

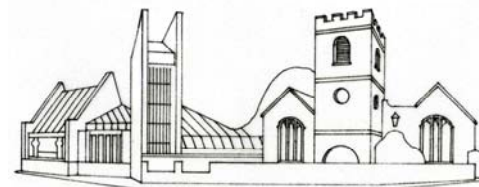
## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

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| 2 First Wednesday Meeting is postponed until next week (Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> )                             | 2.00-3.30pm   |
| 3 Fullerton Court Holy Communion Service, 11.30am  | Holy Land Slideshow, SMwSA, 8.00-10.00pm  |
| Service of Wholeness and Healing, SMwSA, 8.00pm  | 18 <b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</b> (see separate box)                       |
| 6 <b>Epiphany</b>  | 20 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> of Epiphany</b>  |
| Younger Youth Meeting, SsPP, 6.00-7.15pm   | Younger Youth Meeting, SsPP, 6.00-7.15pm  |
| Older Youth Meeting, SsPP, 7.15-8.30pm   | Older Youth Meeting, SsPP, 7.15-8.30pm  |
| 8 Memory Cafe, SsPP, 1.30-3.00pm   | 22 Plain & Pearl Craft, Mina Hogan, 7.30pm  |
| Plain and Pearl Knit, Mina Hogan, 7.30pm   | 24 Traherne Reading Group, Mina Hogan, 2.00-3.30pm                                    |
| 9 First Wednesday Meeting: 'Blasphemy' Mina Hogan, 12.45-2.15pm. Bring your lunch; tea and coffee provided | 27 <b>4th of Epiphany</b>   |
| 10 Parish Pub Lunch, venue tba, 12.30-2.00pm   | 29 TEDD Talk Supper, 'Lost and Found'- Adam and Mark Woods, Parish Hall, 7.30-10.00pm |
| Traherne Reading Group, Mina Hogan, 2.00-3.30pm  | 31 Traherne Reading Group, Mina Hogan, 2.00-3.30pm                                    |
| 13 <b>Baptism of Christ</b>  | <u>LOOKING AHEAD TO FEBRUARY</u>  |
| 17 Traherne Reading Group, Mina Hogan,   | 3 Christingle Service, SMwSA, 4.00pm  |

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Joe, 2<sup>nd</sup> from the left, with churchgoing parkrunners

## Vicar's Viewpoint

After nine years of artful avoidance, I did my first Parkrun the other week. Apart from the obvious physical challenge, I'm not sure what I was avoiding. It's a fantastic community event and I'm quickly turning into a convert.

It's also reminded me that it's good to do new things, so I am pleased to announce some new things for the church in 2019. The first is this new-look newsletter. It was high-time we went colour, especially since technical advances mean that there's no extra cost. We also wanted to join up with the Parish of St Peter and St Paul, reflecting close collaboration and our joint website (teddingtonparish.org). Formally, the two parishes remain independent. But since most outreach is done jointly, it makes sense to share communications. Secondly, we have a series of talks on mental health and wellbeing, a topic that's increasingly in the news and never far away. So we've invited some speakers to give a series of Supper Talks, beginning January 29<sup>th</sup>, as well as making it a theme for our sermons and discussions (see next page for details).

Thirdly, I've suggested a new activity for members of all Teddington churches to do together – yes, –Parkrun! I'm pleased to say that the idea has been well received. So on January 19<sup>th</sup>, during the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, as many churchgoers as we can muster will be doing Parkrun, giving thanks for this wonderful community event, now a worldwide phenomenon. I'm not sure what sign we'll have on our tops. But I like the slogan: 'Blessed are the pacemakers!'

Best wishes,

Joe Moffatt

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## January 2019

### REGULAR SERVICES

#### St Mary with St Alban SUNDAYS

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.00am Morning Worship
- 10.00am Parish Communion

#### WEDNESDAYS

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Church Mice

#### Ss Peter & Paul SUNDAYS

- 9.45am Family Communion

#### THURSDAYS

- 9.00am Morning Prayer

**Come and join us**  
A warm welcome, together with tea, coffee and cake awaits you.

## TEDDINGTON MEMORY CAFE

"Friendly and informal cafes with a relaxed atmosphere for those who enjoy companionship or are experiencing memory problems"

**First Tuesday of the month**  
**1.30 - 3 pm**  
St. Peter's and St Paul's Church, Teddington

**Forthcoming Dates:** 8th January, 5th February, 5th March, 2nd April, 7th May, 4th June

For further information, please contact Sarah Williams, baptisms@stmarywithstalban.org



## Christmas Bazaar

Our recent Bazaar matched the high standards of previous years. The Hall was filled with festive cheer and Christmas Spirit, with colourful blue and pink snowflakes and baubles scattered across the ceiling. The Mina Hogan room contained fun Christmas activities for children, including decorating your own biscuits to creating your own Christmas themed unicorn, in addition to lucky dip (run by the guides and scouts) and festive face painting, along with some Christmassy tattoos. The Hall was filled with stalls. Plain and Pearl were selling gorgeous handmade clothing and decorations. The usual jam and preserves stall was selling lovingly made products. The Scout and Guide groups ran traditional competitions, such as button matching, guess the name of the teddy, and guess the number of sweets in a jar, plus a yummy chocolate tombola. There were also bric-a-brac stalls, selling books, toys, and plenty of presents. The food on offer consisted of soups and pulled pork baps and a selection of sandwiches: cake was plentiful and everyone enjoyed a piece of chocolate or vanilla sponge. Prizes such as vouchers and wine were

