

## WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

Some of our regular events are underway, and we look forward to advertising new dates and events as we go. In the meantime, we would like to invite you to:

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Parish Pub Coffee &/or Lunch. The Anglers Pub. 11.00am. Meeting in the garden for coffee, with lunch to follow. For details, contact Trish: [fellowship@teddingtonparish.org](mailto:fellowship@teddingtonparish.org)  
*Ghost Ship* discussion. Via Zoom. 8.00pm. See main article for details
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> **Harvest Festival**  
 Harvest Services at 8.00am, 9.00am and 10.00am, over both churches. Please bring food items to any service: tinned meat, veg, fish, soup, pasta, fruit & custard. Pasta sauces, tea, coffee, sugar, jam/spreads, cereals, biscuits/crackers. No tinned baked beans or tomato soup.
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> First Wednesday Group. Via Zoom. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: *Carla Maroussas will be sharing her thoughts on her role as new church warden and leader of the parish "Sustainability" working group.* If you are new to First Wednesday and keen to attend, email Suzanne in the Parish Office for Zoom details.  
*Ghost Ship* discussion. Via Zoom. 8.00pm. See main article for details
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> **18<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**  
 Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Parish Coffee. 10.30am. Via Zoom. A great chance to catch-up and meet new people. Contact Trish for details: [fellowship@teddingtonparish.org](mailto:fellowship@teddingtonparish.org)  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Plain & Pearl. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm. For details on how to attend go to: [mailplainandpearl@gmail.com](mailto:mailplainandpearl@gmail.com)  
*Ghost Ship* discussion. Via Zoom. 8.00pm. See main article for details
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Parochial Church Meeting (SMwSA). Via Zoom\*. 8.00pm  
 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Parish Pub Coffee &/or Lunch. The Anglers Pub. 11.00am. See 1<sup>st</sup> for details  
 Annual Parochial Church Meeting (SPSP). Via Zoom\*. 8.00pm
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> **19<sup>th</sup> after Trinity**  
 Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> **Last after Trinity**  
 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Parish Coffee. 10.30am. Via Zoom\*. See 13<sup>th</sup> for details  
 Plain & Pearl. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm. See 13<sup>th</sup> for details

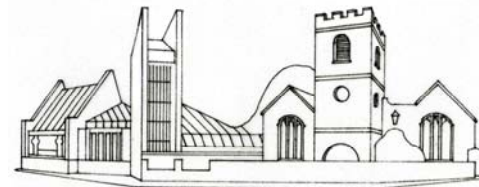
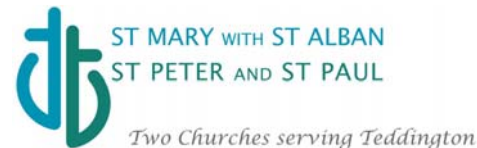
\*Please contact Suzanne in the Parish Office for the APCM Zoom information. Everyone who is on our Church Electoral Roll is welcome to attend the APCM.

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

## Parish Contacts

SMwSA Office Administration & Hall Bookings:	Suzanne Parker St Mary's Parish Hall, Langham Road, Teddington TW11 9HF	parishhall@stmarywithstalban.org 020 8943 2262
SPSP Office Administration & Hall Bookings:	Emma Castellani Bychurch End, Teddington TW11 8PS	admin@stpeterstpaulteddington.co.uk 020 8977 3330
Vicar:	Rev Joe Moffatt	vicar@stmarywithstalban.org 020 8977 2767
Curate:	Rev Caroline Halmshaw	curate@stmarywithstalban.org 07483 310330
Newsletter Editors:	Julien Cozens, Penny Jones and Sue Stevens	newsletter@stmarywithstalban.org 020 8943 2262
Social Media:	 Teddington Parish or @smwsachurch	 @TW11Parish

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



## October 2020 REGULAR SERVICES

### St Mary with St Alban (SMwSA)

#### SUNDAYS

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Parish Communion

#### WEDNESDAYS

9.30am Holy Communion

### St Peter and St Paul (SPSP)

#### SUNDAYS

9.00am Morning Worship

### Online Worship

Recorded Sunday Service on [www.teddingtonparish.org](http://www.teddingtonparish.org)

