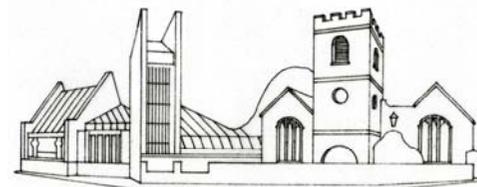
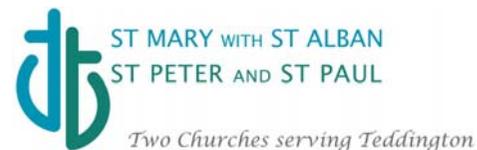


War Two.

The new War Memorial website puts that right, listing 159 local servicemen and women and 96 civilians who died during the air raids or other enemy action between September 1939 and August 1945. Researched and assembled by David Neller, he is keen to hear from local families able to share names and details of the Teddington fallen and can be con-

tacted by email at daveneller@aol.com. Sheena Harold, Chairman of the Teddington Society, said: "An online Second World War memorial has long been in our sights, and how appropriate it was to have it ready for the 75th anniversary of the Japanese surrender, which brought the Second World War, to an end."

Peter Denton



WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

We are beginning to re-start some of our regular events and continue to do so gradually and safely. Many groups have stayed in touch throughout Covid, and we look forward to further advertising their dates as they find their feet again. In the meantime, we would like to invite you to:

Wednesday 2nd First Wednesday Group. Via Zoom*. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: *What good and/or positive things have emerged from the pandemic?*

Thursday 3rd Parish Pub Coffee &/or Lunch. The Anglers Pub. 11.00am. Meeting in the garden for coffee, with lunch to follow for anyone interested, or meet inside if the weather is poor. All welcome and no need to book. If you would like more details, please contact the Parish Office: parishhall@stmarywithstalban.org

Sunday 5th **13th after Trinity**

Tuesday 8th Parish Coffee. 10.30am. Via Zoom*. Chance to catch-up and meet new people.

Sunday 12th **14th after Trinity**

Thursday 17th Parish Pub Coffee &/or Lunch. The Anglers Pub. 11.00am. *See 3rd for details.*

Sunday 19th **15th after Trinity**

Tuesday 22nd Parish Coffee. 10.30am. Via Zoom*. *See 8th for details.*

Sunday 26th **16th after Trinity**

***Zoom.** If you are new to these groups and keen to attend, please email Suzanne in the Parish Office, and we will forward the Meeting ID and Password: parishhall@stmarywithstalban.org

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

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Vicar's Viewpoint

Do you remember those early September days? The end of the summer holiday, putting on a new school uniform or finding your old one after a long break. It's the season of new beginnings and I'm hoping that by the time you read this newsletter our schools will be reopening for the new school year. What will it be like for this generation of children who haven't been to school for six months?

It'll probably be a mix of excitement and anxiety as they step into a strange, and in some cases new, environment. Over the last six months I've seen my son trying to learn at a distance. It's been hard because at the heart of school is the interaction with friends and teachers, and for him this has been mainly absent. While we've loved the connections that technology has enabled, there is nothing like meeting face to face and being close to people.

This experience of living in in-between times is talked about by St Paul. He describes this as 'seeing through a glass dimly,' and I think most of us can relate to this at some point over the last six months. Paul's message is one of hope, that God is always with us and that there are always new beginnings waiting to happen. As this new school season starts, I hope that the barriers that have been put up due to the Covid virus begin to dissipate and that our children can enjoy new opportunities to connect and learn.

This September is also a new start for our church, although we've been gradually getting back to worshipping in our buildings and I'm delighted that the 10am family communion service is starting again on the 6th September. This will be live streamed as well as recorded, so that you can still watch and take part from home. We look forward to seeing you face to face.

Caroline Halmshaw

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September 2020 REGULAR SERVICES

St Mary with St Alban (SMwSA)

SUNDAYS

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion

WEDNESDAYS

9.30am Holy Communion
10.00am-12.30pm church open for private prayer

SATURDAYS

2.30-5.30pm church open for private prayer

St Peter and St Paul (SPSP)

SUNDAYS

9.00am Morning Worship

Worship in Virtual Form

Recorded Sunday Service on 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>

Podcasts: Mon, Wed & Fri, at www.anchor.fm/teddington-clergy

Further *Worship at Home* resources at www.churchofengland.org

Care Team

For those in need and Prayer Requests, email: care@teddingtonparish.org

All details and links are on our parish website www.teddingtonparish.org

Activate

Activating *Activate* while in lockdown has been challenging but invigorating.

It's invigorating to see the welcome we have received from both secular and Christian communities and how they perceive a front foot approach to building community through activity that invigorates faith. That's exactly what we are seeking to do with *Activate*.

It's about building community, which at first looks very simple. However, it's also about undertaking activities and sports, gathering people together to grow in strength and relationships through activity. That might be as simple as playing bridge, a dog walking group, running or a weekly cycling group that we hope to launch in September.

