

## WHAT'S ON IN JULY



- 2 Memory Café. SPSP. 1.30pm
- 3 First Wednesday Group. Topic: *Women in ordained ministry – 25 years on.* St Mary's Parish Hall. 12.45pm
- 4 Service of Wholeness & Healing. SMwSA. 8.00pm
- 7 **3<sup>rd</sup> after Trinity**  
Guest Preacher from Mozambique. SMwSA. 10.00am
- 9 Plain & Pearl Knit. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm
- 11 Fullerton Court Communion Service. 11.30am  
Parish Pub Lunch. Teddington Arms. 12.30pm  
SMwSA PCC Meeting. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.45pm
- 14 **River Sunday**  
Parade Service for River Blessing. Starting at SMwSA Church at 10.00am, before progressing down to Manor Road Recreation ground for 10.45am
- 16 Mindfulness Hour. SPSP. 1.00pm  
Supper Talk. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm
- 17 Baby Cinema – bring your picnic lunch and watch a grown-up movie with your under 2s. SPSP. 9.30am
- 18 Cricket Match: Bishop's X1 v Teddington CC. Bushy Park. 6.00pm
- 21 **5<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**
- 23 Plain & Pearl Craft. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm
- 25 Parish Coffee Morning. The Anglers Pub. 10.30am
- 28 **6<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**

### River Blessing

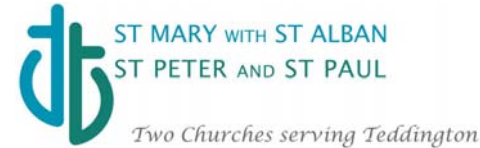
Our River Blessing Service is on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am, starting in St Mary with St Alban and then on the riverside in Manor Road Recreation Ground. We're delighted that

an ever-growing number of boats and river organisations are joining us for what is a wonderful celebration of all the ways in which the river is enjoyed. Do come and join us.

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### Clergy Comment

On June 12th a burst water pipe led to the near collapse of our social fabric. Late morning I went to Tesco. I remember my mounting panic seeing Teddingtonians slipping out of the store, multipacks of 2 litre water bottles protruding out of the tops of their bulging bags. I rushed in to discover the shelves which housed the water were empty.

We live in a country where we take water for granted. Twitter was ablaze with complaints targeting Thames Water. My wife Anna works for WaterAid and saw a teachable moment. She emphasised this temporary inconvenience was a tiny taste of the daily reality for so many. I was deaf to her homily. I was wondering if I could get another flush out of the toilet, or should I find one of the few coffee shops open and use their water, and save mine. 'Save mine,' did you hear that? It was not mine in the first place. Back in Tesco. I found there was flavoured water on the back aisle opposite the crisps. I bought as much as I could carry. Upon leaving I saw a pal from the parish and surreptitiously pulled him aside saying get to the back aisle to get some flavoured water, as the pure stuff has gone. He nodded appreciatively before heading into the fray.

One description of the gospel is: 'one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread.' In this case water. What or who do we take for granted? Let us develop the practice of recording our thanks, perhaps on the page, and definitely to the people who are there for us, and with us. We never know when what or who we take for granted, will no longer be there, and the shelves will remain empty.

*Azariah France-Williams*

### July 2019

#### 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



### River Blessing Service SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY

- 10.00am ~ Church Service
- 10.45am ~ River Blessing at Manor Road Recreation Ground
- 11.00am ~ Refreshments and Open Day at RNL Station

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## Visitor from Mozambique



We're delighted that Muassite Miguel, who heads the community development team in our link diocese in Mozambique, is visiting London this month and will be speaking at our 9am and 10am services at St Mary with St Alban on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Muassite will give us an update on the damage caused by the recent cyclones (which have been described as the largest climate related catastrophe in the southern hemisphere). She will also talk about the inspiring work that her team does to address HIV awareness and other issues.

We will be raising money to rebuild churches, schools and homes as part of a special diocesan appeal. If you would like to donate please visit: [www.give.net/ALMApentecostappeal](http://www.give.net/ALMApentecostappeal)

## Churchyard Teas



Well we pulled it off yet again, thanks to your wonderful baking efforts.

There was a magnificent spread for our many visitors who were very complimentary and we only had a little rain to contend with!



Approximately £650 was raised, all of which will go to the Alma Mozambique flood relief fund, so thank you for making that possible.

## Comedy Night



Funny people, Pat Monahan, Tandy Houghton, and Mark Watson the Man of Mischief gathered at St Peter and St Paul on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May for our first comedy and curry night to raise money for



Christian Aid. Fifty of us laughed together, and ate together. Spirits were lifted, money was raised and a team of caterers ensured we had plenty to eat and drink.



## Parish Registers

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

26<sup>th</sup> May: Lincoln Andrew, son of Andrew and Sarah Pepperell

2<sup>nd</sup> June: Ada Charlotte Iris, daughter of Matthew and Julia Heyn

23<sup>rd</sup> June: Theodore Jasper, son of Gee and Vivienne Sung

**WEDDINGS** – *We wish every blessing on the marriage of:*

25<sup>th</sup> May: Charles High and Camila Alves West

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

20<sup>th</sup> May: Richard McCrow (65)

24<sup>th</sup> May: Pamela Bershoff (84)

13<sup>th</sup> June: Louis Henderson (86)



## Bishop's XI v Teddington T20 Cricket match

Amidst the excitement of the Cricket World Cup, we're delighted that for the third year running the Bishop of Kensington will lead a clergy cricket team against a Teddington XI on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Bushy Park. Please come along to support, enjoy a drink in the pavilion and watch a keenly contested game of cricket!

## Card Donations



Christian Aid is moving with the times so card donations are now accepted and this has helped our Parish raise over £3200 this year (over £150 more than 2018). Thanks to everyone for their generosity and especially for the congregation on 12 May - who donated an impressive £662 via our experimental card reader. We will try to make more progress next year (perhaps with card readers for door-to-door collectors?!) but there is one more opportunity to help Christian Aid whilst getting some exercise and exploring some of our beautiful local environment. There is a sponsored walk (maximum distance is 8 miles) on Saturday 28 September, starting at St Matthias Church on Richmond Hill and finishing near Kew Gardens. They are quite happy to accept anyone if you feel deterred by the need to raise sponsorship - all they ask is for a donation of £20 per person. Let's see if the parish can get a good team together – we normally do!

## Supper Talk

St Mary's Parish Hall  
7.30-10.00pm

Join us for a thought-provoking evening of talks and discussion, whilst enjoying a delicious evening meal.

With our focus on mental health and wellbeing in the community, we are joined by Julia Hennessey for *'Mindfulness and the Wheel of Awareness'*

Tuesday 16 July

Please sign-up at the back of church or email the parish office to book your place(s):

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Suggested donation of £8 per person, towards the catering costs, payable on the night