

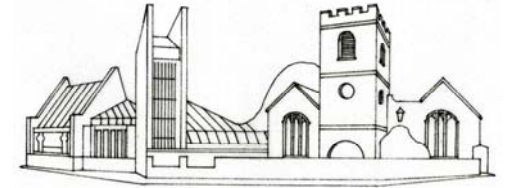
WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

- Tuesday 1st Memory Café. SPSP. 1.30-3.00pm
- Wednesday 2nd First Wednesday Meeting. St Mary's Parish Hall. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: *Peter Stevens will be answering questions on his book "Christianity & Religion for the Layman"*. Bring your own packed lunch, and a friend. Tea/coffee provided
- Thursday 3rd Holy Communion Service. Fullerton Court. 11.30am
Service of Wholeness & Healing. SMwSA. 8.00pm
- Sunday 6th **Harvest Festival**
Parish Harvest Bring & Share Lunch. St Mary's Parish Hall. 12noon
- Tuesday 8th Plain & Pearl Social Group: knitting. MH Room, St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm
Bible Talk by Joe Moffatt: *Understanding the Old Testament*. St Mary's Parish Hall. 8.00pm. Drinks (but no supper) will be served at the 3 subsequent October dates, no booking needed
- Thursday 10th Parish Pub Lunch. Teddington Arms. 12.30pm. Please join us
Sung Eucharist: Requiem for Thomas Traherne. SMwSA. 8.00pm
- Sunday 13th **17th after Trinity**
- Tuesday 15th Film: 'Yesterday' – two viewings. SPSP. Baby Cinema: 9.30am and Cinema Club for Seniors: 1.30pm
Bible Talk by Joe Moffatt: *Understanding the New Testament*. St Mary's Parish Hall. 8.00pm
- Wednesday 16th Bishop's Teaching Evening (first of six), Bishop Graham Tomlin. All Hallows, Twickenham, 7.30 pm
- Sunday 20th **18th after Trinity**
- Tuesday 22nd Parish Pub Coffee. The Anglers. 10.30am
Bible Talk by Joe Moffatt: *Not a book for bashing – using the Bible wisely*. St Mary's Parish Hall. 8.00pm
- Sunday 27th **19th after Trinity**
- Tuesday 29th Plain & Pearl Social Group. crafting for the Bazaar. MH Room, St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm.
- LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER
- Sunday 3rd Service to rededicate the War Memorial with the Archdeacon of Middlesex. SPSP. 11.30am
All Souls' Service. SMwSA. 6.30pm
- Sunday 10th Remembrance Sunday, no 10.00am service
- Saturday 30th Christmas Bazaar. St Mary's Parish Hall. 11.00am-2.30pm
- All events can be found on our website: www.teddingtonparish.org/whats-on

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Vicar's Viewpoint

Where did the summer go: balmy days filled with BBQs, loud music festivals with cold lager and luxurious picnics, dogs paddling in white foam, fish and chips in newspaper, and for some exploring other countries? But it was a time to pause and reflect. There was another version: stuffy commutes, sauna like bedrooms, never-ending summer holidays which became purgatory for carers, traffic jams that stole the joy of the trip to the coast, and over-priced ice-cream melted in a heap on the crowded pebbly beach.



My wife, Anna, took this idyllic photo at a brook in Bushy Park. The children in the distance bask in the gorgeous natural beauty. Also I think if you look carefully enough at the water I think you may even see an image of Jesus. When you reminisce, are you drawn to the positive or the negative? It can be one or both. Can we accept both restorative and tricky summers, wonderful but rough winters? Relationships can be

loving or painful, solitude settled, vocations fulfilling but imperfect bosses, the grief of mixed opportunities, but contentment with your lot.

The brook reminds me of Psalm 23 in which one phrase says 'He leads me beside the still waters, and restores my soul', then a few phrases on we find 'even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you are with me.' That sounds less appealing. I have always seen these moments as sequential but what if they are one and the same? What if the brook is in the dark valley?

Media vita in monte sumus – these words mean 'in the midst of life we are in death'. Life and death co-exist. Jesus is the one who walks with us through both. Can we feel his hand in ours? Can we find the sunshine in the shade, the oasis in the desert, the friend in our distress? Look back, look forward, have no fear, you are never alone.

Azariah France-Williams

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October 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



SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER

9am ~ MORNING WORSHIP

10am ~ FAMILY PARADE SERVICE

12noon ~ LUNCH IN THE PARISH HALL
a cold, bring and share lunch, all welcome

Please bring along Harvest Boxes to both services: non-perishable food items to be donated to local charities and food-banks.
Refreshments after 10am service with Tradicraft Stall.

