

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

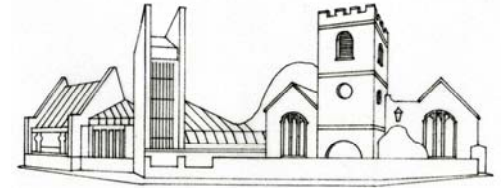
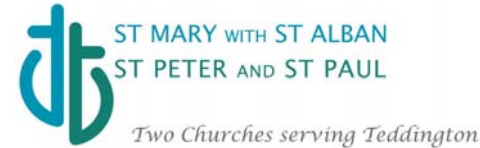
Sunday 1 st	1st Sunday of Lent #LiveLent Parade Service. SMwSA. 10.00am. With Traidcraft stalls
Monday 2 nd	Child-friendly Lent Group. St Mary's Parish Hall. 10.15-11.15am. For adults with pre-schoolers who can enjoy supervised play while their parents/carers take part in this 5-week Lent course. Also on the 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd and 30 th
Tuesday 3 rd	Memory Café. SPSP. 1.30-3.00pm
Wednesday 4 th	5-week Lent Course: <i>Care for God's Creation</i> . St Mary's Parish Hall. 10.30am-12noon. Continuing the 11 th , 18 th and 25 th There will be no First Wednesday Meeting this month
Thursday 5 th	Traherne Reading Group. St Mary's Parish Hall. 1.15-2.30pm (& 12 th , 19 th , 26 th) Service of Wholeness & Healing. SMwSA. 8.00pm
Sunday 8 th	2nd Sunday of Lent Final Service: A People on the Move. St Peter & St Paul. 9.45am Teddington Church Singers & Teddington Consort Concert: Mozart's <i>Great Mass in C minor</i> . All Hallows Church, Twickenham. 7.30pm
Tuesday 10 th	Alpha Course. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm. Also on the 17 th and 24 th Plain & Pearl Social Knitting & Craft Group. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm
Thursday 12 th	Parish Pub Lunch. Teddington Arms. 12.30pm. Please join us
Saturday 14 th	Admission to Communion Preparation Course. SMwSA. 4.00-5.00pm. A 3-session course: 14 th , 21 st & 28 th March
Sunday 15 th	3rd Sunday of Lent. Coming Together Service. SMwSA. 10.00am
Wednesday 18 th	SMwSA PCC Meeting. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.45pm
Sunday 23 rd	Mothering Sunday. All-age Communion Service. SMwSA. 10.00am
Tuesday 24 th	Parish Pub Coffee. The Anglers. 10.30am Plain & Pearl Social Knitting & Craft Group: lino cuts and printing. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm
Sunday 29 th	Lent Lunch for Welcare. St Mary's Parish Hall. 11.45am
LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL	
Saturday 4 th	Parish Pilgrimage to Winchester Cathedral

All events can be found on our website: www.teddingtonparish.org/whats-on

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Vicar's Viewpoint

The Church of St Peter and St Paul sits at the heart of our community on the crossroads of our busiest streets. Its future is therefore of interest to everyone. As some important developments are afoot, I'd like to clarify what is changing and what is remaining the same.

What is changing is that on Sunday March 8th the regular congregation, being relatively small in number, will be worshipping for the last time in the church before merging with the congregation at St Mary with St Alban. After March 8th there will no longer be a Sunday morning service until such time as a new worshipping community is formed.

What is not changing is that the building will remain a church and there will still be a regular weekday service and some Sunday evening worship. The adjacent hall will still be available to all the organisations and community groups that currently use it. The vicarage in Bychurch End will still be used for clergy housing and we (the congregations from both churches) remain committed to using all our buildings for our core purpose of 'growing faith and friendship'. St Peter and St Paul will continue to be a consecrated church, open to all and looked after by the Church of England in the service of everyone in our community.

What is exciting is that we have plans to start a Community Café in St Peter and St Paul in the church, not the hall, on Monday afternoons, beginning in May. More details will follow next month. We also have plans for a new Sports Ministry starting in September which may well be based there as well. I personally look forward to the merger of the congregations which I believe will be of benefit to both. There will be a special 'Coming Together Service' on March 15th at St Mary with St Alban.

The story of St Peter and St Paul is by no means finished. It is merely moving into a new phase. To mark the transition, the service on March 8th will be entitled 'A People on the Move' and we'd be delighted to see anyone with a connection to the church as we share stories and pray for the next stage of the journey.

Best wishes

Joe Moffatt

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March 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 March 8th)

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

Mozart Mass in C Minor

Teddington Churches' Singers & Orchestra

Sunday March 8th, 7.30pm

All Hallows Church,
Twickenham

Tickets £15 (U16's free)
via Eventbrite (search 'Teddington Churches')
or on the door

Lent Appeal – School rebuilding in Mozambique

This time last year I visited our link parish of Pemba in the far north of Mozambique. One of the highlights of my trip was visiting the only Anglican church school in the region. This was a primary school in a remote village called Chimoio. Much like our own school (St Mary's and St Peter's) it had 700 children, but in most other respects it was very different. It had only had 7 teachers and 3 classrooms, so the children were split between morning and afternoon classes. They were very proud of the three classrooms which had been newly built, since before then the lessons were all taught under a tree.

