

WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

Everything in this diary comes with an open invitation. You do not need to have attended anything with us before, and you are very welcome to bring a friend or two with you. Go to our website to find all the details, and we look forward to seeing you there.

- Wednesday 1 First Wednesday discussion group. Mina Hogan Room, St Mary's Parish Hall. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: *Godparenthood*. Bring a packed lunch.
- Thursday 2 Activate Running Club. *Up & Running*, Broad Street. 7.30am. **Also on 9, 16, 23 & 30.**
Parish Coffee. On Zoom. 10.30am. **Also on 16 & 30.**
Activate Soup & Stretch. SPSP + on Zoom. 12.30pm. **Also on 9, 16, 23 & 30.**
- Monday 6 Teddington Community Café. SPSP. 1.30-4.30pm. **Also on 13, 20 & 27.**
See article.
St Mary's Handbell Team. Mina Hogan Room, St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.15-9.30pm. **Also on 13, 20 & 27 (See article.)**
- Tuesday 7 Parish Pub Lunch. The King's Head. 11.30am.
Memory Café. SPSP. 1.30-3.00pm.
- Thursday 9 Traherne Reading Group. Mina Hogan Room, St Mary's Parish Hall. 1.30-3.00pm. New set of 6 dates. **Also on 16, 23 & 30, and into October.**
- Tuesday 14 Youth Confirmation Groups beginning. Contact Caroline on curate@stmarywithstalban.org for details.
- Wednesday 15 Adult Confirmation Groups (see Tuesday 14)
- Thursday 16 Churchyard Gardening. SMwSA. 10.00am. We meet two days a month for two hours. **Also on Saturday 18.**
- Tuesday 21 Parish Pub Coffee. The Anglers. 11.00am.
- Thursday 23 Diversity & Inclusion Group. 8.00pm. (See article.)
- Tuesday 28 Plain & Pearl social crafting group. 7.30pm. On Zoom.

Go to the What's On section of our website for further details, links and contact information:
www.teddingtonparish.org/whats-on

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Clergy Comment



'To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens.'
Ecclesiastes 3

Ecclesiastes is one of the Wisdom books of the Old Testament. Its insightful and often challenging words capture something of what it

means to be human in a fragile and ever-changing world. The verse above is one of the more reassuring ones: it affirms that life doesn't stand still and we all have seasons in life, some easy and uplifting, others hard and challenging. Life moves on.

We're coming into the season of new beginnings. September is the time when we focus on new starts, with it especially being a time to learn. For some of our children this will be the beginning of their school life. I hope and pray, as our children start school or return to school, that this year will be very different from last and a positive time for learning and being with friends.

At St Mary's, we're starting our Confirmation courses this month. These courses are a great opportunity to learn about and debate the Christian faith. We will be running classes for both youth and adults and I hope that we'll enjoy grappling with the big questions of life and learning from each other. Everyone is welcome to join us. The course, if you choose, will culminate in a Confirmation service which will be taken by Bishop Graham on December 5. There is more information on the back page.

However September starts for you, I hope that it's a time of flourishing and that in the business of new beginnings, you have time to reflect on the season that has just been, as you prepare for the new one we are now entering.

Revd Caroline Halmshaw

September 2021 SERVICES

at SMwSA unless stated

~ Online service only;
* In-person + livestreamed service

SUNDAYS:

8.00am Holy Communion
9.00am Morning Worship
10.00am Parish Communion*

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

THURSDAYS:

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

Go to our website for further details, joining instructions and links:
www.teddingtonparish.org

First Aid Training Course

We are keen to build up a team of people with First Aid qualifications. If you would like to join us for a one day First Aid training course – which we are looking to arrange onsite at the parish hall and for which the church would pay, please get in touch with Carla Maroussas and become part of the team.

Contact 020 8943 2262

www.teddingtonparish.org

Teddington Community Café

Teddington Community Café continues to open every Monday afternoon: 1.30–4.30pm, at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Church Road, Teddington TW11 8PS. Why not come along to enjoy a warm welcome, a chance to chat, with quality hot and cold drinks and delicious home-made cakes?



