

In Our Prayers This Week

*Shout for joy the whole earth, and everything within. Rejoice!
For Light has come into the world*

*The mountains sing, the seas resound to the praise of your name.
Salvation once promised is here on earth*

*The angels' song rings in the air, a child has been born. Hallelujah!
The Saviour of the world is here*

May we be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

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

Please pray for all who have died recently
Anna Land

and for those whom we love but see no longer,

and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

Prudence Watt 23 December John Worsley 24 December
Sou Yen Crosthwaite 24 December Gwen Robson 25 December
Tovah Cameron 25 December Robert Cook 27 December
Maggie Currey 29 December Hartle Bourne 3 January
Simon Egert 3 January Bill Kirkpatrick 4 January



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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

23rd December 2018



Christmas Bumper Edition
The week's newsletter spans two weeks
23rd December-5th January

**A solemn and blessed Advent to you if
you are reading this the day it is
published.**

**A happy Christmas if you are looking at
this thereafter.**

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
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

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
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

Monday 24th December Christmas Eve

8.00am Morning Prayer
1.05pm **Informal Eucharist** 'Sunday on Monday'
4.00pm Children's Crib Service
5.30pm Evening Prayer
11.30pm **Midnight Mass of Our Lord's Nativity**

Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day

8.00am **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)
9.30am **Family Eucharist**
11.15am **Solemn Choral Matins**
12.30am **Holy Eucharist**
4.00pm **Carols, Prayers & Communion by the Crib**

Wednesday 26th December Stephen

9.40am Morning Prayer
10.00am **Holy Eucharist**
4.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 27th December John

9.40am Morning Prayer
10.00am **Holy Eucharist**
4.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 28th December Holy Innocents

9.40am Morning Prayer
10.00am **Holy Eucharist**
4.00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 29th December Thomas Becket

9.40am Morning Prayer
4.00pm Evening Prayer

Christmas 2018

Services for Sunday 30th December First Sunday of Christmas

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Sung Eucharist with
Preschool Children's Group
Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

11.15am Choral Matins
Benedictus: Morning Service in F – IRELAND
Anthem: In the bleak midwinter - DARKE
Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

3.45pm Organ Prelude
Vom Himmel hoch and Christmas Chorale Preludes from
Orgelbüchlein – JS Bach
Prelude on The Coventry Carol – WS Lloyd Webber
4pm Sung Evensong
Followed by Holy Eucharist
Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

Monday 31st December John Wyclif

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

Tuesday 1st January Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

9.40am Morning Prayer
11.30am **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 2nd January *Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus*

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am **Holy Eucharist**
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 3rd January

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am **Holy Eucharist**
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 4th January

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am **Holy Eucharist**
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 5th January

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

Services for Sunday 6th January Feast of the Epiphany

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Family Eucharist and Procession of the Magi with
Preschool Children's Group

Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

11.15am Choral Matins Eucharist
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

There is no 12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Organ Prelude

6.30pm Taize Prayer with Holy Eucharist
Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

As you know Christmas only begins with the service of midnight mass and we continue celebrating it for the next forty days. As such we're hoping to see equal numbers at the 10am Eucharist on St Stephen's Day on 26th.

Our rich diet of liturgy is supported by the tireless but nevertheless tiring work of the vestry team both voluntary and professional and you deserve our thanks for all that you have done. We are blessed by the most generous volunteers who give of their time and energy to help produce our Christmas programme.

J S Bach - St John Passion

You can now buy 20% discounted tickets for
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

Dalgarno Trust Foodbank

Thank you for your generous support for this vital work. The Christmas rush may be over but with pressure to spend this can be one of the hardest times of the year for many people. Please maintain your liberal supply of the most popular 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!
Thank you to all our generous hosts.

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.

Confirmation 2019

Bishop Graham will be present at St Mary Abbots on 23rd May 2019 for a service of confirmation.

We run two groups one for teenagers and adults and one for children in years 5-6

The adults group will be meeting on Tuesday evenings starting on Tuesday 5th March 7.30pm

The children's group will be meeting on Wednesday afternoons following school, starting on Wednesday 13th March 3.40pm

If you or your child are interested please let Sophie know:
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