

WHAT'S ON IN MAY

- 1 First Wednesday Club, Topic 'Listening to London, Listening to God', SMwSA Parish Hall: bring your lunch; tea & coffee provided, 12.45-2.15pm
- 2 Service of Wholeness & Healing, SMwSA, 8.00pm
- 5 **3rd of Easter**
- 7 Memory Cafe, SPSP, 1.00-3.00pm
- 8 Pilgrim Course 'What Do Christians Believe?', SMwSA Parish Hall, 8.00-9.30pm (every Wednesday until June 12th)
- 9 Fullerton Court Holy Communion, 11.30am Parish Pub Lunch, Tide End Cottage, 12.30pm
- 12 **4th of Easter**
Parade Service for Christian Aid, SMwSA, 10.00am
Godparent Service, SMwSA, 3.30-4.15pm
- 12-18 Christian Aid Week
- 14 'Mirth in May', SPSP, 7.30pm
Plain & Pearl Knit, SMwSA Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 18 Christian Aid's Big Brunch. Teddington Baptist Church. 10.00am-12noon
- 19 **5th of Easter**
21 Supper Talk 'Building Emotional Health in Children & Young People' SMwSA Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 26 **6th of Easter**
28 Plain & Pearl Craft, SMwSA Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 30 **Ascension Day**
Holy Communion, SPSP, 9.00am
Sung Eucharist for Hampton Deanery, St. Marys, Hampton, 8.00pm
- followed by Godparent Party, SMwSA Parish Hall, 4.15-5.45 pm

What do Christians believe?



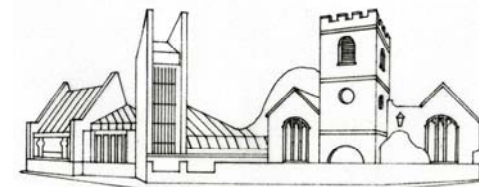
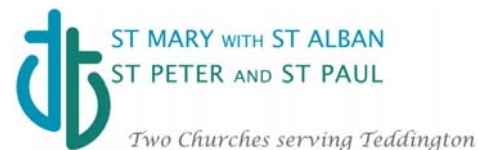
There will be a 6 week Pilgrim course on Wednesday evenings from 8th May – 12th June in St Mary's Parish Hall. We warmly invite you to

join us for this new course. It is designed for all those who want to ask questions and explore the core of the Christian belief in greater depth. It is part of the Pilgrim series, which from our previous experience combines stimulating and insightful input, and flexibility to explore the questions which are important to us for our world today.

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Visiting Mozambique

My gift from the congregation of St Peter and St Paul Chimoio was a live chicken. I counted this as a great honour, since Chimoio is a remote village in north-east Mozambique where people mainly survive by subsistence farming so have very little to offer. It is one of the few places to have an Anglican primary school, where 768 children are taught by 7 teachers. The nearest water source is a large river 4km away.

I was there to visit the group of churches that we have a parish link with, based around the port city of Pemba. This has a small church of mainly professional people with whom I quickly made friends.

The other five churches are spread out in villages, some as far as 150km from Pemba. I was welcomed in every church by exuberant singing and a feast of rice with chicken stew.

The other reason for my trip was to represent MANNA (a charity that supports the Anglican Church in Mozambique) at the



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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 (SPSP) SUNDAYS

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

Inauguration of the new Diocese of Nampula (covering the north east region of Mozambique).

The constantly smiling Bishop Manuel Ernesto, in the orange cope who visited Teddington last year, was licensed by the Archbishop of Cape Town, (to his right in the photo). It was a service of unbridled joy that took a full five hours with a fantastic youth choir breaking out into song at every opportunity. It was a privilege to be part of something so uplifting and promising for the future.

I look forward to developing a lively partnership that will grow faith and friendship in both directions.

Best wishes

Joe Moffatt

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Holy Gardeners



Many residents of, or visitors to, Teddington enjoy a walk through St Mary's churchyard, which is a precious green public space and a peaceful retreat from the traffic crowding along Ferry Road. It retains a semi-rural character, allowing sight of birds and animals, and a range of colourful plants and mature trees. It makes a major contribution to the character of the church and contains monuments and memorials to persons connected with this place over the last 300 or so years. We will shortly be privileged to receive during "Teddington in Flower" on 9th June a detailed survey produced by the West Middlesex Family History Society with information on all but a handful of the graves. When the church was reopened in the 1930s a previous churchwarden wrote: "It is an act of piety to see that the graves are cared for where they are set, an act which is civic rather than family, popular rather than individual."

Our small team of "Holy Gardeners" are back in action each month to tend the beds around the church, but we need to have a blitz on the green rubbish which has built up along the north side, and the growth around graves especially at the eastern end.