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Daily services (mostly 30 minutes) to which all are welcome:

18	St Mark 's	9.00am
19	Teddington Methodist	10.45am
<b>20</b>	<b>Teddington Baptist Church (Principal Christian Unity Service)</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
21	Sacred Heart	9.30am
22	St John's Hampton Wick	8.30am
23	St Mary with St Alban	9.30am
24	St Peter and St Paul	9.00am

won in the raffle. £4,500 was raised and overall everyone had a fun-filled day. The Bazaar was the perfect introduction to the Christmas season. *Hannah Cooper (Guide)*

## Holy Gardeners

Many of you are aware that the churchyard of St. Mary with St. Alban is a beautiful oasis for both people and wildlife, with quite a history and a number of interesting trees. It is used by many people on a daily basis as a pleasurable alternative to walking along the pavement. Although the Council mow the grass and clear the leaves it needs more care and attention, and in recent times has become a little overgrown. It would be good to get together a group of interested volunteers who would be prepared to do some gardening and tending of graves in order to support not only the church, but the community as a whole.

Detailed or sophisticated gardening knowledge is not required, but enthusiasm and energy will be helpful in working on a pre-arranged plan of tidying the churchyard and keeping it looking more attractive.

If you are interested, contact Robin Field-Smith for further information – [robin@field-smith.com](mailto:robin@field-smith.com)



## Teddington's Act of Remembrance

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018, exactly 100 years after the signing of the Armistice ending the First World War, commemorations were taking place up and down the country to mark this momentous date. In Teddington, we held our own very special Act of Remembrance in the Landmark Arts Centre; one that I

## Parish Registers

**BAPTISMS** – *We welcome into Christ's Church:*

21<sup>st</sup> October: Alexander, son of Regina Edes-Gibblings and Thomas Gibblings

28<sup>th</sup> October: Zara Orovida, daughter of Sidony and Robert Kennan

4<sup>th</sup> November: Beatrix Orla and Blake Buchanan, daughter and son of Katy and Luke Chaytor-Hill; Annie Helen, daughter of Kelly and Michael Griffin;

18<sup>th</sup> November: Poppy Elizabeth Funston, daughter of Judi and Simon Funston

25<sup>th</sup> November: Alice Grace, daughter of Jennifer Gower-Smith and William Briggs

2<sup>nd</sup> December: Maisie Bella, daughter of Zoe and Chris Corbould

**FUNERALS** – *We remember with thanksgiving the lives of:*

16<sup>th</sup> October: Ashley Jones (age 78)

16<sup>th</sup> November: Charles Sutherland (age 91)

4<sup>th</sup> December: Sydney Smith (age 94)

6<sup>th</sup> December: Irene Bagnall (age 96)

had the opportunity to be a part of, and which will stay with me for a very long time to come.

Remembrance is not always easy or straightforward. Each November we are asked to 'remember' those who have fought and died in wars, but remembering those long dead and known only by name on a war memorial is sometimes difficult, despite the will to honour them and their sacrifice.

When the idea to incorporate our Armistice commemorations into a short drama based on Teddington residents who fought and



Armistice Day Play, Ruth Chaperlin 2nd from right

died in the War and their families, was suggested, I immediately knew I wanted to be involved. Then when I read Cathy Randall's poignant script, and heard the voices of these men, and their loved ones, it was impossible not to be moved, not only by their words and their stories, but also by the obvious connection to us as modern day residents of Teddington. The familiarity of the street names and other significant locations around Teddington offered us a connection with these people, which somehow made their lives very real and immediate.

As rehearsals progressed, we began to bring to life the experiences of the people we were portraying. The interactions between friends and family members, and the reading aloud of their correspondence enabled us all to walk in their shoes, and empathise with their suffering.

Telling their stories was an honour and a privilege, and seeing so many people gathered in the Landmark on 11<sup>th</sup> November to hear those stories was a very special experience.

*Ruth Chaperlin*

## Teddington Supper Talks 2019

Join us for a series of thought-provoking talks and discussion focusing on mental health and wellbeing in the community, whilst enjoying a delicious evening meal:

- 29 January** Adam and Mark Woods: '*Lost and Found*' [film with Q&A]
- 19 March** Dr Gillian Straine: '*Health and Healing in the Church*'
- 21 May** Anna Khan: '*Building Emotional Health and Wellbeing in Children and Young People*'
- 16 July** Julia Hennessey: '*Mindfulness and the Wheel of Awareness*'

The supper talks will take place at St Mary's Parish Hall, Langham Road, Teddington, TW11 9HF from 7.30pm to 10pm. Book by email ([parishhall@stmarywithstalban.org](mailto:parishhall@stmarywithstalban.org)) or via sign-up sheets in SMwSA and SP&SP churches. Suggested donation towards catering: £8 pp.

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