Fortuna	6 Beauty by Nicole	7 Gail's
10 Ottoemesso	11 SMA Centre	12 Skillmans	13 Bickersteth House	14 SMA School
17 Burlingtons	18 Marcela's	19 Gallery 19	20 Barclays	21 Beatrice Place

### Rainbow Poetry Kensington December Meeting Cancelled

The December Rainbow Poetry Meeting originally scheduled for Thursday 6th December has been cancelled. The next Rainbow Poetry is now scheduled for Thursday 10th January 2019.

### Join Our Christmas Giving!

RBKC has helped us identify some of our most isolated elderly neighbours whom we invite to a Christmas Day party in the SMA Church Hall. We are looking for 20 people who will buy a gift that has been asked for by our guests. A sign up list is by the south door or the best way is to email Camilla Groom [cgroom62@hotmail.com](mailto:cgroom62@hotmail.com) who will be co-ordinating our response. Requests range from pjs, radio, cardigan, book token gloves etc.

### Drivers Needed For The Christmas Party

Guests are local (W8,10, 11, 6 and SW3,5,7) to be collected on 25<sup>th</sup> December at their homes for a 1pm start to the party. Returned home at 3.15pm. Volunteers have loved this critical role where they have the chance to make an old person's Christmas happy and in community with others. Contact or Lucille Briance [luce@briance.co.uk](mailto:luce@briance.co.uk)

### Royal College of Music Student Recitals

Each Friday at 1.05 in church, splendid free concerts. Tea & Coffee served – bring sandwiches if you want! This Friday is the last recital of term so turn up or hold your peace until the new year!

### Will You Open Your Home For Jesus For A Night?

On Advent Sunday, after the 9.30 Eucharist, our small Advent Crib will start its journey around the Parish, returning to our church on Christmas Eve. The Advent Crib encourages us all to give a home to the Holy Family and reminds us of our need to make room in our lives for the coming of Jesus. Accompanying the Crib are prayers to say when it arrives and candles to light beside the figures. It's a lovely way for everyone, young and old, to engage with the Christmas story and also a great way to offer hospitality to people in the congregation whom you may not yet know.

If you would like to join in, simply fill in your name on the rota and give contact details next to the date that is convenient for you, the person on the list above you will contact you to arrange a convenient time for them to bring the figures to your home.

You will need to contact the household named below you on the list to arrange for the figures to continue their journey.