A month after my trip, Cyclone Kenneth hit the region causing massive wind damage and flooding. The walls of the new school building were swept away in the floods, leaving a twisted roof. The villagers were greatly affected, losing homes and harvests. Thankfully, church workers provided emergency food and people have been rebuilding their homes. The school has reopened but they are having to function without buildings, working once again with lessons under the tree.

Now the local church would like to rebuild the school. This will cost something in the region of £20,000. St Mary's and St Peter's



The school in Mozambique and the same building after the Cyclone

has made a terrific start and at a recent assembly I was presented with a cheque for £5,000. Some of this came from donations made by parents and visitors at the Harvest and Christmas events, but an incredible £3,026 was raised by Year 6 (see *Year Six Grow a Pound* on next page).

Our Lent Appeal this year will aim to double the SMSF total, raising another £5,000. We hope that the rest of the money needed will come from grants. If you would like to donate, please contribute by:

- ♦ Cash or cheque (to 'PCC of St Mary with St Alban') in a yellow gift-aid envelope that can be found in church, writing LENT APPEAL on the envelope.
- ♦ Bank transfer to Account name: PCC St Mary with St Alban; Sort code: 40-52-40; Account number: 00032911; Reference LENT APPEAL. *Joe Moffatt*



Joe with Ruth Valerio at the recent Supper Talk

#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation

This is the Church of England's Lent Campaign for 2020. It comes with booklets for both adults and children, which we will be giving out on March 1st, the first Sunday in Lent.

These include daily readings and reflections. There is also a free app for those who prefer a digital version.

The theme is to 'Care for Creation'. It is commended by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York who invite us 'to rebuild our relationship with our planet, and with the God who is Lord of everything.' During this time, we hope you might spend time praying, learning more about the remarkable world we have been given and building habits that last beyond the season to protect and honour the earth.'

The booklets have been based on an excellent book entitled 'Saying Yes to Life' by Tearfund Director Ruth Valerio, who was guest speaker at our last Supper Talk. Ruth takes the days of creation as described in Genesis Chapter 1 and she gives fascinating examples of the intricate beauty of creation as well as sobering stories about pollution and the effects of

climate change. Each chapter ends with extremely helpful suggestions of how we might change habits and attitudes.

If you would like to explore this theme with others, we are offering a **Lent Course on Wednesday mornings** which will be based on these resources. Each session will be based on a chapter of the book, but you won't need to read the book to participate. The course will be led by myself, Caroline Halmshaw and Sarah Williams and will run for **five sessions from March 4th to April 1st, 10.30am-12noon in the Mina Hogan Room, St Mary's Parish Hall**. Please let us know whether you wish to participate by signing the sheet at the back of church or contacting the parish office.

A full report of Ruth Valerio's Supper Talk by Peter and Sue Stevens can be found on our website. *Joe Moffatt*

Year 6 Grow a Pound Raises £3,026

How did 'Grow a Pound' come about? Joe visited Mozambique and the first time he went out the children had a school. A few weeks later, however, there was a cyclone which was so strong that it destroyed everything. Joe asked the children in Year 6 at St Mary's and St Peter's School to raise some money to rebuild the school.

How did 'Grow a Pound' work? We were given one pound and were told to spend it on all we needed to raise the money. In my group, there were four boys. We all baked cakes and sold them at two churches in Teddington - St Mary with St Alban and the Baptist Church, as well as at Teddington Rugby Club. Everyone was extremely generous and we made £275 pounds. This felt amazing. We hope the children can have a new school as soon as possible. *Freddie Harrison*

Celebrating Father Azariah's time in Teddington

February 2nd marked the end of our celebrations of Christ's birth and also the end of our time with Azariah. At his final service we celebrated his time with us and the incredible work he has done.

His unique character and dynamic abilities have helped bring our communities together in many ways, so, fittingly, the

Parish Registers

FUNERALS – We remember with thanksgiving the life of:

23rd December: Barbara Ann Morrell (71)

12th February: Karyn Anne Broek (44)

church was filled to overflowing with representatives from all over Teddington; from both churches, Brownies, St. Mary's and St. Peter's school, menU and many more.



Azariah and his family brought so many gifts to our town; their love of music to name but one. Suitably, there was a high level of music throughout the service with Kelly Haines (Head of Music at St. Mary's and St. Peter's school) keeping spirits high by organising a full congregation rendition of a gospel round; a nod to Azariah's ability to bring people together.

As has been the case throughout his tenure, his family were involved throughout the service and the light they have brought to us all was recognised in a candle presentation to each of them.

As the service closed and one by one the France-Williamses stepped down from the platform to process down the aisle, the lights dimmed, adding to the emotion of the time which was clearly felt throughout the congregation as we saw the passing of their time with us. In our hearts, however, the light they have brought to us will never dim and we are eternally grateful and thankful that they were brought into our lives. We hope and pray that the light of the Lord shines bright on them as they start their new adventure in Manchester.

May their lives be happy and their hearts be full. *Bryony Pemberton*