

In Our Prayers This Week

We pray for the next vicar of St Mary Abbots. Especially we pray for their current parish and all to whom they minister.

This Passiontide we pray for:

forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus
grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death
those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them
those who still make Jerusalem a battleground
courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace
those in the darkness and agony of isolation
those who feel that God is far from them
those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross

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

Please pray for all who have died recently

Daphne Craig	Basil Marshall	Donovan Pendegast
Colin Binnie	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*



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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

7th April 2019



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

Monday 8th April

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

Tuesday 9th April Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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

Wednesday 10th April William of Ockham

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

Thursday 11th April George Augustus Selwyn

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am Holy Eucharist (note change of time – holidays)
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 12th April

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

Saturday 13th April

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

Services for Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.00am Blessing and Procession of Palms from Church Hall
W84HN
9.30am(ish) We reach St Mary Abbots Church and continue with
Sung Eucharist with Children on Sundays Groups

11.15am Choral Matins
Canticle: *JASCKSON* - Benedicite in G
Anthem: *LUIS de VICTORIA* - Pueri hebraeorum

Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.30pm **J S Bach St John Passion**
performance by candlelight. Tickets £20 available on the door or
from: smaw8.org/stjohnpassion2019

Palm Sunday

The service begins at:

St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate, W8 4HN at 9am

Ecumenical Lent Course

The Ecumenical Lent Course 2019 holds its final session at 7.30pm using CTBI materials, The Mystery of God - <https://ctbi.org.uk/lent/>
• 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 UKs 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.

Wanted

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

St Mary Abbots Book Club

Meets this Wednesday at 3pm at Kensington Library This week we will be discussing 'The girls of slender means' by Muriel Spark as well as reading some of the poetry of Betjeman.

All most welcome whether you have read the book or not. Additionally you will be able to pick up a free copy of next month's book whilst you are there!

Confirmation Candidates

Please pray for those preparing for confirmation:

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

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

Easter Services

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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

At the annual meeting for election of churchwardens held on Wednesday, 3 April 2019, the following persons were elected to serve for one year as churchwardens:

David Banks James Dunford Wood

At the annual parochial church meeting held on the same day the following persons were elected to serve as elected representatives of the laity on the Parochial Church Council for three years:

Dania El-Kadi Nigel Grieve Emma Porteous