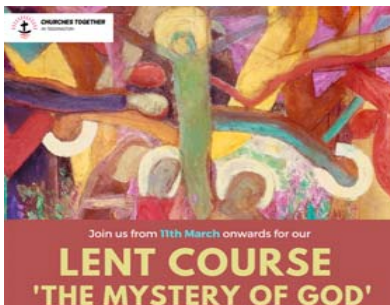


WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

- 1 World Day of Prayer, St Mark's, 7.30pm
- 3 **Sunday before Lent**
Plastic-free Parade Service with the choir of St Mary's & St Peter's School, SMwSA, 10.00am. Followed by refreshments and a Traidcraft stall
- 5 Memory Café, SsPP, 1.30-3.00pm
- 6 **Ash Wednesday**
Holy Communion, SMwSA, 9.30am
First Wednesday Club, Topic: *What can I do for the Plane?* St Mary's Parish Hall. Bring your own sandwiches: tea and coffee provided. 12.45-2.15pm
Sung Eucharist, SMwSA, 8.00pm
- 7 Fullerton Court Holy Communion, 11.30am
Service of & Healing, SMwSA, 8.00pm
- 10 **1st Sunday of Lent**
- 12 Plain & Pearl Knit, St Mary's Parish Hall, 7.30-9.30pm
- 14 Parish Pub Lunch. Please come along and join in. Tide End Cottage, 12.30pm
- 16 Parish Pilgrimage to Salisbury Cathedral
- 17 **2nd Sunday of Lent**
Music Concert in aid of Cystic Fibrosis, SMwSA, 5.00pm
- 19 Supper Talk. Dr. Gillian Straine: 'Health and Healing in the Church', St Mary's Parish Hall, 7.30-10.00pm
- 24 **3rd Sunday of Lent**
Lent Lunch in aid of Welcare, St Mary's Parish Hall, 12.30-2.30pm
- 26 Plain & Pearl Chocolate Making, St Mary's Parish Hall, 7.30-9.30pm
- 31 **Mothering Sunday**



Lent Course Dates and Times:

- Monday 7.30-9.00pm, St Francis de Sales
- Tuesday 8.00-9.30pm, SsPP
- Wednesday 10.30am-12.00, St Mary's Parish Hall
- Wednesday 8.00-9.30pm, Teddington Baptist Church
- Wednesday 7.30-9.00pm, St Francis de Sales
- Thursday 2.30-4.00pm, St Francis de Sales
- Thursday 8.00-9.30pm, SsPP

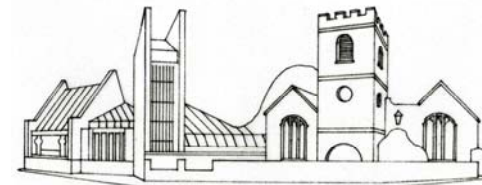
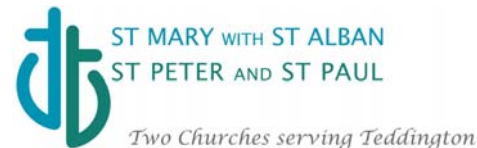
See www.teddingtonchurches.org.uk for more details or email: lentcourse@gmail.com, call 07973 911820 or just come along to any session at any church

All welcome, of any faith or none.

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Clergy Comment

"The soul moves at the pace of a camel" – *Arabic Proverb*

"We have to pause on our journeys to allow our spirits to catch up" – *African Proverb*

A number of Teddington people enjoy spending time on allotments. I was surprised at the number of adults with full work schedules, and parents with a child or three in tow religiously tending to their

marrows, turnips, runner beans, and potatoes. I had wrongly imagined this demographic of Teddington as the jet setting crowd for whom speed was the non-negotiable. So to discover many of you enjoy boxing veg as much, or if not more than getting your veg box, is interesting to me. Our public facing selves use Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram to demonstrate our lives at speed, productive and efficient. However, there is a yearning for the private, the slow grow, pedestrian pottering which is one of the gifts of an allotment.

Our shared statement for Teddington Parish churches is that of: 'Growing Faith and Friendship for All.' However, we also know how a cocktail of context, circumstance and choice can lead to catastrophe. Thinking of our lives as allotments, the ground of our hearts can be toughened by grief and despair. Our thoughts grow as knotted vines, which are difficult to untangle. Lives of faith offer deep and rich soil from which the seeds of new ideas, and renewed identities can begin to grow. Actively seeking out friendship also aids the healing including befriending ourselves. However, we can be our own worst critics. The phrase 'God loves you' falls on deaf ears and a sceptical heart. The ground is too hard to admit the refreshing rain of relationship. So where do we start?

Let me encourage you to come along on 19th March for our Supper Talk by Dr Gillian Straine on how churches and communities can learn to offer health and healing. Come along to a service in one of our churches and light a candle. Or get into your allotment, garden, or park, and potter, pray and wait for your soul to catch up.

