

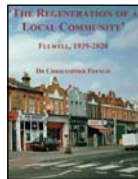
WHAT'S ON IN JULY

- Thursday 1st Activate Running Club. Meet outside *Up & Running*, Broad St. 7.30am. *Also on 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th*
 Activate Chair-based Exercise Class. On Zoom. 12.30pm. Meeting ID: 98203293523. No Passcode needed. *Also on 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th*
 Traherne Reading Group. Mina Hogan Room, St Mary's Parish Hall. 1.30-3.00pm. *Also on 8th & 15th*
- Monday 5th Teddington Community Café. SPSP. 1.30-4.30pm. *Also on 12th, 19th & 26th*
- Tuesday 6th Memory Café. SPSP. 1.30-3.00pm (*see Updates*)
- Wednesday 7th Gospel of Mark Summer Groups. 10.30am and 8.00pm options. On Zoom. *Also on the 14th*
 First Wednesday Discussion Group. On Zoom. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: *How useful are Public Inquiries?* New link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89212747792?pwd=bjJVNzFqbzM5MjBBVjZkNjFsUXBxdz09>. Meeting ID: 892 1274 7792 and Passcode: 697293. Open to all – please log on.
 Christian Mysticism Course. On Zoom. 5.45-6.45pm
- Thursday 8th Coffee and/or Lunch. The Anglers. 11.30am. *Also on 22nd*
 SMwSA PCC Meeting. On Zoom. 8.00pm
- Sunday 11th River Blessing Service. Starting at SMwSA at 10.00am (*see article*)
- Tuesday 13th Plain & Pearl. On Zoom. 7.30pm. *Also on 27th*

Further details and contact information for all of these events can be found on our website: www.teddingtonparish.org/whats-on/
 Contact Activate to find out more about their Running Club, Exercise Classes and Abide Services: office@activatechurch.org.uk

Fulwell History

The Twickenham L.H.S. has published a book on the history of Fulwell since 1939 by SMwSA member, Chris French. This is a follow up to his first book covering the area's history from 1870 to 1939. The focus of this volume is on

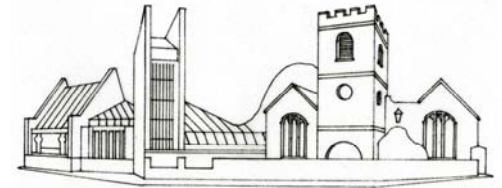
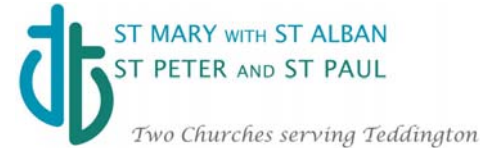


how Fulwell has experienced both continuity and change over the last 80 years, with various themes discussed in relation to such concepts as 'gentrification', 'a sense of community' and 'regeneration'. If you would like a copy (£6.50) contact Chris French at christopher.french2@btinternet.com or on 07972 448658. Copies of the first book are still available at £6.

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Vicar's Viewpoint

The River Thames in Teddington is more popular than ever. All it takes is a bit of sunshine and we have crowds on the beaches and a joyful mix of paddleboards, kayaks and rowing boats on the water. So it seems all the more fitting to have a summer River Blessing Service to celebrate the wonderful gift of this attraction.

But the more people that use the river, the more we rely on the Lifeboat Crew to keep us safe. I've been recently reminded what a remarkable group of people volunteer for the RNLI in Teddington. Not only do they come from a wide range of backgrounds which makes them a super-resourceful team; they also have a great team-spirit and support each other when the challenges get tough. This was particularly evident when the world's media were watching as the crowds flooded to see the minke whale stranded in the weir pool. It was a privilege to hear the debrief after such a long and emotionally draining shift. It made me very proud to be associated with them as their chaplain. And all the more reason to involve them in our River Blessing Service on July 11th.

I am only sad that I won't be there myself this year. I am writing this at the beginning of June, just before my 3-month sabbatical starts. But the service will be led by my colleague, Rev Caroline Halmshaw, who is now Associate Vicar and will do a wonderful job at leading the parish in my absence. See you all in October.

Best wishes

Joe Moffatt

July 2021 SERVICES

at SMwSA unless stated

+ Booking needed; ~ Online service only; * Services both in-person and livestreamed

SUNDAYS:

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.00am Morning Worship at SPSP+
- 10.00am Parish Communion+*

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS:

- 12 noon Abide Service at SPSP (half-hour of worship and prayer)

MONDAYS – SATURDAYS:

- 8.30am Morning Prayer, on Zoom (Monday-Friday and at 9am on Saturday)~
- 9.00am-5.00pm Church open for Private Prayer
- 6pm Evening Prayer, on Zoom (Monday-Thursday and 5pm on Friday-Saturday)~

WEDNESDAYS:

- 9.30am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Church Mice Toddler Service

Further details, tickets, joining instructions and links for all church activities are on our website: www.teddingtonparish.org

River Blessing Service

*A service of thanks to celebrate the importance of the river to the existence, work and leisure of Teddington will take place on **Sunday 11th July**. It will start at 10am at St. Mary with St. Alban and will continue at Manor Road Recreation Ground from 10.40am. Details of how to apply for tickets are included in the church e-bulletin and on the website.*

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St Mary's and St Peter's School

In January of this year John Logan, the head teacher of St Mary's and St Peter's CE primary school, informed the Governors that he intended to retire in July. This gave the Governing Body ample time to find a new head, and we are extremely lucky to have appointed Ms Helen Swain, an experienced and talented head teacher, currently in charge of a Kensington primary school.



