

In Our Prayers This Week

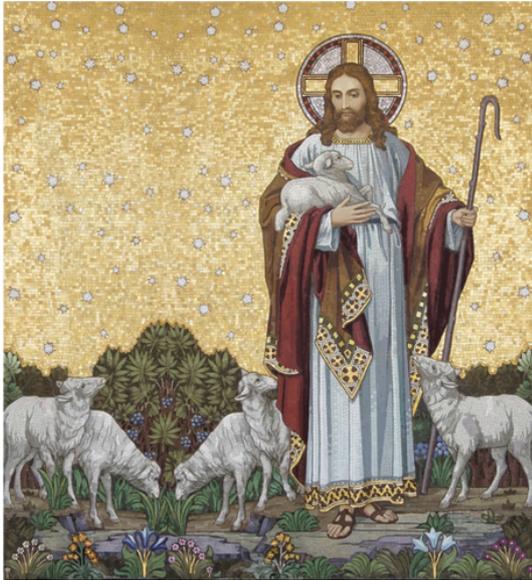
The Collect for the 3rd Sunday after Lent

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Prayer during the Coronavirus outbreak, Psalm 57:1

Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. **Amen**



Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Mary McKenna	<i>Those in long-term need</i>
Katie Aston	Diana Nicol	Vincenzo Blandini
Francesca de Bono	Michael North	Theo Bulkai
Rebecca Cable-Nunn	Holly Raber	John Cantlie
Sarah Deal	Mary Reeve	Rev. Geoffrey Connor
Margy Fitter	Maria Reis	Joan Davies
Tony Gordon	June Scully	Leo Koymans
Sarah Hack	Sue Spicer	Simon Portal
Joan Jackson	Roger	Annie Redmile
Margaret Lyon	Rosie	James Worsley
	Victoria	

and for all who have died recently

Amine El-Kadi	Adel El-Kadi	Kevin FitzGerald
Elva Macpherson	Elizabeth Morhange	
Agnes Ndiweni (or Masuku)	Jennifer Pinney	
Christine Wattlesworth		

and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

Richard Horsley, 27 th April	Oliver Philpot, 28 th April
Jeff Bardsley, 3 rd May	Blossom Barrow, 3 rd May
Anne Bengé, 6 th May	

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

3rd May 2020

St Mary Abbots' church building may be closed, but the St Mary Abbots church community continues strong in faith and fellowship. With technology we continue to pray for one another's needs and to share each other's hopes and fears.

DAILY PRAYER

The Clergy continue to say the daily office in the quiet of their homes at **8 am and 5.30 pm**. If you would like to be with us in spirit, please do light a candle and use the prayers accessed here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

SERVICES

A link for the service will be on the website and sent out by email.

Sunday 3rd May – 4th Sunday of Easter

10.30am	Family Eucharist
11.30 am	Cantor Matins

If you would like to make a donation during our services, or at any time, we have set up an **online virtual collection plate** [HERE:](#)

Message from Mother Emma

We continue to think of you and pray for you all as the lockdown continues. Thank you for keeping in touch and for all your wonderful feedback and to everyone contributing to our worship, both the children in the Family Eucharist, and our musicians at Matins.



Thanks, too, to everyone who joined us for the Quiz on Thursday night - and to Fr Jonathan who was an excellent quizmaster! It was great to see all your faces and remember we are not alone - and to enjoy a good bit of friendly competition...

We held a very special prayer meeting with parents and children from St Mary Abbots School via Zoom this afternoon, thanks to the mums who regularly organise the Parents Prayer Group, and we remembered before God all the members of our community, our church, our school and everyone who is working so hard to care for others and to bring healing and hope. Please do continue to share with the clergy any situations or people you would like us to remember, both in our personal prayers, and when we "meet" with others to pray.

Louis Howard-Krelle, our Ministry Assistant, completes his placement with us today. Louis has brought so much to St Mary Abbots, from virging to churchwatching, leading prayers and services, preaching and guiding us in our Holy Week reflections, as well as developing many wonderful pastoral relationships with people all across the parish. He moves to Reading with our love and blessings, and we look forward to catching up with him soon. A section of Louis's message can be found further down this page, with the full details in last weeks newsletter.

I hope and pray that you will have a peaceful weekend, and are able to join us for worship on Sunday. This week we are offering a Family Eucharist (as usual on the first Sunday of the month), and a service of Sung Matins. Posters with links can be found on our website.

A Message from Louis, our Ministry Assistant

I can't thank you all enough for the welcome I received, the support I garnered and the friendships that have been built. I truly have met some wonderful members of the Church which I fully intend to continue to pester with my incessant chatting, so fear not, both Santi and I will be visiting often!



