

A Prayer for the High Court of Parliament, to be read during their session.
 MOST gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this Kingdom in general, so especially for the High Court of Parliament, under our most religious and gracious Queen at this time assembled: That thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign and her Dominions; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessities, for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and Mediation of Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, at your Last Supper you prayed to the Father that all should be one. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who bear your name and seek to serve you. Strengthen our faith in you, and lead us to love one another in humility. May we who have been reborn in one baptism be united in one faith under one Shepherd. Amen

Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world: forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

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

Please pray for all who have died recently

Margot Green Sheila Uglow George Law Nancy Todd Larissa

and for those whom we love but see no longer,

and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

Nigel Leyland (12 January) Frederick Lloyd (14 January)

Joan Martin (15 January) David Wilson (17 January)

Samir Abourahme (17 January) Dennis Corble (19 January)

Barbara Hosegood (22 January) Johnston Joyce (31 January)



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Services for Sunday 20th January Third Sunday of Epiphany – Unity Sunday

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Sung Eucharist
 With Children on Sunday's Groups
 Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

11.15am Choral Matins
 Benedictus: Morning Service in D flat - NICHOLSON
 Anthem: O Almighty and everlasting God -
 BARCROFTE
 Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Organ Prelude
 Desseins eternels MESSIAEN

6.30pm Sung Evensong
 Followed by Holy Eucharist
 Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

Monday 21st January Agnes

8.00am Morning Prayer
 1.05pm Sunday on Monday – Informal Eucharist
 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 22nd January Vincent of Saragossa

8.00am Morning Prayer
 11.30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
 5.30pm Evening Prayer
 7.15pm Unity Service – at St Philip's Earl's Court Road

Wednesday 23rd January

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

Thursday 24th January Francis de Sales

8.00am Morning Prayer
 9.30am St Mary Abbots School Eucharist All Welcome
 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 25th January Conversion of Paul

8.00am Morning Prayer
 8.15am Holy Eucharist
 1.05pm Royal College of Music Recital
 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 26th January Timothy and Titus

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

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany 27th January

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Voluntary and Professional Choir and Children on Sunday's Groups
 Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

11.15am Sung Matins with Cantor
 Jubilate Deo: Benjamin Rogers in D
 Anthem: Bringt her dem Herren- SCHUTZ
 Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Organ Prelude
 Dieu parmi nous MESSIAEN

6.30pm Sung Evensong
 Preacher: Clare Heard – Licensed Lay Minister
NB The Eucharist will not be celebrated

J S Bach - St John Passion

You can now buy 10% 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 EARLYBIRDJAN

Dalgarno Trust Foodbank

Was in significant use over Christmas and expects to continue seeing inflated numbers over the next months.

Thank you for your generous support for this vital work. The most popular regular items remain: 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

Launched last week under the capable leadership of David Strong. We are currently reading Kazuo Ishiguro's - Never Let Me Go. The next meeting is on 13th February 3pm at Kensington Central Library. You would be most welcome even if you haven't read the book and you will be able to pick up the next title whilst there.

Service Pattern 2019

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 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 at the centre starting on Tuesday 5th March 7.30pm

The children's group will be meeting on Wednesday afternoons in church following school, starting on Wednesday 13th March 3.40pm
If you are interested please let Sophie know: sg@smaw8.org

The Rainbow Poetry Circle

The next Meeting of the Rainbow Poetry Circle will be on Thursday 7th February in the Holland Chapel as usual at 2.30pm and the topic will be "Explorations" Visitors welcome as ever.

Quiz Supper

As a member of the team who won last year let me begin by saying that entry to the quiz is a worthless and futile pursuit. Masochists only need apply. All ye who enter be warned that the associate vicar takes it all rather too seriously.

Wednesday 13 February, 7.30 pm. Teams of 8 per table, £10 per person payable on the night. Bring your own supper. Wine will be available for a donation. To book a table, email sg@smaw8.org

Advent Windows Party

A party and prize giving for those involved in the Advent Window initiative will take place in St Mary Abbots Church on the evening of Thursday 24 January, 6.30pm-8.00pm

If you would like to show your appreciation for those who worked on the windows and supported the initiative then please come along.