So this is a call for volunteers from the local community to come along on Saturday 11th May and Saturday 18th May from 10.00a.m. to help us tidy up the churchyard. If you can make a commitment now please mail info@stmarywithstalban.org which will help plans for providing adequate support and refreshments! Thank you – please come along.

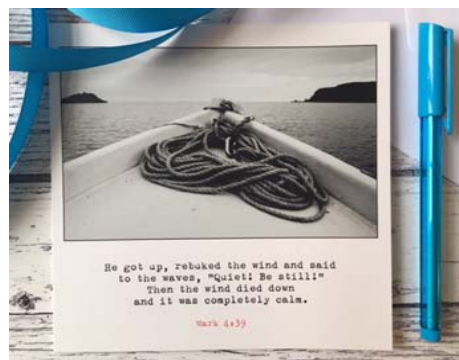
Robin Field-Smith

Fieldnote

What do we send to someone close to us who is going through a tough time mentally and emotionally, or who simply needs encouragement and hope? The greetings card market is saturated with wonderful things, but sometimes it can be hard to find something a bit more specific. My name is Camilla, I am married to a vicar, live in Hampton Wick and a year ago I set up Fieldnote.

Acutely aware of the epidemic-style rise of mental health issues affecting so many people today, I have teamed up with the Mind And Soul Foundation to produce a collection of greeting cards with mental health in mind.

My story goes back to 2001 when I worked for the Fishermen's Mission, a Christian charity that looks after bereaved trawlermen's families along the whole coast of the UK from Cornwall to the Outer Hebrides. During this time I produced a series of nautical images that were subsequently featured in an exhibition and a celebrity chef cookbook



called the 'Best of British Fish', sold in aid of the Mission.

Now almost twenty years on, I am excited to be using these images for a range of greeting cards, prints and postcards to uplift, encourage and bring a little saltiness to people's lives.

Mind and Soul provides a fantastic platform for sharing the best of Christian theology and scientific advances in order to equip, educate and encourage in the area of mental health. It aims to help people recover from emotional distress, whilst engaging with the local church and

mental health services.

The Fieldnote greeting card range designs include encouraging quotes from the Bible, the Nautical Note is an image only range of cards and postcards for the more photographically/nautically minded, while



the Mind and Soul Collection is designed in collaboration with the Mind and Soul Foundation, specifically with mental health in

mind. Fifty percent of the profit from the sale of these cards will be directly donated to the Mind and Soul Foundation. I passionately believe the local church has a real role to play in this area and a lot to learn – so I'm grateful that we have such great resources and teaching at our disposal to help change the climate we live in and honoured to be partnering with them.

I also believe something powerful happens in us when we are visually reminded of God's promises and closeness to us during dark times.

Camilla Field

www.fieldnote.co.uk

www.mindandsoulfoundation.org

Parish Registers

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

31st March: Sophie Olivia May, daughter of Jennie and Steven Alford

7th April: Miranda Josephine, daughter of Blair and Grigoria Gray

7th April: Harry George, son of Simon and Louise Rogers

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

20th March: Mark Russell Bullen (47)

21st March: Magrethe Gronbech (60)

12th April: Jim Ridsen (51)

17th April: Maureen Martin (84)

18th April: Heather Whitfield (80)

25th April: Gale Carlill (55)

A Week of Accompanied Prayer



Do you live or work in the City of London? Do you long to take a little time out to reflect on your life but for one reason or another are unable to get away?

The London Centre for Spiritual Direction is offering an opportunity to step back and take a look at your life in a "A Week of Accompanied Prayer." It works around your routine and responsibilities – a bit like taking a retreat within your daily life.

During the week, you will be given the opportunity to try different ways of praying with material suited to your personal needs, and you will be guided as to how to go about it.

Over five days, you will be invited to try to pray with the material on your own for half an hour a day, and you will meet with a trained spiritual director for up to half an hour a day who will support you.

Date: 14th–20th July 2019

Times:

Sunday 14th July 2.30-4pm

Monday 15th–Friday 19th: half-hour daily meeting to suit you

Saturday 20th July 11am-12.30pm

Venue: London Centre for Spiritual Direction, The Church of St Edmund the King, Lombard Street, London EC3V 9EA

Cost: £35, but you may like to give more

Book online: www.lcsd.org.uk/events/wap

For further information, email: Alison.Christian@lcsd.org.uk



ON 12TH MAY 2019 AT 3.30PM

A short service in St Mary with St Alban's church will be followed by refreshments for the adults and party food and soft play for the children in the Parish Hall

Please do join us for this very special occasion

RSVP by 1st May to Sarah Williams
baptisms@stmarywithstalban.org

Celebrating godparents everywhere