Alongside this, we will be launching community cafés to work with all types of people, from mums and tots through to the elderly, harnessing activity and combining it with good coffee and food. We have plans for two youth events, combining young people from over six churches. Elsewhere, in development, is a rehabilitation programme that can fix the body, while added to all this are speaking therapies to help bring peace to the mind, and prayer ministries to nurture the soul.

There is much to be thankful and prayerful for. The challenge, however, is when? We have all done so well to cope in this unprecedented time. Each government update either develops or restricts our plans to launch *Activate* for all. Please be prayerful that we can work for the growth of God's Kingdom within the restrictions we have in place.

Again, there is so much to be encouraged about and we look forward to launching *Activate* and growing it with your engagement. Watch out for the upcoming video and website launch as well as a challenge to test the physical limits of our local clergy and activate their athletic exploits for the good of all.

God bless

Revd Chris Kennedy

60-Second Interview

Carla Maroussas – New Church Warden

How long have you been in Teddington?

I've lived in Teddington for 14 years with my husband Michael. We came here from Earlsfield and have two children, Theo and Rocco.

What made you want to be a church warden?

At first, I just wasn't sure but had a nagging feeling I wanted to do it and so I talked it through with Joe, prayed and consulted my spiritual director Revd Karen Wellman at St Mark's Church, and decided it was the right thing to do. I love the Church and being part of the community.

As a church warden what will you do?

I'm still actually learning. For example, I will be representing parishioners, organising help and supporting the vicar. Elsewhere, I'm hoping that with my business experience I can bring other complementary and more pastoral skills to our church. At the moment, because of Covid, I am actually a "church warden in waiting" until I'm officially voted in.



What do you think is special about our Church?

The intergenerational side of our Church is amazing. We have people of all ages and it fosters faith and friendship so well.

As well as Joe and Karen Wellman, who has helped you with becoming a church warden?

I must say a big thank you to the current church wardens Sarah Williams and Robin-Field Smith, who have been really helpful along with my husband and two children.

What are you looking forward to as a church warden?

A few weeks ago I was given an early piece of responsibility. I locked up the church at night for the first time, one of the roles a church warden has, which was quite exciting. Most importantly I'm looking forward to learning as much as possible, fostering faith and friendship and seeing where the journey leads me.

Review of The White Phoenix:



It's 1666 and the streets of London are plagued by prejudice and pestilence. For Lizzie Hopper, 13, the White Phoenix has always been home. Returning from the country following her father's unexpected death, she is set on saving her beloved bookshop. However, faced with foretellings and blackmail against a backdrop of religious tension, will she succeed? Can she salvage her dreams? Or will they burn like the flames of a certain Great Fire of London?

Through a formidable heroine and whimsical hero, Catherine Randall (known to us as Cathy) creates a heart-warming tale filled with family and forbidden friendship. By vivid descriptions and rich historical detail, she brings to life 17th-century London. Perfect for 8-13 year olds, *The White Phoenix* is a gripping, engaging read with the reader rooting for Lizzie as she strives to overcome the expectations of a female of her time.

Cathy is a longstanding member of the congregation, so it was particularly wonderful to read the result of her hard work and dedication. We are all immensely proud of her, and it's a special feeling to say we have a published author in our midst!

Congratulations Cathy!

The White Phoenix is published on 28 August by The Book Guild, and is available from Waterstones Teddington and all good bookshops, as well as online retailers.

Eliza Williams, aged 13

Parish Registers

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

26th July: Oriya Carmen Louise Jones, daughter of Louise Ross and Chris Jones
23rd August: Felix Mayes, son of Sarah-Louise Barber and Steve Mayes

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

3rd August: Sylvia Hale (92)
6th August: Ellen Rozee (99)

9am Morning Worship Service

He's excited to be back in church!

That's what a mum said to me on Sunday as she arrived at St Peter and St Paul's with her 3 year old.

For the last 7 years, gathering with children and adults of all ages to worship God together at 9am on a Sunday has been a highlight of my week. When we had to abruptly stop in mid-March, I felt bereft.



But now we're back! We've moved to St Peter and St Paul's Church where the flexible seating allows us to have safely distanced household bubbles. Although there's no singing (yet), it's great to be together to share the stories of God, pray and (usually) have an activity in our bubbles. We start at 9am and the service lasts about 25 minutes.

Singles, couples and families of any age are welcome to join us – so come along one Sunday and give it a try.

Mary Hawes

New Online War Memorial

To mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, the Teddington Society launched its unique Online WWII War Memorial for the town last month. <https://teddington-ww2.org.uk>

In addition to the physical War Memorial in front of the hospital, there are 12 other memorials across Teddington, in places such as churches and the bus station at Fulwell. These list those who fell during the First World War – but there are very few names of those who died in World