

A Word from our Vicar

It is a great pleasure to be able to offer you this Welcome pack of information about our parishes.

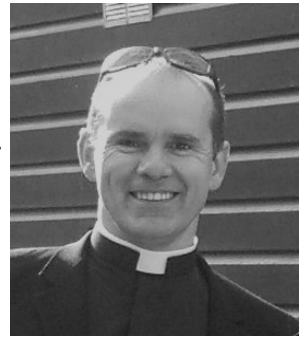
St Mary's and St James are thriving parishes and as is often the case in busy places it can be a little daunting to ask the questions that we all need to ask when settling in, even if we can find the right person to ask. The information in these packs is designed help you with answers to some questions and to tell about the life of our parishes and what motivates us. We also hope it will provide information about our worship life and how you might make this place your home or become more involved.

There is also a guide to what we do in the services—with suggestions about when to stand and so on and what some of the gestures and rituals mean. We hope that this information will make worshipping here a little easier and help you feel comfortable.

If you have any further questions or would like to meet with one of the clergy then please do be in touch. We are always glad to make time to meet with people.

Finally, please do take the time to complete the contact form so that we can be in contact and keep you informed about our community life.

Father Andrew Cain



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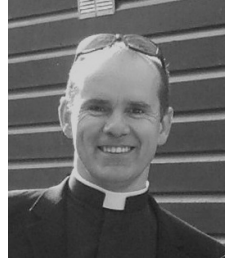
The Vicar—full time

Father Andrew has been our Vicar since 1998. He is originally from Hertfordshire and has ministered in South London and Oxford.

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Assistant Curate—full time

Mother Christine was ordained in 2010 and is serving her stipendiary title here. She is originally from Australia and was a teacher before ordination.

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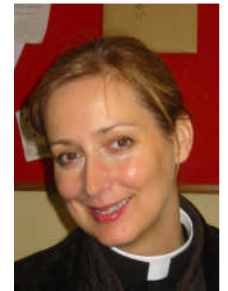
Assistant Priest—SSM

Fr Ross joined the parish in 2010 after completing his curacy in South London. He works for the General Medical Council.



Assistant Curate—SSM

Mother Marie Elsa has been with us since 2009 and is serving her title here. She works in Oxford during the week.



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**St James, West Hampstead
Sherriff Road
West Hampstead, NW6 2AP**

Opposite the West Hampstead tube station



St James offers traditional, formal and elegant worship. Music and liturgy are important to the way we worship, and we set a high priority on our social life and welcoming new members to our community.

Regular Services:

Sunday 10.30am

Sung Mass

Tuesday 10.30am

Said Mass

Thursday 8.00am

Said Mass

Monday to Friday 8.00am

Saturday 9.15am

Morning Prayer

Coffee and refreshments are served after Sunday Mass.

There is also a Parish Lunch on the first Sunday of the month after Mass for a small charge.

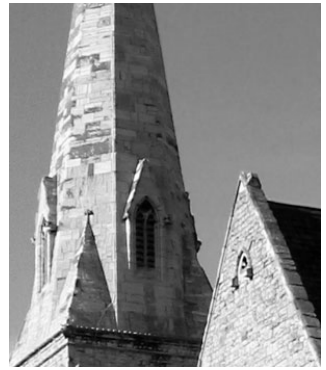


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**St Mary's, Kilburn
134a Abbey Road
Kilburn, NW6 4SN**

Corner of Abbey Road and Priory
Road, NW6



St Mary's offers a lively family focused worship and has a large and vibrant Sunday School. We use interactive media to enhance our worship and assist our diverse community to learn more about our faith.

Regular Services:

Sunday 10.00am Sung Mass & Sunday
Schools

Monday 7.00pm Said Mass

Wednesday 9.00am Drop in and Praise
Toddler Worship Time

Wednesday 10.30am Said Mass

Saturday 12.00noon Said Mass

Monday to Friday 6.00pm Evening Prayer

Coffee and refreshments are served after Sunday Mass.



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Wednesday Morning Parent and Toddler Time During Term Time

Come straight from school drop off to the Upper Room in Priory Community Hall. A chance for a cup of coffee and a chat—with toys and juice for any little ones! Sing-a-long-a-praise at around 10.10am for you and your toddler/s. The session ends at 10.25am so you can head off onto the tasks of the day.

Coffee and Chat Drop-In

EVERY FRIDAY during
Term time 1.30pm –3pm
In St Mary's Parish Room
(at the rear of the church)
Have a coffee; Chat about
pressing issues; Build up a
network of support for
parents/carers within our
community; support with
School applications.



Film Nights for Kids

Making good use of our screens we run a monthly film night at St Mary's Church on a Friday evening. They come straight from school to church for 4pm for a Gospel cartoon, after which we show the first half of a movie. There is then an interval for a hot tea served before we screen the end of the movie. The evening is always over before 6pm for bedtime



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Friendship Group

This social gathering for Older members of our congregation every Thursday from 1.30pm—3pm in the St Mary's Parish room with regular social outings



Church Suppers

Regular structured social gathering for members of the congregations of St James and St Mary's to which new members are invited and which allow our faith community to grow in spirit and fellowship. A core group invites other members of the congregation to supper on a monthly basis.

St James Social Nights Out

A monthly get together for the younger members of both churches—usually held at the Black Lion Pub on the High Road for a bite to eat and some conversation. Other trips— theatre, cinema and pub crawls planned!

Film Nights

Making good use of our screens we run a monthly film night at St Mary's on a Friday evening after the children's film. Starting at 7.30pm we show a feature movie—with beer, hot dogs and popcorn on sale. Cost is £5.

Men's Pub Night

A once a month trip to the Clifton pub in St John's Wood for a drink and a relaxed chat away from the children, partners and other worries!



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St Mary's Kilburn is an Inclusive church and that means children and adults together respecting each others needs.

Sunday School:

During term time, Sunday School operates in the Hall, for children aged 3 – 12 (Reception to Year 6). It is a large and busy part of our ministry and Church life.

Children go straight to Sunday School, but return to the body of the church at the Lord's Prayer. The children return to church and sit on the dais in front of the altar (there are often 50-60 of them with attendant adults. They lead us in prayer and set an excellent example of behaviour to each other and to the adults. **NB Once the children are returned to church they become the responsibility of their parents or carer.**



We admit children to Communion at 7 and many of our children receive Communion every week. We want our children to feel that they share in the worship and that they are part of the Church of today as well as tomorrow.



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Little children and babies

We have lots of these and know that they can be noisy. Children too young for Sunday school remain in Church with their adults. Toddlers love to roam and explore the church; we suggest that shoes are removed to reduce the noise of footsteps for those with hearing difficulties. Please be responsible and keep an eye on them and remember there are times in the service when other members of the Church will need quiet and freedom from distraction for their prayers. St Mary's is primarily a place of worship and focus on God. You will want to teach your child this and to show them how to pray and respect the prayer needs of others.



At the back of Church is a small baby area. If a child becomes distressed or noisy then parents take them to this warm and comfortable place until they are calm enough to come back into the main church. Mothers may breast feed here or in the main body of the Church.

We will baptise any child who is brought to us—and we have many baptisms in a year. There is usually a waiting list for a date. Please ask early if you have a particular date in mind.



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