

In Our Prayers This Week

Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son. Help us to hear his words and repent of our sins, so that we may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him

We pray for all who are lonely and fearful. Open our eyes Lord to our neighbours in need and inspire in our hearts to acts of generosity.

Safeguard all those separated from their friends and families. Those working in the military and emergency services, those studying in foreign lands, those estranged by anger and sin.

Guide the governors of our School as they discern and vote on its future leadership

Lord guide the future of our nation and its relationship with the European Union. May your church be a place for the healing of the wounds this issue has created.

We pray for those recently Married
Fan Chen and Nicholas DuPont

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

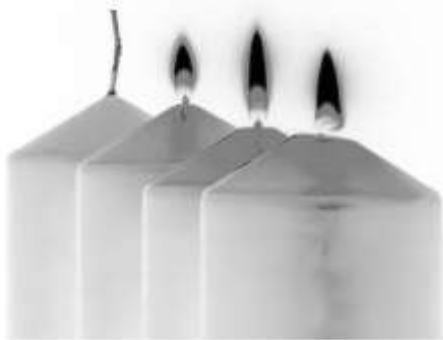
<i>Those in acute need</i>	June Scully	<i>And those in long-term need</i>
Sheila Bradshaw	Sue Spicer	Sergio Avanzi
Theo Bulkai	Sheila Uglow	Vincenzo Blandini
Phoebe Coleman	Margy Wheeler	John Cantlie
Sarah Deal	Shirley Wilshire	Joan Davies
Dianne Gabitass	Ben	Leo Koymans
Frank Game	Gohar	Sylvia Nazareth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

Please pray for all who have died recently

Mark Redman
Tom Scott
Anna Land

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

Anthony Howard 19 December
John Banks 20 December
Evelyn Attack 21 December
Barry Luxton 21 December



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Central Kensington Group Ministry

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

16th December 2018



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 4.2.30pm 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

Monday 17th December O Sapientia

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

Tuesday 18th December O Adonai

8.00am Morning Prayer
11.30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
3.45pm Advent Window: Marcela's
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 19th December O Radix Jesse

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am Holy Eucharist
1.05pm Community Carol Service
3.45pm Advent Window: Gallery19
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 20th December O Clavis David

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am Holy Eucharist
9.20am St Mary Abbots School Carol Service
All Welcome
3.45pm Advent Window: Barclays
5.30pm Evening Prayer
7.00pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Friday 21st December O Oriens

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am Holy Eucharist
3.45pm Advent Window: Beatrice Place
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 22nd December O Rex Gentium

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

Services for Sunday 23rd December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am Sung Eucharist with Preschool Children's Group
11.15am Choral Matins
Benedictus: Morning Service in G VILLIERS STANFORD
Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord alway ANON attributed REDFORD
Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding
12.30pm Holy Eucharist
6.15pm Organ Prelude
Chorale Preludes on Nun komm, der heiden Heiland - J S Bach
6.30pm Sung Evensong
Followed by Holy Eucharist

Nativity Play – Today

The Nativity play will be acted during the 9.30am service today. Thank you to all of our children and young people for leading our worship. We also want to thank Tassia who has directed the play and all those who have supported her by preparing costumes and staging.

Meditation Group – Cancelled

There will be no meditation group on Wednesday, 19th December, because of the Community Carol service.

Handel's Messiah

Our performance of the Messiah on 9th December was a triumph. It was one of the best renditions in recent memory. Thanks to the hard work of:

- Director of Music - Mark Uglow
- Soprano - Sarah Probert
- Alto - Cara Curran
- Tenor - Dominic Bevan
- Bass - David Costley-White
- Our voluntary and professional chorus members
- The Orchestra
- David Wilkinson, Sophie Gaselee, Janice North, Laura Sylvester - Promotion and Administration team
- Simon Fitter and the vestry team
- Our generous sponsors – The Rudd Family

You can now buy 20% discounted tickets for

J S Bach

St John Passion

Sunday, 14 April 2019 from 18:30 to 21:00

An Easter performance by candlelight.

St Mary Abbots Choir

The Purcell Orchestra (on period instruments)

Tickets here: <https://stjohnpassion19.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Discount Code: EARLYBIRD18

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!)

Wednesday 19th December

1.05 pm Community Carol Service

Thursday 20th December

7.00 pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Monday 24th December Christmas Eve

4.00 pm Children's Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day

9.30 am Family Eucharist

11.15 am Choral Matins

4.00 pm Carols, Prayers & Communion by the Crib

Sunday 30th 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

9 Lesson and Carols – 20th December 7pm

A choral and candlelit service in which sing carols and read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

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 3rd December to Friday 21st 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 Ottoemezzo	11 SMA Centre	12 Skillmans	13 Bickersteth House	14 SMA School
17 Burlingtons	18 Marcela's	19 Gallery 19	20 Barclays	21 Beatrice Place

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.

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 for our guests. A sign up list may be 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

Service Pattern 2019

At the beginning of the interregnum Father Stephen and I committed to maintain the service pattern until Christmas whilst discerning its sustainability, short a full time priest. With the agreement of the PCC we propose to make one amendment to our service pattern during the interregnum. From January the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated twice a month after our Sunday 6.30pm service rather than every week. This will enable us to invite local licensed lay ministers to lead the service of Evensong. The dates when the Eucharist will not be celebrated are Jan 13th & 27th Feb 10th & 24th Mar 10th & 24th April 28th May 12th & 26th.

We are sorry about this disruption to our worshipping pattern and we thank you for your understanding.