

## WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

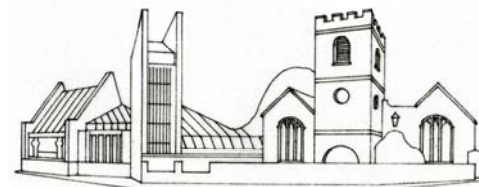
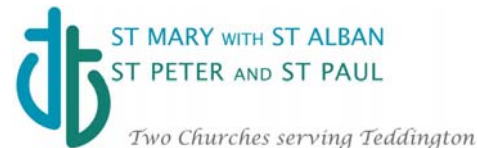
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	No First Wednesday Meeting (this month only)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Holy Communion Service. Fullerton Court. 11.30am Service of Wholeness & Healing. SMwSA. 8.00pm
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Epiphany Sunday</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Memory Café. SPSP. 1.30-3.00pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Pub Lunch. Teddington Arms. 12.30pm.
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Baptism of Christ</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Plain & Pearl Social Knitting & Craft Group. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm <i>Alpha Course</i> . St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	PCC Meeting (SMwSA). St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.45pm
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b> Week of Christian Unity (for services see page 2)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Alpha Course</i> . St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Pub Coffee. The Anglers. 10.30am Plain & Pearl Social Knitting & Craft Group. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm <i>Alpha Course</i> . St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Supper Talk: 'Say Yes To Life' with Ruth Valerio. St Mary's & St Peter's School, Somerset Road, Teddington TW11 8RX. 7.30pm
LOOKING AHEAD TO FEBRUARY	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christingle Service. SMwSA. 4.00pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday

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

**Sort the house out, get fit, make new friends and reflect on life's big questions.** These may sound like classic New Year resolutions that we make as individuals, but they happen to be our 2020 church aims as well.

**Sort the house out:** this refers to our Extension Project at St Mary with St Alban. In 2018 we had to withdraw our planning application and go back to the drawing board. We've now got a new and improved scheme that we'll be sharing with you soon. Watch this space.

**Get fit:** this refers to our proposed new sports ministry that we've been calling Bushy Active. We've been consulting with neighbouring churches, sports clubs, schools and community organisations to see what forms of engagement might work best. We'll be making a plan, based on the feedback, in the next couple of months. By the summer we'll be all set to promote fitness in both body and soul.

**Make new friends:** this refers to our plans for opening a new Community Café at St Peter and St Paul. We're in discussions with local health and social service providers to create an attractive café in the church. This will become a hub for people to connect with community groups and services, as well as with each other. We aim to get this up and running at least one day a week by early summer.

**Reflect on life's big questions:** this refers to our talks and courses. At the end of this month we have the first of this year's Supper Talks 'Say Yes to Life' by Ruth Valerio, Tearfund's Advocacy Director. Ruth's book by the same title has been chosen by the Archbishop of Canterbury as his recommended Lent reading for 2020, so she has star billing. Also this month we start our *Alpha* course for those who wish to explore big questions and find out about the essentials of the Christian faith. This is a course that has worked well in thousands of churches around the world and has recently been re-edited with a series of new films. I'm excited to try it here for the first time. See inside for further details.

As an individual my personal New Year resolutions have a habit of being dropped and forgotten by the end of week three. Thankfully, when it comes to our church aims, I have a fantastic group of committed and gifted people to work with and I trust that, by God's grace, we will make them happen.

Best wishes

*Joe Moffatt*

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## January 2020

### REGULAR SERVICES

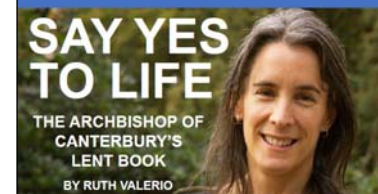
#### St Mary with St Alban (SMwSA) SUNDAYS

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

9.45am Family Communion  
THURSDAYS  
9.00am Morning Prayer

### SUPPER TALK + Q&A + BOOK SIGNING



#### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> 2020

**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Ticket cost (inc. meal):** £10.00  
**Tickets from:** <https://www.teddingtonparish.org>  
**Venue:** St. Mary & St. Peter's School, Somerset Road, Teddington, TW11 8RX





## Pondering the Leftovers – Invitation to Alpha

After the celebration of Christmas there are usually plenty of leftovers. Perhaps this season has left you pondering the mystery of the Christmas story. If that's the case, we're keen to provide an opportunity to explore some of the claims that are made and other questions you might have about the Christian faith.

**Alpha** is a series of interactive sessions to discuss life and the Christian faith in an informal, fun and friendly environment. The course is a great opportunity to take time out of the business of everyday to give time to the big questions of life.

