

## WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

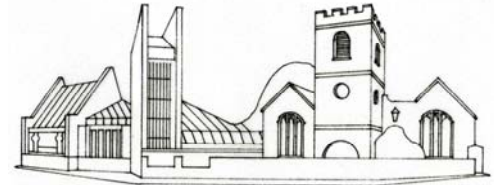
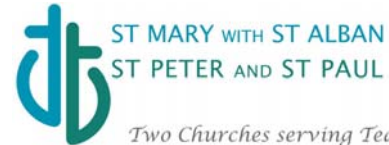
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Candlemas</b> Farewell Service for Fr. Azariah. SPSP. 9.45pm Christingle Service. SMwSA. 4.00pm Ashirah - I will Sing: Choral Workshop. Landmark Arts Centre. 10.30am-4.30pm. Concert – 6.00pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Memory Café. SPSP. 1.30-3.00pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Alpha Course. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm First Wednesday Meeting. St Mary's Parish Hall. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: <i>Christian Jewish Relations: A discussion based on the recent report of the C of E Faith &amp; Order Commission, God's Unfailing Word</i> . Bring your own packed lunch, and a friend. Tea and coffee provided
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion Service. Fullerton Court. 11.30am Service of Wholeness & Healing. SMwSA. 8.00pm
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Alpha Course. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm Plain & Pearl Social Knitting & Craft Group. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm Parish Pub Lunch. Teddington Arms. 12.30pm. Please join us
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parish Pub Coffee. The Anglers. 10.30am
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Alpha Course. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm Plain & Pearl Social Knitting & Craft Group. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday: Holy Communion with Ashing. SMwSA. 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Ashing. SMwSA. 8.00pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Traherne Reading Group. St Mary's Parish Hall. 1.15-2.45pm. Start of a new 6-week series
LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent & Toddler Lent Group. St Mary's Parish Hall. 10.00-11.30am (5-week course)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Group. St Mary's Parish Hall. 10.30am-12noon (5-week course)
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mozart C Minor Mass Concert. All Hallows, Twickenham. 7.30pm

All events can be found on our website: [www.teddingtonparish.org/whats-on](http://www.teddingtonparish.org/whats-on)

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### Vicar's Viewpoint

It was announced at the end of December that Rev Azariah France-Williams, our Associate Priest, has been appointed to lead a new mission initiative in the Diocese of Manchester in partnership with a network set up by the large central London church of St Martin-in-the-Fields. It is an exciting role, pioneering new forms of worship and mission in a very diverse part of the city centre. We shall greatly miss him, having benefitted hugely from his creative, compassionate and engaging personality over the past three and a half years. But we wish him well, along with his wife Anna and their three children Eliana, Micah and Rafael. Their last Sunday at St Peter and St Paul will be February 2<sup>nd</sup>, so please join us there for a big farewell at the 9.45am service.

We have recently been reviewing the mission and worship at St Peter and St Paul. Some very positive initiatives are emerging, building on the success of the Memory Café, the Cinema Club and other activities that Azariah has pioneered. These include a new Community Café and a Sports Ministry. So the building will continue to be used throughout the week for new forms of outreach as well by our existing community groups. Worship will also continue but with a different pattern. Instead of Sunday mornings, there will just be a monthly Sunday evening service and weekly Morning Prayer on Thursdays. This will allow the small Sunday morning congregation to join in with the worship at St Mary with St Alban rather than struggle to maintain all the trappings of a regular parish church. In time, we envisage new services to emerge from the outreach ministries that I've mentioned.

To mark the end of the current pattern of Sunday morning worship, there will be a special service on February 9<sup>th</sup> at SPSP at 9.45am. This will include the sharing of stories as we give thanks for the very faithful witness of worshippers at SPSP over the years. It will also include the sharing of hopes as we pray for the merger of the congregations and the future ministries that will unfold at SPSP. The end of one chapter is the beginning of another.

Best wishes

*Joe Moffatt*

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## February 2020

### 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 (until Feb 9th)

9.45am Family Communion  
THURSDAYS (continuing)  
9.00am Morning Prayer



Celebrate Christingle with us

SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY

4.00pm

Church of St Mary with St Alban  
Ferry Road, Teddington, TW11 9NN

[christingle.org](http://christingle.org) [www.teddingtonparish.org](http://www.teddingtonparish.org)

## Teddington Churches' Singers concert on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2020

Following on from our successful performance of *Messiah* in April 2019, singers from Teddington churches and beyond are coming together to sing Mozart's *Great Mass in C minor* at All Hallows Church, Twickenham, on Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7.30pm. The concert will also include performances of two very popular choral items: Handel's *Zadok the Priest* and Allegri's *Miserere* as well as Gabrieli's atmospheric *Sonata pian' e forte* for brass ensemble.

