

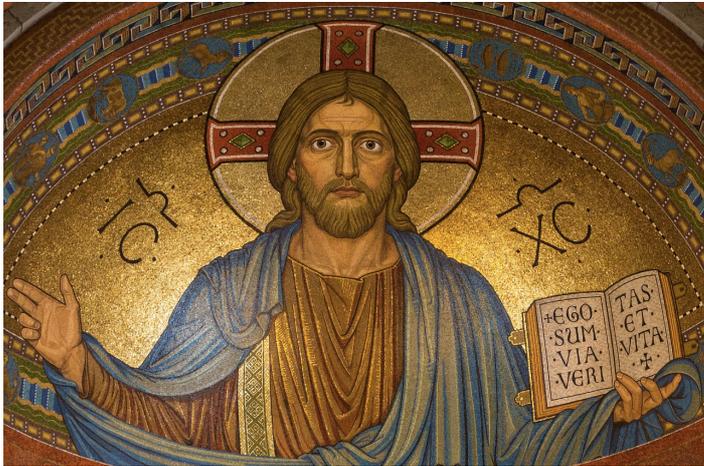
## In Our Prayers This Week

### The Collect for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

### Prayer for VE day

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. **Amen.**



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

<i>Those in acute need</i>		<i>Those in long-term need</i>
Katie Aston	Mary McKenna	Vincenzo Blandini
Christine Barnes	Diana Nicol	Theo Bulkai
Francesca de Bono	Michael North	John Cantlie
Rebecca Cable-Nunn	Holly Raber	Rev. Geoffrey Connor
Sarah Deal	Mary Reeve	Joan Davies
Margy Fitter	Maria Reis	Leo Koymans
Tony Gordon	June Scully	Simon Portal
Sarah Hack	Sue Spicer	Annie Redmile
Joan Jackson	Roger	James Worsley
Margaret Lyon	Rosie	
	Victoria	

*and for all who have died recently*

Amine El-Kadi	Adel El-Kadi	Kevin FitzGerald
Elva Macpherson	Jennifer Pinney	
	Christine Wattlesworth	

*and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time*

Rodney Bennett	10 <sup>th</sup> May	Noel Coleman,	13 <sup>th</sup> May
Ruby Jeffrey	13 <sup>th</sup> May	Hugh Thomas,	17 <sup>th</sup> May
		Violet Sale,	17 <sup>th</sup> May

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

### NEWSLETTER

10th May 2020

St Mary Abbots' church building may be closed, but the St Mary Abbots church community continues strong in faith and fellowship. With technology we continue to pray for one another's needs and to share each other's hopes and fears.

### DAILY PRAYER

The Clergy continue to say the daily office in the quiet of their homes at **8 am and 5.30 pm**. If you would like to be with us in spirit, please do light a candle and use the prayers accessed here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

### SERVICES

A link for the service will be on the website and sent out by email.

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am Reflections and prayers for VE day

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

10.30am Holy Eucharist

If you would like to make a donation during our services, or at any time, we have set up an **online virtual collection plate** [HERE:](#)

### Message from Mother Emma

I hope you are all still managing to stay well and safe. I am glad to be able to share two notices with you today.



### Reflection and Prayers for VE Day

Tomorrow the nation will be marking the 75th anniversary of VE Day, and we would in other circumstances, have offered a service of remembrance and thanksgiving in St Mary Abbots. There will be many different services, commemorations, films and documentaries to mark the day in the media, but I have put together a brief service of prayer and reflection for VE Day. We shall be praying not only for those who died during the Second World War, but also those who continue to serve in our armed forces, and everyone who today is risking their own lives on the frontline in the fight against Covid-19.

### New Vicar's PA and Communications Assistant

You will remember that Sophie Gaselee, who had worked as PA to Fr Gillean and did so much throughout the interregnum, left St Mary Abbots in October to move to Wiltshire. Since November, we have been fortunate to have the help of a temporary part-time PA, Leonora Service, who has turned her many skills to helping us produce newsletters, posters and liturgies, taking minutes at the PCC - and more recently, learning the new skills involved in bringing you our online services! She has also been a tremendous help and support to me over these first months, as I have been learning about the parish. I am delighted to say that Leonora has accepted our offer to take on the permanent post of Vicar's PA and Communications Assistant, four days a week, with effect from May 4<sup>th</sup>. We attach a photo for the time being, but Leonora looks forward to putting faces to the names and voices she has been getting to know over the past few months as soon as we are able to meet again and she can take up her role in full. It is a great joy to welcome her officially to the St Mary Abbots office team!

You continue, as ever, in our thoughts and prayers. Stay safe and stay in touch!

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

### **Donations to St Mary Abbots Church**

Some of you have kindly asked if you could make a donation or continue your regular plate giving to support the work and upkeep of St Mary Abbots so we have set up an online virtual collection plate which can be found under the service information above, or on our website.

As for so many, our income has been reduced at this time, but our fixed costs remain and our mission and ministry continue, so any donations would be very gratefully received. We are, however, very conscious that this is an uncertain and difficult time for many financially.