Azariah France-Williams

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REGULAR SERVICES

St Mary with St Alban (SMwSA)

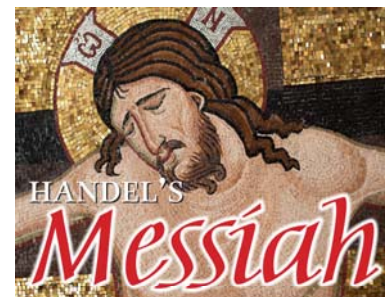
SUNDAYS

- 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

St Peter and St Paul (SsPP)

SUNDAYS

- 9.45am Family Communion
- ##### THURSDAYS
- 9.00am Morning Prayer



IN AID OF CYSTIC FIBROSIS TRUST
Teddington Churches' Singers & Teddington Consort
 Musical Director Derek Saunders
 Helen Bailey soprano; Ellie Edmonds alto; Adrian Green tenor; Tom Asher bass

Sunday 7 April at 7:00pm
Sacred Heart Church
 262 Kingston Road, Teddington TW11 9JQ
 Tickets on the door £12 and £8 concessions, u/16 free

A New Diocese in Mozambique



Bishop Manuel and Joe with Suzie and Andrew Gordon who hosted an evening event in 2017. Suzie is our parish contact for our link with Pemba

Joe Moffatt has been invited to represent the London Diocese at the inauguration of a new diocese in Mozambique on Saturday 16th March.

He will be travelling with the Bishop of Edmonton to the city of Nampula in the north-east region of the country. This will be the centre of a new diocese, carved out of the huge Diocese of Niassa which presently covers the northern half of the country.

The inauguration will involve the consecration of a new cathedral in Nampula and the installation of Bishop Manuel Ernesto, who is presently the Assistant Bishop of Niassa. Bishop Manuel visited Teddington two years ago as part of a trip to London, so a number of parishioners have had the pleasure of meeting him.

Joe will be in Mozambique from 14-21 March and hopes to visit our link parish in the port city of Pemba. We are looking forward to hearing all about it on his return.

Lent Appeal 2019 – Helping St Richard’s Hanworth

Since its establishment in 1965, St Richard’s Church has been a beacon of

hope for the residents of Hanworth and north Hampton. With no other community centres in the area, St Richard’s has served as not just a place of worship, but as a meeting centre, community gathering place and pre-school for the area and its residents – people of every age, race and religion.

However, those same people are in

danger of losing this vital resource for their community. Over the years, thieves have decimated the infrastructure of the church, stealing copper from most of the building’s roof and forcing the church to use roofing felt, similar to what is used for garden sheds. St Richard’s has persevered in the face of these adverse circumstances, but desperately needs your help to survive otherwise future generations of its community will grow up without this vital resource.

Project Grow is an initiative that was started to help revive, one step at a time, this beloved community centre and church. While working towards a long-term goal to raise £1.5m for the revitalisation of the entire building, the focus over the coming year is securing the funding needed to restore the badly leaking roof. Out of the £300,000 needed for the roof’s restoration, £200,000 has already been raised. With the help of all the churches in the Hampton Deanery, they hope to reach their goal in the coming months.

To donate, please use yellow gift-aid envelopes in church, writing LENT APPEAL 2019 on the top.

Rev Craig Holmes, the vicar of St Richard’s Hanworth, will be preaching at St Mary with St Alban on 17th March.



Christingle Service

The church was illuminated in yellow and orange for our recent Candlemas Christingle Service which raised £516.67 for The Children’s Society. Half the service was conducted in darkness with glimmering, ‘jewelled’ oranges given out to each member of the congregation.



Katy-Willow & Clemmie holding their Christingles

The church was packed with children, including the Guiding & Scouting Groups, many of whom said prayers and gave Bible readings. The Newland House School Choir sang beautifully throughout, and everyone enjoyed some sweets at the end of the service!

A big thank you to Tesco for donating 150 oranges, and to the families that helped make-up the Christingles. *Fiona England*

Supper Talks

The first of a series of four supper talks around mental health and wellbeing in the community attracted around 60 people to St Mary’s Parish Hall in late January.

With the aim of raising mental health awareness, film maker Adam Woods showed his short film Lost and Found which documented his brother Mark’s successful battle with mental health issues.

The main aim was to start a conversation around the issue that has recently seen a significant amount of media coverage and this was certainly achieved with many people talking to Adam and Mark.

“The film was very personal, honest and moving,” said Carla Maroussas. “It was also challenging to watch at times, but everybody was touched by it and it fuelled interesting conversations.”

As part of the evening, Suzie Gordon produced an excellent two course supper

Parish Registers

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

27th January: Orla Beatrice Power Nelson, daughter of Laura Power and Benjamin Nelson

17th February: Annie Florence, daughter of Samantha and William Bulkeley; Hugo Alexander, son of Alexandra and Luke Hayter

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

13th February: Angela Carol Somander (71)

28th February: Janet Mary Davies (91)

of Lasagna, both meat and vegetarian, and a Pavlova, along with wine.

The next Supper Talk is at St Mary’s Parish Hall at 7.30 – 10pm on 19th March and is on “Health and Healing in the Church” by Dr Gillian Straine, Director of the Guild of Health and St Raphael.

Please book by email (parishhall@stmarywithstalban.org) or via sign-up sheets in St Mary with St Alban Church and St Peter and St Paul Church.

Suggested donation towards catering costs: £8

Handel’s Messiah: Concert at Sacred Heart Church

On Sunday 7th April singers from Teddington churches and beyond are coming together to perform Handel’s Messiah at Sacred Heart RC church in Teddington. First performed just after Easter in 1742, Messiah has continued to pull in the audiences and is probably the most performed and most beloved piece of music ever written. At least fifty enthusiastic singers have signed up for this exciting event and under the excellent musical direction of Derek Saunders, rehearsals are progressing well. Teddington Churches’ Singers will be performing with four first-class professional soloists and the Teddington Consort. The concert, in aid of Cystic Fibrosis Trust, starts at 7.00pm and tickets are priced £12 or £8 (U16 free) and will be available on the door. *Kay Cassidy*