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School Activity Days

Children are children. They need care, fun, and compassion. They need activities to engage them and to know that there are people who think they are awesome. Teddington has a wonderfully dedicated team from across both churches who, half a dozen times a year, respond to local need and construct a stimulating and loving environment for local children to attend when our sponsored primary school SMSP has an Inset day.



The day runs from 8.30am to 3.15pm and features craft and arts input from a trusted and qualified specialist; this time we had Veronika from the organisation KiddyCook, where children are taught how to prepare, present, and partake in yummy and healthy food. We have had Dragon Drama, Kick London and Relax Kids, amongst other groups. We incorporate outdoor play and always finish with a film. Last time our wonderful team was Clare, Judith, Sarah, Malcolm, Su, Susan, Cathy, Carol, Step Project, and Azariah. If you would like to know more, or to volunteer, please get in touch with us by emailing: insetdaypandp@outlook.com

Azariah France-Williams



Teddington Memorial Hospital (TMH) Chaplaincy

About Me: I became Chaplain at the end of July, so I am quite new in this role. My home church is St Richard's in Hanworth, where I have been involved in parish ministry for over 11 years. During that time, I have provided

pastoral care to those affected by sickness, mental health issues and loss. I grew up as a Methodist and became a Methodist Local Preacher in 2010, having started training in 2005.

TMH Chaplaincy: The Chaplaincy team mainly visit the in-patients, of which there are a maximum of 29. They tend to stay on the ward for about 2-3 weeks for rehabilitation. TMH provides a lovely environment and great care for patients, and I have been impressed by its dedicated staff.

The Hospital has a beautiful Multi-Faith Chapel, open to anyone at any time, for quiet prayer or to light a candle. People can also write prayer requests; we remember these during Chapel services, which are open to all, and take place twice a month on Sunday afternoon at 4pm, led by the Methodist and Baptist Churches.

In my experience so far, patients are generally very happy to have a chat with a member of the Chaplaincy team, whether or not they have any faith background. The team currently comprises myself and two fantastic volunteers, who each visit one afternoon a week to chat to patients. Our role is to offer pastoral, spiritual and religious support, as appropriate. I have prayed with patients, but mostly offering a friendly hello, a listening ear and a chat is what's appreciated.

I would love to expand the team of volunteers, so that we could have someone going into the ward to visit every day. If this is something you might enjoy, please get in touch (emma.hughes43@nhs.net).

Emma Hughes, TMH Chaplain



Cinema Club St Peter and St Paul "Yesterday"

Tuesday 15th October

Baby Cinema: 9.30am-12.00noon
Cinema Club for Seniors: 1.30pm

No booking, no charge, donations welcome, toys available

Annual Christmas Bazaar 2019

We are excited to be planning the annual Christmas Bazaar, which will take place on **Saturday 30th November** at St Mary's Parish Hall, Teddington, from **11am-2.30pm**. After the success of last year, we're looking forward to presenting another fantastic event, to raise vital funds for our church. There are lots of ways in which you can get involved.

Volunteers! If you are able to help on the day or in the run up – please contact **Kristie Woodhouse** on kristiepeters90@hotmail.com

Donations! We would be grateful for the following items: good quality books, CDs and DVDs, new or nearly new children's toys and equipment, new, nearly new or good quality homeware and accessories. Donations can be left at the back of the Church after any service, brought to the Parish Hall after Sunday services or the office during the week (Tues-Fri 9am-3pm).

Kristie Woodhouse



Thomas Traherne Service

SUNG EUCHARIST

Thursday October 10th at 8pm


at St Mary with St Alban, Teddington

to commemorate Thomas Traherne the great 17th century poet and mystic on the anniversary of his burial in this church in 1674


with Traherne's poetry, both spoken and set to music

PREACHER: DR JONATHAN WILLIAMS

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All Souls' Service

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
6.30PM

The names of loved ones departed will be read out during this service. If you would like to add a name, please use the sheet at the back of church or contact the Parish Administrator.

All are welcome

Parish Registers

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

18th August: Finlay Jake, son of Daniel & Holly Jeffries; Charlie Robert Cameron, son of Graham & Alison Keene; Clementine Beatrice Susan, daughter of Simon & Georgina Thomas

25th August: Siena May, daughter of Shaun Wistow & Rachel Morley

1st September: Willow June, daughter of Nathan Haisley & Charlotte Warrington

8th September: Hugo Douglas, son of Michael & Amy Smith

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

7th September: Anthony Smee & Fiona Ashby

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

15th August: Kieran Laurence Anderson (age 46)

16th August: Joan Ella Margaret Wiggington (age 91)