

## In Our Prayers This Week

*Holy God, our lives lie open before you:  
rescue us from the chaos of sin, and through the death of your Son,  
bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

*Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless  
till they find their rest in you; so lead us by your Spirit that in this life we may live to your  
glory and in the life to come enjoy you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*St Augustine of Hippo*

*Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me.  
Give me again the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your gracious spirit.*

*Psalms 51, verses 11-13*

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

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

*Please pray for all who have died recently*

Maurice Hockey Blaine Johnson Liudmila Dubson

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

Thomas Nevell (3 March) Charlotte Felderhof (4 March) Mary Isa (5 March)  
Josephine Grieve (5 March) Penelope King (8 March)



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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



# NEWSLETTER

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019



### Services for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March The Sunday next before Lent

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Family Eucharist with  
Children on Sunday's Groups  
Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

11.15am Choral Matins and Eucharist  
Mass Setting: Missa Canonica – BRAHMS  
Responses: TOMPKINS  
Anthem: O where shall wisdom be found - BOYCE  
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

There is no 12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.30pm Taize Prayer  
Followed by the Holy Eucharist

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

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

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

8.00am Morning Prayer  
11.30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March Ash Wednesday

6.40am Morning Prayer  
NB 7.00am Holy Eucharist  
8.00am Morning Prayer  
**9.30am St Mary Abbots School Eucharist All Welcome**  
**1.05pm Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes**  
5.30pm Evening Prayer  
**7.00pm Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes**

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March Perpetua, Felicity and Companions

8.00am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Holy Eucharist  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March Edward King

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

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March

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

### Services for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March The First Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Sung Eucharist with  
Children on Sunday's Groups  
Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

11.15am Choral Matins  
Canticle: Benedicite in B flat - SUMSION  
Anthem: The ways of Zion do mourn- WISE  
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Master Tallis' Testament - HOWELLS

6.30pm Sung Evensong  
There is no celebration of the Holy Eucharist

## LENT Ash Wednesday

It is imperative that all Christians make a special effort to receive the Eucharist and imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. You can do so before work at 7am Said Eucharist or at the 9.30am School Eucharist or 1.05pm Sung Eucharist or 7.00pm Solemn Eucharist.

Why Ashes? - For centuries, Christians have begun the season of Lent by being marked with the sign of the cross in ash. This sign is a powerful public witness to:

- Our acknowledgement of our own mortality
- God's power to heal brokenness, in our lives and world
- Our need to respond to God's call to us, to turn to him.

The clergy need help handing out ashing cards 7.30am-8.30am, 12.30pm-1.30pm and 5pm-6pm. Please let us know if you are available.

### St Mary Abbots Lent Courses

The Clergy will be leading a series of Lenten presentations on Tuesday mornings in the St Paul's Chapel at 10.30am leading into the 11.30am Eucharist. We will be studying "The Merciful Humility of God" the 2019 Lent book by Jane Williams

There will be a single evening Lenten event taking place on the evening of Tuesday 12 March at 7pm in the Church on the theme of C.S Lewis. Tom Price Senior Tutor at the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics explores C S Lewis' prophetic voice and his relevance to the world today. Invite your neighbours!

### 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.)

### Five Top Tips for a Holy Lent

1. **Prayer** – carve out an additional five minutes each day to spend in prayer. Set your alarm earlier; don't pick up a paper on the tube; use your lunch break.
2. **Fasting** – focus your mind by sacrificing a daily pleasure. Give up meat and heal the planet; say goodbye to twitter; take coffee off the menu.
3. **Bible** – delve more deeply into God's word. Commit to reading a psalm each day; read a gospel each weekend; listen to the Bible audiobook on your commute.
4. **Study** – Make time for one of our lent events or courses. See above!
5. **Repent** – Turn back to God. Make your confession to a priest; ask for forgiveness from those you have wronged; give sacrificially.

If you would like to be held accountable to your commitment then talk to one of the clergy who will be happy to journey with you through this time.

### J S Bach - St John Passion

You can now buy 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:

[stjohnpassion19.eventbrite.co.uk/](http://stjohnpassion19.eventbrite.co.uk/)



### Confirmation 2019

Bishop Graham will be present at St Mary Abbots on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 St Mary Abbots Centre starting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm

The children's group will be meeting Wednesday afternoons in church, starting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 3.40pm

If you are interested please let Sophie know: [sq@smaw8.org](mailto:sq@smaw8.org)

### St Mary Abbots Reading Group

We are currently reading Alan Johnson's – This Boy. It is his memoir detailing his youth spent in Notting Hill and Kensington.

The next meeting is on 13<sup>th</sup> March 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.

### A New Electoral Roll

Every six years we are required by the church to create a brand new electoral roll. Everyone must sign up afresh there is no carryover. The electoral roll of the church bears no relation to the electoral roll held by the council.

Being on the electoral roll of the church demonstrates your commitment to the parish as well as making it much easier for us to communicate with you.

Additionally it gives you voting rights at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and it allows you to be married in church amongst other things. Please fill in a form ideally online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/smaroll> Or a paper copy picked up from church.

Our electoral roll officer is Ed Warrick: [er@smaw8.org](mailto:er@smaw8.org)

Who will be happy to answer any further questions

**Clarification** – *The list of names of those on the electoral roll is publically available no other information supplied is made public.*

### Quiet Day

Our next quiet day held at St Mary's Convent Chiswick is on 27th March. The session runs from 9.30am-3pm. The theme is "Refreshed by God" and it is being led by Angela Fielding.

If you would like to attend let Sophie know [sq@smaw8.org](mailto:sq@smaw8.org) 020 3479 4731 or sign up on the sheet by the south door.

### Teaching English to Refugees

Connect & Learn is a mentoring scheme matching refugees to volunteers for 121 English language support.

#### Expectation

Depending on availability and needs this could be for 2 hours a week for 6 months, or for longer per week for a shorter amount of time.

#### Training & Support

Volunteers will receive induction training on Saturday March 16th (all day) Volunteers will receive on-going support from Migrants Organise staff.

Travel expenses will be provided to volunteers and members.

#### Who would benefit from this?

This scheme has been created with people who have additional barriers to learning English; e.g. they find classroom learning difficult due to trauma, they cannot access mainstream education for various reasons such as child care barriers or perhaps they are children who have been outside of the school system for some time. Generally they have very basic and limited English. The 121 support from a volunteer will help build confidence and help overcoming practical barriers.

#### Is this for you?

Email Fr Jonathan [jm@smaw8.org](mailto:jm@smaw8.org) to be referred on.

### Refugee Housing

Housing is our single biggest blocker to offering more refugees a safe place to call home in our community.

Ed Latham is leading the hunt for housing in the borough he would be pleased for support contact him on [ejolatham@gmail.com](mailto:ejolatham@gmail.com)

### St Mary Abbots School Headteacher

As Chair of the School's Headteacher Recruitment Committee, I would like to express my deep gratitude to the congregation for your thoughts & prayers over these past months. The Committee's work has been tireless and we have fought to ensure we do what is absolutely right for the current pupils, staff and parents – as well as for future generations of children. We have been guided throughout by the Holy Spirit & by a strong, tangible feeling of congregational love. Mrs Doyle will be leaving the School in outstanding shape later this year and we will be able to make an announcement of her successor before Easter. Thank you for your prayers.

With love & blessings - Kiaron Whitehead

