

In Our Prayers This Week

We pray for all those who have applied for the position of Vicar of St Mary Abbots. We ask Lord that you would guide by your Holy Spirit the process of discernment and shortlisting and that you would prosper the worshipping life of our church.

God of Mercy, hear our prayer as we begin this Lenten journey with you. Let us be honest with ourselves as we look into our hearts and souls, noticing the times we turn away from you. Guide us as we humbly seek to repent and return to your love.

May your Spirit guide our efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform us this Lent, heavenly Father, give us the strength to commit ourselves to grow closer to you each day.

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>
Mal Bains	Patsy Ramsay	Sergio Avanzi
Theo Bulkai	June Scully	Vincenzo Blandini
Phoebe Coleman	Sue Spicer	John Cantlie
Sarah Deal	Margy Wheeler	Joan Davies
Tony Gordon	Ben	Leo Koymans
Catherine Green	Gohar	Simon Portal
Joan Jackson	Roger	Annie Redmile
Richie Marienthal	Rosie	Sonia Samuels
Michael North	Joseph	James Worsley
		Carl-Fredrik

Please pray for all who have died recently
Sheila Bradshaw John Petty

*and for those whom we love but see no longer,
and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time*
Alfred Bailey (10 March) Owen Lloyd (12 March) Alick Macvie (13 March)
Eileen Haddad (13 March) Helene Wigley (15 March)
Ivo Morshead (15 March)



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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

10th March 2019



Services for Sunday 10th 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

Monday 11th March

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

Tuesday 12th March

8.00am Morning Prayer
10.30am Lent Course – The Merciful Humility of God
11.30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
5.30pm Evening Prayer
7.00pm Lent Event – C.S. Lewis – His relevance today

Wednesday 13th March Ember Day

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am Holy Eucharist
1.05pm Meditation Group
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 14th March

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

Friday 15th March Ember Day

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

Saturday 16th March Ember Day

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

Services for Sunday 17th March
The Second Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Sung Eucharist with
Children on Sunday's Groups
Preacher: Carol Ward – London Diocese

11.15am Choral Matins
Canticle: Benedicite in G - JACKSON
Anthem: Hear O heavens - HUMFREY
Preacher: Carol Ward – London Diocese

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Toccata and Fugue in d (Dorian)
BWV 538 – JS BACH

6.30pm Sung Evensong
Followed by Holy Eucharist
Preacher: Dr Diana Lowry – Licensed Lay Minister

LENT - St Mary Abbots Lent Courses

Beginning this week 12th March - 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, 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.

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: smaw8.org/stjohnpassion2019



London Diocese Lent Appeal

The Bishop of London, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, explains:

"In one of the wealthiest countries in the world, in a capital city heralded for its history and culture, modern slavery is thriving. Thousands are trapped by domestic servitude, forced labour or sexual exploitation, all in plain sight of Londoners. Many more are at risk of falling through the cracks, hidden from the view of the authorities, charities and the church. Behind those statistics there are real people.

"This year's Lent Appeal will build on the work of [The Clewley Initiative](#), part of the national church's approach to eradicating modern day slavery which was launched by the Archbishop Justin in October 2017. It rightly calls for a community wide response to modern slavery – developing partnerships between the Church, statutory and non-statutory agencies to create a network of advocates seeking to end Modern Day Slavery.

"From today until the end of Lent we will be encouraging parishes to increase awareness of modern day slavery, equipping people with the skills to spot the signs and take action so that it can no longer be hidden in plain sight. The [Lent Appeal page](#) on the Diocesan web site provides the information, advice and guidance needed to help us do this.

"I believe that by working together to reveal these injustices and end Modern Day Slavery, we can reveal the Kingdom of God in London."

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

Teaching English to Refugees

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

Expectation This could be for 2 hours a week for 6 months, or for longer per week for a shorter 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 to be referred

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 met last Tuesday evening at St Mary Abbots Centre and will continue to do so.

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

If you are interested please let Sophie know: sg@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 13th 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

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 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. If you would like to attend let Sophie know sg@smaw8.org 020 3479 4731 or sign up on the sheet by the south door.

Angela writes: *Can you allow yourself time to come away to a quiet place for some inner nourishment?*

If you are feeling pressured or tired why not try? We spend most of the time in companionable silence, listening, noticing, praying, resting and just being with a shared lunch and a said service. The theme is refreshed by God and is divided into three parts. I'll give a short talk for each and some material to use if you like. We will be looking at how God is the source of all life - the living water - and how much we recognise this, what gets in the way, looking at ourselves, and turning again to God to increase our hope and trust. Silence is a wonderful gift to explore and why not embrace a midweek Sabbath time?

To find out more contact me angela_fielding@hotmail.com

Capital Vision 2030

Planning is under way for the next vision document for London Diocese and we need your input. The questions we have been asked to reflect upon are:

Looking back over the past five years

1. How have you seen God working in London?

Looking forward to 2030

2. What do you think God is calling the church in London to be?

3. What do you think God is calling the church in London to prioritise?

4. Do you have any other observations that could help our mission and ministry in London?

Send your thoughts to Fr Jonathan jm@smaw8.org who will be compiling a response for the diocese.