### **Supporting Friends of St Mary Abbots**

This year thus far has seen a much increased number of new members and renewals. Please help us maintain the momentum and increase our reserves much of which will, we hope, be dedicated to the provision of toilets and disabled toilet facilities within the church when building can begin.

Single membership per annum is £15, Joint Membership and International Membership £25, 10 year Membership £100. Cheques made payable to "Friends of St Mary Abbots Church Kensington" to Founding Patron, Steve Atack at 33, Cleveland Square, London W2 6DD or you can make a bank transfer to "Friends of St. Mary Abbots Church Kensington", Natwest Kensington Royal Garden Branch, Sort code 50-30-10, Account 86018957.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **VE day commemoration and events**

The Queen will commemorate the day with a televised address to nation at 9pm. The British Legion are hosting a VE Day livestream, sharing stories and memories from those who served and sacrificed during the Second World War. Hosted by TV presenter Sonali Shah, the programme will feature contributions from social historian Julie Summers and cook and influencer Melissa Helmsley. The stream will be live from 11:15am on their website following a 2 minute silence at 11am:

[www.britishlegion.org.uk/stories/ve-day-75-livestream](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/stories/ve-day-75-livestream)

English Heritage have arranged a 'Dance for VE day', including a Lindy Hop lesson at 12noon and at 5pm an online mass participation dance. <http://english-heritage.org.uk>

The BBC are covering the event all day, ending the day with a singalong of We'll Meet Again with Dame Vera Lynne after the Queen's address. The Kensington and Chelsea Council have also arranged online events for everyone to take part: <https://twitter.com/rbkc>

### **Archbishops Dial-in worship phone line**

Archbishop Justin Welby has set up a phone line for those who wish to worship but can not use the internet. Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury before being able to choose from a range of options including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19. The number to dial is **0800 804 8044**.

Archbishop Justin said: "With many in our country on lockdown, it's important that we support those who are feeling lonely and isolated, whatever age they are. The Daily Hope service will allow people to hear hymns, prayers and words that offer comfort and hope, especially in this Easter season. I want to urge people to spread the news about this service. If there is someone you know who is particularly struggling, give them a call and let them know about the Daily Hope. I'm

## **Bible Studies and Creativity**

Sam Donoghue, Head of Children & Youth for the Diocese of London suggests a family activity looking at passages from the bible creatively. This is following the tradition of *Iectic Divina*, a combination of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word. Reading a passage from the Bible and using pens and papers, playdough or anything else you have to hand to create what the passage means, and to discuss it together afterwards. For more information please look at their website: <https://www.london.anglican.org/articles/lectio-divina-with-your-family/>

## **Help and Advice from RBKC Council**

Kensington and Chelsea Council are offering help and advice on housing support, job retention and self employment claims, support for those feeling anxious or depressed, or help for anyone experiencing domestic abuse or cared for elderly or vulnerable residents as well as a new anti-social line to report those taking advantage of the vulnerable as well as on line activities and for children's during lockdown. Their website is <https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19>

## **Supporting Local Business**

Despite lockdown and confinement, many of our amazing shops and supermarkets on Kensington High Street are open, providing us with our daily needs. Kensington Business Forum, a group that promotes local business's on Kensington High Street, have produced a list of local shops that are currently open during the lockdown. We would like to ask you to support these local businesses to help get them through these difficult times and to see our high street survive. More information can be found on <https://kensingtonbusinessforum.co.uk/list-of-open-retailers>

## **Pastoral & Practical Care**

We will continue to provide both emotional and spiritual care, both for our own congregation members and locals in the parish who would like a chat. We intend to stay in regular touch, but would also welcome anyone who would like to phone or email us at any point. If you know of anyone in need of support please email Father Jonathan: [jm@smaw8.org](mailto:jm@smaw8.org)

## **Mutual Aid**

We continue to work with 'Kensington and Chelsea Mutual Aid', a group of local volunteers have set up a Mutual Aid system whereby vulnerable, elderly and housebound residents in Kensington & Chelsea can request support for grocery shopping, prescriptions collection at Boots, or on the phone support. Please share with family and neighbours in the area: <https://www.mutualaidkc.com>. Our Sunday school convenor Marina Lussich is the administrator for zone 3 Kensington & Chelsea Mutual Aid - covering Holland, Campden and Pembridge wards.

## **Food Bank**

Now more than ever the foodbank is in need of donations as more people rely on them for provisions. The church is not able to act as a collection point at the moment, however a number of supermarkets are collecting at their exits so please make use of this system. Alternatively you can give financially by sending cheques made payable to 'Dalgarno Neighbourhood Trust' and marked 'foodbank' on the reverse to: The Dalgarno Trust, 1 Webb Close Dalgarno Way, London, W10 5QB. If you wish to do a direct bank transfer please ask Fr Jonathan ([jm@smaw8.org](mailto:jm@smaw8.org)) for the bank details.