

In Our Prayers This Week

Lord Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.

Lord, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. Grant that we may find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger at Christmas.

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

We pray for those who have been baptised

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

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

Those in acute need

Sheila Bradshaw
Theo Bulkai
Phoebe Coleman
Sarah Deal
Dianne Gabitass
Frank Game
Tony Gordon
Joan Jackson
Denise North
Michael North
James Philpot

June Scully

Sue Spicer

Sheila Uglow

Margy Wheeler

Shirley Wilshire

Ben

Gohar

Simon

Carolyn

Roger

Julia

And those in long-term need

Sergio Avanzi

Vincenzo Blandini

John Cantlie

Joan Davies

Leo Koymans

Sylvia Nazareth

Annie Redmile

Sonia Samuels

James Worsley

Carl-Fredrik

Larissa

Please pray for all who have died recently

Mark Redman

Tom Scott

*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

Josephine Hamilton 9 December

Robert Courtney 11 December



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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

9th December 2018



Services for Sunday 9th 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

Monday 10th December

8.00am Morning Prayer
1.05pm Informal Eucharist 'Sunday on Monday'
3.45pm Advent Window: Ottoemezzo
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 11th December

8.00am Morning Prayer
11.30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
2.00pm St James' Juniors School Carol Service
3.45pm Advent Window: SMA Centre
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 12th December *Ember Day*

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am Holy Eucharist
1.05pm Meditation Group
2.00pm Healing Eucharist
3.45pm Advent Window: Skillmans
5.30pm Evening Prayer
7.00pm St James' Senior School Carol Service

Thursday 13th December *Lucy*

8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am St Mary Abbots School Eucharist - All Welcome
11.30am Thomas's School Carol Service
3.45pm Advent Window: Bickersteth House
5.30pm Evening Prayer
7.00pm Draycott Nursing and Canine Partners Carol Service

Friday 14th December *John of the Cross*

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am Holy Eucharist
3.45pm Advent Window: SMA School
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 15th December *Ember Day*

9.40am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Eucharist
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Services for Sunday 16th December Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Family Eucharist with Nativity Play

11.15am Choral Matins and Eucharist
Setting: Missa Tertia - HASSLER
Anthem: Prepare ye the way of the Lord – WISE
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

There is no 12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Organ Prelude
Nun komm der Heiden Heiland BACH
Wachet auf ruft uns die Stimme - PEETERS

6.30pm Sung Evensong
Followed by Holy Eucharist

Nativity Play – second rehearsal today!

The Nativity play will be acted during the 9.30am service on 16th December

There is a joint Butterflies and Junior/Senior group today meeting in the school tech room.

In addition to the rehearsal today the most important rehearsal takes place the day before 2pm on 15th December. Make sure you are there!

Handel's Messiah - Tonight

Tonight, 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>

Tickets also available on the door

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

Advent and Christmas Highlights

(This is not an exhaustive list!)

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

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 9th January at 3pm. It will then be meeting monthly at 3pm on the 2nd 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

Royal College of Music Student Recitals

Have now finished for the year.

Concerts resume in the spring on Friday 11th January 2018

Advent Windows – 'Light in our Darkness'

This is the third year in succession that we have launched a Living Advent Calendar across central Kensington. And it has been the most popular yet!

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 3	TUESDAY 4	WEDNESDAY 5	THURSDAY 6	FRIDAY 7
Pickwicks	Ole and Steen	La Fortuna	Beauty by Nicole	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

Healing Eucharist 12th December

The monthly healing Eucharist will be taking place on 12th December. This breaks our usual pattern of the third Wednesday as we will instead be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month. The service takes place at 2pm as usual with tea served afterwards. The reason for the change is...

Community Carols

Our ever popular community carol service will be taking place at 1.05pm on 19th December. Convince your boss to let you take an extended lunch hour to sing your favourite carols and enjoy the music of the St Mary Abbots choir. Snacks are provided afterwards by generous local businesses.

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.

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 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 25th 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

Mark Redman

We are sorry to announce the death of Mark Redman, father of our recent churchwarden Hannah Stewart. Please pray for Hannah and her family at this time.

Mark's Funeral will take place on Friday 14th December at 10.30am in Kent.