

In Our Prayers This Week

We pray for all those who are being interviewed for the position of Vicar of St Mary Abbots this Monday. We ask Lord that you would guide by your Holy Spirit the process of discernment and selection and that you would prosper the worshipping life of our church.

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.

As we come to worship you, Loving God, we remember with thankful hearts our families, and the care of our mothers. We thank you today for all those who care for us, and remember those who are now with you, who have cared for us in the past. Lord Jesus, who knew the love and care of parents, help us to love and care for others.

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

Please pray for all who have died recently

Daphne Craig	John Habgood	Donovan Pendegast
Colin Binne	John Cox	Genia Brill.

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

John Atack (3 April)



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Central Kensington Group Ministry ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

31st March 2019



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

Monday 1st April Frederick Denison Maurice

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

Tuesday 2nd April

8.00am Morning Prayer
10.30am Lent Course – The Merciful Humility of God
11.30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 3rd April

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am Holy Eucharist
1.05pm Meditation Group
5.30pm Evening Prayer
6.30pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting
NB at the St Mary Abbots Centre W84HN

Thursday 4th April

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

Friday 5th April

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

Saturday 6th April

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

Services for Sunday 7th April Passion Sunday

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Sung Eucharist
with Children on Sunday's Group
and voluntary choir

Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

11.15am Choral Matins
Canticle: *SUMSION* - Benedicite in B flat
Anthem: *LEIGHTON* - Solus ad victimam

Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.30pm Taizé Prayer
'For a suffering world'
Followed by Holy Eucharist

Daphne Craig

Daphne Craig's funeral will be taking place on Monday 8th April. Please do keep Fr Gillean in your prayers over the coming days. Funeral details available from Fr Jonathan

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 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.

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:

"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."

Molly Dineen

You may have seen Molly Dineen, a member of our 9.30 congregation, filming around the church and St Mary abbots centre from time to time over the past few months, including filming Father Gillean's farewell service. She is exploring the idea of making a documentary about SMA, and she is particularly fascinated in doing so during the current period of change. For those who don't know Molly, she is one of the UK's most eminent documentary filmmakers, and examples of her award winning work include *The Lie of the Land* (2007), *The Lords' Tale* (2002), and *Geri* (1999), and, more recently, *Being Blacker* (2018). Watch this space!

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 is God 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.

Confirmation Candidates

Please pray for those preparing for confirmation:

Adults: Mary Alexander, Harriet Greenwood, Arabella Greenwood, Renyi Ng, Jamie Mangan, Helen MacNeaney, Annabelle; Kimberly Hale

Children: Daria Abdian, Cecily Braddock, Maya Cunningham, Iris Hamilton, Alba Kahm, Nora Lemborg-Walsh, Fleur Mattsson, Astrid Stadlen, Lee-Kate Vichera

Easter Services

Sunday 7 April PASSION SUNDAY

- 9.30am Sung Eucharist (Voluntary & Professional choirs)
- 11.15am Sung Matins with Solo Cantor

Sunday 14 April PALM SUNDAY

Jesus enters Jerusalem to great rejoicing. Palm Crosses distributed.

8.00am Holy Eucharist

9.00am Procession of Palms and Sung Eucharist - *Starting at St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate, W8 4HN:*

11.15am Choral Matins

6.30pm St John Passion – J S BACH

15 April to 17 April

Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday

Jesus teaches in the Temple; his enemies plot to kill him.

9.00pm Devotional Address followed by Compline

Wednesday 17 April

2pm Healing Eucharist with anointing and laying on of hands

Thursday 18 April MAUNDY THURSDAY

Jesus shares the Last Supper with his disciples; in the Garden of Gethsemane he is betrayed, abandoned and arrested.

8.15am Holy Eucharist

7.00pm The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Followed until midnight by The Vigil of Gethsemane

Friday 19 April GOOD FRIDAY

Jesus is tried: the crowds now shout for his blood. He is crucified, the ultimate sign that Almighty God suffers with and for his creation.

8.30am Morning Prayer & Litany (said)

10.00am Children's Passion Play

12.00-2.00pm Preaching the Lord's Passion

The Associate Vicars offer a series of Devotional Addresses

2.00pm Good Friday Liturgy and Communion

Saturday 20 April HOLY SATURDAY

The broken body of Jesus lies in the tomb.

9.30am Morning Prayer and Litany (said)

10.00am The Easter Preparation: *we clean the church.*

Sunday 21 April EASTER DAY

The tomb is empty! The Lord appears to his disciples!

SIN AND DEATH ARE DEFEATED! CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

5.00am The Easter Vigil, Easter Ceremonies & Eucharist

8.00am Holy Eucharist

9.30am Family Eucharist, Baptism and Easter Procession

11.15am Festal Choral Matins

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

5.00pm Festal Choral Evensong and Eucharist

Wanted

A large ceramic dish of suitable size, sturdiness and dignity to act as basin at the Maundy Thursday footwashing. Offers to Simon.virger@smaw8.org

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The annual meeting receives reports on changes to the electoral roll, general parish activities and financial matters. The annual meeting also elects churchwardens and new members of the PCC.

The meeting takes place at St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate, W8 4HN on Wednesday, 3 April 2019, at 6.30pm

Daffodils

As is consistent with their munificence today's daffodils are generously provided by Ray at the stall outside the cloisters and our friends at J H Kenyon Funeral Directors 279 Kensington High Street Kensington W8 6NA 020 3667 8664.

Additional flowers are gifted by AJ and Georgia who celebrated their wedding yesterday.