

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 grace and mercy, We pray for the people of Christchurch and all New Zealand. We pray for the 50 victims who have died in these attacks, for the mercy of your eternal love. We pray for all who mourn, for families, friends, communities, a nation. We pray for Muslim communities grieving and we pray for understanding and acceptance throughout the world between peoples of all faiths and none.

Sovereign Lord, in the midst of chaos we look to you, our sure and certain hope. Give our leaders wisdom, grace and clarity as they meet, talk and consider their decisions. Help them to lead the people in the UK in the ways of grace and hope.

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

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

Please pray for all who have died recently

Daphne Craig John Habgood Donovan Pendegast

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

Brian Sale (26 March) Arthur Bliss (27 March)



James Tissot, The Tower of Siloam 1886

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Central Kensington Group Ministry

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

24th March 2019



Services for Sunday 24th March The Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Sung Eucharist
with Children on Sunday's Groups and joint professional and voluntary choirs

Motets: O for a closer walk with God STANFORD

Nolo mortem peccatoris MORLEY

Call to remembrance - FARRANT

Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

11.15am Sung Matins with Solo Cantor

Canticle: Ps 51. 1 TOMKINS

Anthem: Widerstehe doch der Sünde - BACH

Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Organ Prelude - Partita *Sei gegrüsset* - BACH

6.30pm Sung Evensong

Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

Monday 25th March

The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00am Morning Prayer

1.05pm Sunday on Monday – Informal Eucharist

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 26th March Harriet Monsell

8.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am Lent Course – The Merciful Humility of God

11.30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 27th March

8.00am Morning Prayer

8.15am Holy Eucharist

1.05pm Meditation Group

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 28th March

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am St Mary Abbots School Eucharist All Welcome

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 29th March

8.00am Morning Prayer

8.15am Holy Eucharist

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 30th March

9.40am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Eucharist

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Services for Sunday 31st March Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Family Eucharist

with pre-school Children on Sunday's Group and voluntary choir

Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

11.15am Choral Matins and Eucharist

Setting: Missa Seria - O'NEILL

Introit: Remember not Lord our offences – PURCELL

Anthem: Laboravi in gemitu meo- PEERSON

Preacher: Rev'd Daphne Green

There is no 4.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Organ Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in G (BWV541) - BACH

6.30pm Sung Evensong

Followed by Holy Eucharist

Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

Daphne Craig

Friends I am sad to share with you the news of Daphne Craig's death. Some of you may remember her from the early years of Fr Gillean's ministry when she would regularly visit Kensington. Fr Gillean and his siblings were all with her early last week when she died. Please keep them in your prayers.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Family Eucharist on Mothering Sunday

Next Sunday our children lead our 9.30am worship. Save Fr Jonathan chasing you by letting him know today that your children would like to read/serve/welcome/pray.

Simnel Cake Competition

Simnel cakes have been known since at least mediaeval times. Bread regulations of the time suggest they were boiled and then baked, a technique which led to an invention myth, in circulation from at least 1745 until the 1930s, whereby a mythical couple, Simon and Nelly, fall out over making a Simnel. One wishes to boil it, one to bake it and, after beating each other with various household implements, they compromise on one which uses both cooking techniques. We hope that you make yours in a rather more peaceful manner and then bring it to the 9.30am service to be enjoyed afterwards.

Music at Coffee Hour

In honour of their mothers a number of our children and young people will be providing musical accompaniment to the aforementioned cake.

LENT - St Mary Abbots Lent Courses

You've missed the first two sessions but it is not too late to join us! 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

Ecumenical Lent Course

The Ecumenical Lent Course 2019 continues on Thursdays, at 7.30pm using CTBI materials, The Mystery of God - <https://ctbi.org.uk/lent/>

- 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.)

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."

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 meets on Tuesday evenings at St Mary Abbots Centre.

The children's group meets on Wednesdays in church, at 3.40pm.

This is the last opportunity to join! Tell one of the clergy today or email Sophie sg@smaw8.org

A New Electoral Roll

The new electoral roll has been finalised and is now closed until after the AGM. If you did not manage to get your name in on time you can still join in three week's time by speaking to the electoral roll officer Ed Warrick – er@smaw8.org

Legacies

Last week we welcomed Carol Ward Parish Fundraising Manager to preach at 9.30am and 11.15am. Her particular focus was on Legacies and you can still pick up information from the church desk about making your will.

At St Mary Abbots, we welcome all gifts in wills, however large or small and we promise to use your gift to make a difference to our parish. Our PCC Legacy Policy is to use gifts to help fund significant development projects, whether buildings, equipment or staff.

Since needs change over the years, we encourage you to leave a gift in your will for the general purposes of the parish rather than for a restricted purpose. We will discuss possible uses of your gift with your executors, bearing in mind your known areas of interest in the church (e.g. music, buildings, children and youth, overseas mission or aid) and the church's priorities at the time.

You can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to our future mission and ministry.

We acknowledge gifts in whatever way is most appropriate to.

Equally, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous.

If you would like to talk to someone in confidence about the sorts of purposes your gift might fund, please contact our Stewardship Secretary Emma Porteous on 07866 258814 or email ejporteur@gmail.com

If you would like to make a gift to our church in memoriam, please discuss this with us too. It can be a wonderful and appropriate way to remember a loved one. <http://www.smaw8.org/legacies.html>

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? 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.