When I first came to *Alpha* I was concerned that the format would be restricting or that the group would be full of people who repeated easy answers. This wasn't the case, *Alpha* is for exploring issues of faith with people who are inquisitive and open to listening to the questions and experiences of others.

You are warmly invited to come along whether you've been coming to Church for years, occasionally, or very rarely/never.

Each session starts with a meal at 7.30pm and will be held in St Mary's Parish Hall, Langham Road.

The course will run from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, with a break for half-term.

Following the meal, we'll show a 20 minute film which feeds into the group discussion.

If you'd like to join us, please register on our website or email me at [curate@stmarywithstalban.org](mailto:curate@stmarywithstalban.org)

*Caroline Halmshaw*

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan 19-25, 2020

Date	Church	Time
Sun 19	St Marks	4.00 pm
Mon 20	Sacred Heart	10.15 am
Tue 21	St Johns	8.30 am
Wed 22	SMwSA	9.30 am
Thu 23	SPSP	9.00 am
Fri 24	Teddington Baptist	12 noon
Sat 25	Teddington Methodist	10.45 am

There will also be a Churches Together *Parkrun* on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Christmas Bazaar



**A huge Christmas Bazaar thank you** to everyone who gave their time, baked,



donated and came along. Its continued success is wholly reliant on you all, and this year it resulted in a truly delightful



event, raising just over £4,800 (up on last year.).

## Ashirah – I Will Sing: Choral Workshop. Landmark Centre. Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 10.30am -4.30pm; Concert – 6pm

In commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, and in aid of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, LBRUT and the Landmark Arts Centre are inviting singers to participate in a special Choral workshop, followed by a concert, celebrating Jewish musical culture, in

particular that of East European Jews. A wide range of material, sacred and secular, traditional and new, will be explored in Hebrew and Yiddish, although no knowledge of the languages will be necessary.

The workshop will be directed by renowned performer Polina Shepherd (Skovoroda) and the evening's concert, in which the singers will be expected to take part, will also feature one of the world's leading Klezmer clarinetists Merlin Shepherd.

To book a workshop place (£20) or simply an evening concert ticket (£5) contact The Landmark Arts Centre by email: [info@landmarkartscentre.org](mailto:info@landmarkartscentre.org) or by phone: 020 8977 7558.

*Susan Jacobs*

## Room for Work January Course

Room for Work is a prize-winning employability course\* designed for skilled workers at all levels, including managers and professionals. If you're a mature person struggling to get back into work this is the programme for you.

Classes are free and held on Tuesdays 10.30am-1pm at the Warehouse, St John's Hampton Wick, Church Grove, Hampton Wick, KT1 4AL. The next course starts on Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup> and runs to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

For more information and to register online visit [www.roomforwork.org](http://www.roomforwork.org)

**\*Winner: Best Charity or Social Enterprise, Richmond Business Awards 2017**

## Parish Registers

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

27<sup>th</sup> October: Emily Laila Rose, daughter of Milan & Anna Bogunovic

24<sup>th</sup> November: Isla Charlotte Louise, daughter of Marc Smith & Gemma Allen; Rose Antoinette, daughter of Jonathan & Sophie Eady

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

7<sup>th</sup> November: Kenneth (Alex) Maclean (82 years)

28<sup>th</sup> November: Gwendoline (Gwen) Neaves (80 years)

## Our Craft 'Advent-ure'

There's nothing like a bit of craft to get everyone in the mood for Advent and Christmas, and so on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November we kick-started our Advent preparations by putting on an Advent craft workshop for local families to enjoy, at St Peter and St Paul Church.



Mary Hawes provided some amazing activities. These included making figures for a Nativity scene stuck onto lollipop sticks or iced onto biscuits, making an Advent wreath, with a paper "candle" to add each week throughout Advent, creating and colouring beautiful Advent decorations for the tree, reminding us of the gifts Jesus' birth brings us of Peace, Love, and Joy. There were jigsaw puzzles, stars to decorate, and many also found a quiet moment to sit at the book table, and read the story of Jesus' birth. Of course, there was also lots of tea, squash and biscuits to keep everybody fuelled and full of creativity for the afternoon.

Thank you to everyone who gave of their time and talent to make this wonderful event happen. It was lovely to see so many people join us for a relaxed and fun afternoon; there were familiar faces from both Church congregations, school families, as well as new faces. We hope to be running similar events in the future, so look out for notices in the newsletter, and on boards outside and inside church.

*Ruth Chaperlin*