St Mary Abbots Lent Courses

The Clergy will be leading a series of Lenten presentations on Tuesday mornings at 10.30am leading into the 11.30am Eucharist. There will be a single evening Lenten event taking place on the evening of Wednesday 13 March. Theme to be confirmed. Please put this date in your diaries and invite your friends and neighbours.

Flower Rota

After some time convalescing the flower rota is now being revitalised. Experienced arranger and new florists welcome. All flowers and materials provided. Quarterly commitment. Contact Lesley Pullen to express interest: pullen.london@btinternet.com

Royal College of Music Student Recitals

Concerts continue this Friday 25th January 2019

Coffee Volunteers

We need more people to prepare coffee after 9.30am service. Let Fr Jonathan know how much you would like to help. jm@smaw8.org

St Mary Abbots School Prayer Group

Meets on February 15, March 15 at 3:00pm in the dining hall. Everyone's welcome; carers, dads, mums, and little ones

Unity Service

We are honoured that His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos of London, the first Coptic Archbishop of London, Orthodox President of Churches Together in England (CTE), and Moderator of Churches Together in Britain & Ireland (CTBI) has kindly accepted an invitation to join our local churches, and to give the address.

More about Archbishop Angaelos here:

<http://www.bishopangaelos.org/about-Bishop-Angaelos>

Date: Tuesday, 22nd January, 2019

Time: 7.15pm - Ecumenical Service followed by Refreshments

Place: St Philip's Church, Earls Court Road, W8 6QH.

Ecumenical Lent Course

The Ecumenical Lent Course 2019 will take place on five Thursdays, at 7.30pm, commencing 14th March - again using CTBI materials, The Mystery of God - <https://ctbi.org.uk/lent/>

- Thursday March 14th: St James Norlands (C. of E.),
- Thursday March 21st: St Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Orthodox
- Thursday March 28th: St Marks, Coptic Orthodox Church•
Thursday April 4th: Carmelite Priory (RC),
- Thursday April 11th: St John's Notting Hill (C. of E.)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 - Only Justice 18-25 January

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 material has been prepared by Christians from Indonesia. Our prayers for Christian unity are offered within a context of a world where corruption, greed and injustice bring about inequality and division. We ourselves are often complicit in injustice, and yet called together to form a united witness for justice and to be a means of Christ's healing grace for a fractured world. A prayer is offered for each day:

21st God of the seasons, whether in bountiful harvest, or when there is no yield for what we have sown; let us be content, that your grace is sufficient.

Help us to have the generosity of spirit, to share what we have with those who have not.

May we all be blessed with love, grace, compassion and mercy, as we seek to walk humbly and do justly, for your name's sake.

22nd God, the bringer of good news, forgive our lust for power and free us from the temptation to oppress others.

Instil in us the determination to see your good news made real in us and those around us, as we share in the mission of your Son Jesus to fulfil your promise of freedom from poverty and oppression.

23rd Loving God, by whose breath all things came to be, we thank you for the world which manifests your glory, diversity and beauty. Grant us the wisdom to walk gently upon the earth and to share together your good news with all creation. Amen

24th Gracious God, you are the source of human dignity. By your grace and power the words of Hannah, from the midst of her tears, challenged and turned the heart of Eli the Priest.

By your grace and power the Canaanite woman was emboldened to reject rejection and move Jesus to heal her daughter.

As we strive for a Church which unites all humanity, grant us the courage to reject all forms of violence against women and to celebrate the gifts that women bring to the Church.

This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whom all may find their true worth and calling. Amen.

25th God our hope, we praise you for your loving kindness. Uphold us when we are about to give up, show us your light when all around seems dark. Transform our lives that we may bring hope to others. Help us to live united in our diversity as a witness to your communion, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.