John with the children

So with a touch of sadness, we can reflect on John's considerable contribution to the growth of the school, to which he has given 18 years of dedicated and expert leadership. When he joined it had just expanded, and he saw pupil numbers rise from 210 to 420 children. The school then received a generous legacy, and he and the governors used the money creatively to create a marvellous library and resource area. By 2011 there was again a shortage of places, and his firm negotiations with the Council ensured the school obtained a new hall and classrooms, which increased the roll to 630.

In so many ways he has made the school what it is today, and I know that he will be missed by all. After two terms in post there was a full Ofsted inspection. The school was graded Good. Five years later it was graded Outstanding. The school is also inspected by the Church authorities (SIAM) and their last report in 2018 graded the school Outstanding. In 2019, the school results put it in the top 250 schools in the country. For John it has not just been about academic success, as there have been awards in art, music and sport demonstrating the rich learning environment.

He will be leaving a school, which has a

strong management team, great staff and happy children. It has been a pleasure watching his rapport with the children, his support and development of staff and his championing of the school with Inspectors and the local authority.

For some parents the highlight of the year has been the annual "The School of Rock" concert, where John was the front man of "Johnny and the Logans", the staff rock band (*see photo*). For the pupils their highlight is probably the week they usually have in Year 6 when he has accompanied them on a week's trip to the Isle of Wight. John's personality runs through the school, and I am sure there are thousands of children who have enjoyed their school days under his care.

We wish him a long and happy retirement.

*Malcolm Eady,
Foundation governor Hampton Deanery*



Sally Allen of Playwam

The time has come to say goodbye to a much-loved figure for the families of Teddington as Sally Allen, the Playleader at Playwam Preschool, prepares to retire at the end of this term. Sally's journey with Playwam started with her own children attending the preschool, and soon after in 1996, she started helping out as a volunteer. She went on to take an early years teaching degree, and assume leadership of Playwam, which she has run efficiently and lovingly ever since.

Parents know that leaving your child in any childcare setting for the first time can be a daunting, but somehow the assurance, experience and kindness of Sally and the 'Playwam Ladies' makes it much less difficult. I have watched my own children. Two godsons and countless of

my friends send their children into Sally's care at Playwam and thrive. The consistency of care, structured learning, and hours of creativity and fun under her guidance has enabled many young children to grow into their strengths, and really explore the things they love. No two children are treated the same way on Sally's watch, and as a parent you are welcomed into the Playwam world and involved in their entire journey.

Under the leadership of Jenny Hunt, Playwam will continue to be an incredible resource for Teddington families. Sally will be greatly missed, not only by the children, but also by all the parents she has supported and the other 'Playwam Ladies' who consider her a true friend. We all wish Sally a wonderful retirement, and extend our sincere thanks and love to her for her years of dedication to all Playwamers.

Nadia Prince

Parish Registers

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

30th May: Jackson Jude, son of Holly and Daniel Jefferies

6th June: Harriet Rose, daughter of Charlotte and Jonah Powell-Tuck

FUNERAL – *We remember with thanksgiving the life of:*

3rd June: Ian Lewis (61)

Loving your Burial Ground Week

A full report will follow next month, but just to say we were blessed with a week of wonderful weather during which we welcomed over 350 children, to learn about bees, trees, plants, insects, and birds, and many parishioners to hear talks on these topics and also the history, the churchyard and the graves therein. We



Learning about bees

also had a prayer walk, a choir concert, churchyard teas, and Songs of Praise. The Mayor, Mayoress, and Deputy Mayor, as well as our MP came to help us celebrate "God's Acre" in Teddington, and we hope the week will live long in the memory of all who participated. Finally, *Adopt a Grave* has attracted 50 volunteers so far, to care for over 90 graves. However, there is still room for more.

Robin Field-Smith

UPDATES

Diversity & Inclusion Group

At our June meeting we pooled what we had learned from our readings of 'From Lament to Action', the report of the Archbishops' Anti-Racism Taskforce. We are now looking at steps to take in response to this. Although many of the recommendations are for the national church, there is much we can do at parish level, and we hope to feed this upwards. Firstly, we are planning to inform and educate ourselves in Teddington, so we can play our part in reshaping our church into the inclusive and diverse place it should be. 'There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.' (Galatians 3:28).'

Cathy Randall

The Memory Café is back!

We are delighted that the Memory Café will reopen on **Tuesday 6th July 1.30-3.00pm** at St. Peter and St. Paul Church. If you are living with memory problems, care for someone who is, or just enjoy a good chat, please come and join us. We offer an informal, friendly atmosphere, a warm welcome, free tea and coffee, and delicious cakes. We also enjoy a sing-a-long and a light-hearted quiz. We would love to see you. Future dates are **3rd August** and **7th September**. If you would like any further information, or are interested in volunteering at the Memory Café, please contact Sarah Williams at baptisms@stmarywithstalban.org