Morning Prayer (Mon-Fri, 8.30am, Sat 9.00am) &

Evening Prayer (Mon-Thurs, 6.00pm, Fri-Sat 5.00pm)

both via Zoom: Password: 0vDrup  
<https://zoom.us/j/992902759>

All details and links are on our parish website [www.teddingtonparish.org](http://www.teddingtonparish.org)

## Vicar's Viewpoint

With so many events being cancelled over the summer, it was a great delight to do three weddings



Tommy Cassidy & Lucy Firman

in quick succession at the end of August and start of September. Thirty guests were allowed at each service and although facemasks had to be worn by all but the happy couple, it didn't seem to impinge on the joy or elegance of the occasion. In fact, there was something about choosing to get married in such adverse circumstances that made the ceremonies all the more significant and profound.

These couples were saying there was nothing more important than getting married, regardless of whether they could have a big party. Inspired by them, I want to make a plug for church weddings. It is a common misperception that only regular churchgoers can get married in churches. Not true. Anyone who lives in our Parish or has an association with us can get married in our church. And we



Mark Martin & Camilla Colley

love to find a reason to say yes to anyone who asks. This is because we are confident that churches offer some things that are 'over and above' most other venues. Firstly, there is a relationship formed with both the minister and the church community that will continue after the wedding, and be a source of support for years to come. Secondly, there's the beauty of the buildings that provide the setting for some very special lifelong memories.



James Allin & Sarah Phipps

Thirdly, there is the faith element, enabling couples to make their vows in the bigger context of God's love for all creation.

So my message is: JUST ASK! We are happy to consider all requests, and we do 'big and bold' as well as 'small and simple', and everything in between. Weddings need not be expensive or stressful – just ask and we'd love to help.

Best wishes

Joe Moffatt

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

## Returning to Church

I have been fortunate to be present several times at the Sunday and Wednesday Holy Communion services at St. Mary with St Alban. The driver for me was to receive Communion (in one kind) after so many months. It has been a wonderful, sometimes emotional experience, to do so as an integral, indeed central, part of being the body of Christ, from which we were necessarily cut off for so long. I know too from the celebrants' introductions when they first presided that these powerful emotions were shared by them.

The only downside is the painfulness of getting up early as lockdown laziness has led me to late nights and late getting up. However it is of course worth it! I think people will find no difficulty in being spaced out, or in the wearing of masks. The celebrants have now been able to discard theirs and it has been good to watch them gradually getting into a rhythm of working with their servers, and integrating hand gel into the ablutions. It cannot have been altogether easy.

The overheads are a bit distracting from quiet prayerfulness, but we can get used to that, as we can to the traffic flow of communicants from the back going first to the altar. Whilst we can't use service sheets – just think of the reams of paper and printer ink being saved – people might wish to bring their own prayer books.

So deep thanks to God for bringing us so far, and to our faithful priests as His servants.  
*Susan Wilmington*

## Community Café



Launching a community café in the midst of a pandemic might seem a Herculean task. However, we believe that it can be done – slowly, cautiously and following evolving Government guidelines.

There is a great need for a calm place with a positive atmosphere where those who feel isolated or anxious can find sanctuary and friendship, and we are endeavouring to find a safe way of providing this. It will also be possible for the café to be the recipient of social prescribing referrals (*see article below*).

We have a central location for the café – St Peter and St Paul's Church, at the corner of Church Road and Broad Street –

and we are planning to run it weekly on **Monday afternoons, 1.30pm to 4.30pm**, commencing on **October 5<sup>th</sup>**. Covid-secure measures and a track and trace system will be in place. For further information please email us at: [communitycafe@teddingtonparish.org](mailto:communitycafe@teddingtonparish.org)

*Clare Rider, Sarah Rae and Lisa Dobinson*

## Social Prescribing

Social Prescribing is a new initiative introduced by NHS England. Evidence from pilot research shows that it can lead to a range of positive health and wellbeing outcomes, such as improved quality of life and emotional wellbeing. It supports people to take control of their physical and mental health by connecting them with activities and support in their local community.