The *Great Mass in C minor* (K427), composed in Vienna between 1782 and 1783, is considered to be one of Mozart's greatest works. It clearly shows Mozart's love for the music of the Baroque masters Bach and Handel but the influence of Italian opera is very evident, particularly in the solo arias.

Many 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 (leader – Janet Smith).

The concert is being performed in aid of the amazing Momentum Children's Charity, started at Kingston Hospital in 2004, which works locally to support families whose children have cancer or a life-challenging condition. Momentum supports the entire family – children, parents, siblings, grandparents – by offering practical and emotional help, trips and respite breaks as well as improving the ward environment for children treated in local hospitals. At any given time the charity supports 200 families of children having treatment and 75 bereaved families.

Tickets are on sale now. They cost £15 (free for under 16's) and can be obtained from EventBrite – search **EVENTS: Teddington Churches** – or on the door on the night.

*Kay Cassidy*

## Parish Registers

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

4<sup>th</sup> January: Zoe Lily, daughter of Simon and Arabella Green

8<sup>th</sup> December: Harry Benjamin, son of Christopher and Alison Gent

15<sup>th</sup> December: Eleanor Daphne Elizabeth, daughter of Oliver and Fiona Wyatt

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

17<sup>th</sup> December: Amanda Kozlowski (56)

20<sup>th</sup> December: Josephine (Jo) Routs (81)

7<sup>th</sup> January: Keith Stones (66)

16<sup>th</sup> January: David Gregory (81)

## Room at the Inn

As the buses passed by the Church in the early evening of Christmas Eve, passengers might have noticed a colourful glow from behind the Church, where a new stable had been set up to host people who came along to our overfull third crib service of the evening.

For those with warm coats, it was a popular venue and we had a wonderful



crowd of over fifty enthusiastic people of all ages. It was a fun and authentic experience as we sat on hay bales, wrapped up well and joined in heartily to the service relayed from inside the church. Celebrating the Christmas message of peace and joy so that the outside world can hear it and join in, is at the heart of Christmas. We hope that as passers-by glimpsed the gathered crowd, it gave them the chance to remember the message of Christmas.

Thanks to everyone who helped to launch this new venture. One person who took part said that this was one of her favourite service experiences of the year. We look forward to providing more room at the inn next Christmas Eve. *Caroline Halmshaw*

## An Ode to Teddington Parish and the Saints at Saint Peter and Paul Church by Azariah France-Williams

From the solemnity of the Paschal Triduum,  
To Taizé sung for 'Kingdom Come'  
Passion Portraits choral majesty, simple prose,  
Fires at Easter, to celebrate he arose.

War and Peace, histories relived,  
Festivals of Light in a village that gives.  
Mental health talks at supper,  
Memory Cafés, good cake, hot cuppa.

Palm Sunday processions, horses  
masquerading as asses.  
Confirmation and Admission to  
Communion Classes,  
Chestnut Sunday vintage cars, some  
applause,  
Teddington Village Fair, an assortment of  
stalls.

Teddington Lights Up, pop-up gospel  
choirs,  
These are some things, I have admired.  
Bushy Park Runs, school runs, in a hurry,  
meeting the chaps for MenU, and Curry.

Songs of Praise as Churches Together,  
Elleray Hall Christmas carols, and dinner,  
Christingle, Nativity, Carol and Crib,  
Exhausted from the rollercoaster, my  
talks became more ad-lib.

Then all agreed the services  
at Homestead, opened our  
eyes, to simple surprise  
of Christ's sparkle behind forgetful sighs.

Sunday Eucharist has been true,  
I've learnt a great deal, during my time  
with you.  
Small Church Big Soul,  
A faithful few, a nest from which it is time  
we flew.



## Child-Friendly Lent Group

If you would like to come to a daytime Lent Group but have small children in tow, then this is the group for you!

Please bring your pre-schoolers along to this group which will be held on five Monday mornings in Lent, starting on Monday 2 March, in the Mina Hogan room in St Mary's Parish Hall. We will start with songs, after which the children will be supervised in their play while the adults have a chance to follow a Lent course tailored to people with small children.

Led by Cathy Randall and other members of the Church Mice team, it will be relaxed, informal and stimulating.

**Dates:** Every Monday in March

**Time:** 10.15 to 11.15am

**Place:** Mina Hogan Room

Please contact Cathy for more details, or just turn up. 07712 598721