Louis Howard-Krelle

Donations to St Mary Abbots Church

Some of you have kindly asked if you could make a donation or continue your regular plate giving to support the work and upkeep of St Mary Abbots so we have set up an online virtual collection plate which can be found under the service information above, or on our website.

As for so many, our income has been reduced at this time, but our fixed costs remain and our mission and ministry continue, so any donations would be very gratefully received. We are, however, very conscious that this is an uncertain and difficult time for many financially.

Supporting Friends of St Mary Abbots

This year thus far has seen a much increased number of new members and renewals. Please help us maintain the momentum and increase our reserves much of which will, we hope, be dedicated to the provision of toilets and disabled toilet facilities within the church when building can begin.

Single membership per annum is £15, Joint Membership and International Membership £25, 10 year Membership £100. Cheques made payable to "Friends of St Mary Abbots Church Kensington" to Founding Patron, Steve Atack at 33, Cleveland Square, London W2 6DD or you can make a bank transfer to "Friends of St. Mary Abbots Church Kensington", Natwest Kensington Royal Garden Branch, Sort code 50-30-10, Account 86018957.

OTHER NEWS

Help and Advice from RBKC Council

Kensington and Chelsea Council are offering help and advice on housing support, job retention and self employment claims, support for those feeling anxious or depressed, or help for anyone experiencing domestic abuse or cared for elderly or vulnerable residents as well as a new anti-social line to report those taking advantage of the vulnerable as well as on line activities and for children's during lockdown. Their website is <https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19>

Course in Christian Studies

The Diocese of London have launched a new online course for Christians to learn more about their faith. The course is being co-ordinated with the staff of St Edmunds Lombard Street and topics cover the Old and New Testament, doctrine, ethics, spirituality, mission and vocation. If this is of interest it is not too late to join: <https://www.london.anglican.org/st-edmunds-course-in-christian-studies/>

Supporting Local Business

Despite lockdown and confinement, many of our amazing shops and supermarkets on Kensington High Street are open, providing us with our daily needs. We cannot thank all the wonderful people who have come to work during this time in order to help us. Kensington Business Forum, a group that promotes local business's on Kensington High Street, have produced a list of local shops that are currently open during

normal offerings), their opening hours, if they offer delivery services and other support for the local community. Their website will be updated as restrictions slowly lift. We would like to ask you to support these local businesses to help get them through these difficult times and to see our high street survive. More information can be found on <https://kensingtonbusinessforum.co.uk/list-of-open-retailers>

Remembering VE Day

Friday 8th May marks the 75th anniversary of VE Day and the Queen will commemorate the day with a televised address to nation. Although the events planned by Kensington and Chelsea Council have now been cancelled they are intending to arrange online events for everyone to take part. To find out more please keep an eye on their twitter site <https://twitter.com/rbkc>

Pastoral & Practical Care

We will continue to provide both emotional and spiritual care, both for our own congregation members and locals in the parish who would like a chat. We intend to stay in regular touch, but would also welcome anyone who would like to phone or email us at any point. If you know of anyone in need of support please email Father Jonathan: jm@smaw8.org

Mutual Aid

We continue to work with 'Kensington and Chelsea Mutual Aid', a group of local volunteers have set up a Mutual Aid system whereby vulnerable, elderly and housebound residents in Kensington & Chelsea can request support for grocery shopping, prescriptions collection at Boots, or on the phone support. Please share with family and neighbours in the area: <https://www.mutualaidkc.com>. Our Sunday school convenor Marina Lussich is the administrator for zone 3 Kensington & Chelsea Mutual Aid - covering Holland, Campden and Pembridge wards.

Food Bank

Now more than ever the foodbank is in need of donations as more people rely on them for provisions. The church is not able to act as a collection point at the moment, however a number of supermarkets are collecting at their exits so please make use of this system. Alternatively you can give financially by sending cheques made payable to 'Dalgarno Neighbourhood Trust' and marked 'foodbank' on the reverse to: The Dalgarno Trust, 1 Webb Close Dalgarno Way, London, W10 5QB. If you wish to do a direct bank transfer please ask Fr Jonathan (jm@smaw8.org) for the bank details.

#StayHomeSaveLives

 Stay at home <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reduce the spread of coronavirus and stay at home.We can all do our part to help save lives and one vital way is staying home.	 Shop responsibly <ul style="list-style-type: none">When you do need to shop, please remember to only get the items you need.We're all in this together and you can help others by being responsible.
2m  Social distancing <ul style="list-style-type: none">It's great to get out there and move but please remember to keep at least 2 metres if you need to go outside.	 Virtually connect <ul style="list-style-type: none">Keeping in contact with your friends, family and neighbours is one great thing you can do to keep spirits high.You can do so via call, texting or a virtual hangout.

www.rbkc.gov.uk/coronavirus