It starts with a GP or other health care professional making a referral to a link worker (based in a GP practice) who then finds out about the individual, and what they want to achieve or change. The link worker then helps to explore available options. This could include supporting people managing stress, loneliness, finding social groups, learning new skills, a physical activity or getting information on employment, benefits, housing and legal advice. The Community Cafe will be able to accept such referrals.  
*Sue Stevens*

## Roll of Honour

At the end of WW1, St Alban's, then the Parish church, successfully raised funds to provide a new high altar inscribed with the names of war dead. It was dedicated by the vicar, the Revd. Herbert Williams, on October 5<sup>th</sup> 1919 'in the presence of a very large congregation'. The altar was of Seaton stone, with an Irish marble slab surmounted by a stone tabernacle. There were seven carved panels in front and one on each side, on which the names of the war dead, "about sixty in number", were inscribed in gold letters. There was also the following inscription: "We died for England: for her we bid you live".

No names were added after WWII. In the years between the church's closure in 1976 and the building's reopening in 1995, vandals broke in and smashed the altar. Thus our parish currently has no memorial, or visible record of those who gave their lives in the two World Wars.



*The Altar at St. Alban's*

Recently, I have been working to put matters right, with the help of lists from the 1915 "Surrey Comet", a 1918 Parish Magazine, and two handwritten lists from 1957 and 1978, as well as support and advice from David Neller, author of the Teddington Society website memorial (September Parish Newsletter). Not all names appear on all lists, and some names feature on the war memorials in other local churches.

I can now confirm the military service and parish links for 61 from WW1. 24 names still need further research, mostly to confirm any link to the parish either by residence or activity, but 4 have so far eluded any trace of a war service record. For WW2 there are 12 confirmed from the 1957 and 1978 church lists, but David Neller's recent work has identified at least 30 other individuals who may have links with our parish.

The plan is to have a Roll of Honour. By Remembrance Sunday 2020 there will be a ring bound volume with a page of details for each individual, with photos where available. Secondly there will be a framed list of just the names prepared for display once the development project "Building Anew" is complete.

"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them".

*Robin Field -Smith*

## 'Ghost Ship' – 3 discussion evenings

**Thursdays 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm (Zoom)**

Revd. Azariah France-Williams, who recently moved on from St Peter and St Pauls, is the author of 'Ghost Ship', published earlier this summer. It is an important and challenging read about institutional racism in the Church of England. We are keen to explore issues raised and come up with a proactive response, advocating changes in our church locally and nationally.

Caroline Halmshaw and Carla Maroussas will facilitate discussion. The first two sessions will explore themes raised and the final session will be to propose actions. Please could you let Caroline or Carla know if you would like to join us – [curate@stmarywithstalban.org](mailto:curate@stmarywithstalban.org) [carla.maroussas@gmail.com](mailto:carla.maroussas@gmail.com). If you'd like to buy a copy of the book, you can purchase it here: <https://scmpress.hymnsam.co.uk/books/9780334059356/ghost-ship>

*Caroline Halmshaw*

## Parish Registers

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

30<sup>th</sup> August: Felix James, son of Richard and Alice Perry

6<sup>th</sup> September: Henry George, son of Adam and Frances Willis

13<sup>th</sup> September: Henry Robert, son of Edward and Charlotte Thuillier

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

28<sup>th</sup> August: Thomas Cassidy and Lucy Firman

28<sup>th</sup> August: Mark Martin and Camilla Colley

5<sup>th</sup> September: James Allin and Sara Phipps

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

24<sup>th</sup> August: Roy Wilkinson (73)

7<sup>th</sup> September: Charles O'Hagan, known as Michael (90)

14<sup>th</sup> September: Margaret Jones, known as Peggy (87)

22<sup>nd</sup> September: Elizabeth Bacon (90)