The café is there for everyone but, we hope, will appeal particularly to those who feel isolated or anxious as a place where they can find sanctuary, enjoy a friendly chat and find out about local community activities and services. Initiated by Teddington Parish, in partnership with local NHS Primary Care Networks and disability charities Ruils and Richmond Aid, the café hosts local social prescribers and their clients.

Into autumn, we will begin a series of events featuring different local services and charities, inviting representatives to provide advice and showcase their work: starting on 4 October.

*Clare Rider, Sarah Rae and Lisa Dobinson
communitycafe@teddingtonparish.org*

Parish Registers

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

18th July: Josephine Molly, daughter of Emma and David Rance

25th July: Grayson Christopher, son of Zoe and Chris Corbould

1st August: Adaline Nancy, daughter of Sarah and Robert Pemble

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

17th July: Samantha Shanley and Gary Kane

24th July: Veronika Edwards and Paul Day

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

14th July: Andrew Karski (74)

Diversity and Inclusion Group

FILM NIGHT – Tuesday 5 October

The Diversity and Inclusion group meets every month with a brief to help our local church and community actively respond to the issues of racism and diversity with which the Church and society are currently grappling. Inspired initially by *Ghost Ship*, the book published last year by Azariah France-Williams, our former priest at SPSP, we are learning that one of the most important ways in which we can respond is to educate ourselves.

On Tuesday 5 October, we will be holding a film night in the Church Hall where we will screen a thought-provoking film, after which there will be an opportunity to discuss it together over a meal. Please see the website for full details.

We are also compiling a list of resources, including books, articles and TV programmes which we, as a group, have found useful in increasing our understanding of the issues and we'll be releasing this in September.

If you'd like to get involved, we'd be delighted to see you. Email Caroline on curate@stmarywithstalban.org.

Cathy Randall

Hall Doors Open

It is delightful to have our buildings active again, safely open with all necessary Covid-secure measures. All church services have resumed (see front page for details), and all bookings are welcome again in the hall.

We have now warmly welcomed back all our existing regulars, here at St Mary's Parish Hall, who offer their various exercises, creative activities, dance classes, workshops and craft groups with daytime and evening options for all ages. Whether its Zumba, tango, yoga, child psychotherapy, wine tasting, Scouts, Guides, bell ringing, socialising over craft, karate, dance, art classes or reading groups, they are all back in action.

Children's parties, wedding parties, baby showers and all sorts of other celebrations have also successfully returned to the Hall over summer, along with a variety of other private bookings like AGMs, first aid training, baby yoga, cheese-making courses, mobility classes and post-natal groups.

People are benefiting hugely from being able to re-connect and meet up again in a safe space with plenty of room.

To talk through any private party or commercial bookings, contact the Parish Office: info@stmarywithstalban.org or 020 8943 2262. Alternatively, go to our website for the days and times of the regular activities open to all: www.teddingtonparish.org – Parish Hall/Hall Facilities, and scroll down.

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Churchyard Events

Loving your Burial Ground week in June proved very popular with local residents of all ages. In response to demand, the following events will be repeated next month. No tickets are required.



Talk on the History of the Churchyard – Saturday 11 September at 5 pm – in church

Talk on Bees – *tbc*. Check website.

Guided walk around trees and flowers – *tbc*. Check website.

We continue to generate interest in "Adopt a Grave", and those graves where work has already started are attracting favourable comments. Elsewhere, we welcome others to the scheme and will be holding two sessions for current and prospective "adopters" to meet, greet and



share stories on Thursday 16 September at 11 am, and Saturday 18 September at 11 am in the churchyard.

Please share these dates with your friends and neighbours. *Robin Field-Smith*

Coffee and Craft

Starting 5 September, Coffee and Craft following the 9am service is back. Come over to the Parish Hall straight after the service to enjoy a coffee and a chat while the children do a colouring or simple craft activity. Hope to see you there! *Ruth Chaplerin*

Handbell Team Needs New Recruits

The handbell team (St Mary Teddington Bells) is keen to have new members. No previous experience of bell ringing is necessary, just an ability to read music.

We meet every Monday in the Mina Hogan Room, St Mary's Parish Hall, 7.15–9.30pm, which includes time for setting up/ putting away equipment.

We entertain at various locations in the local community throughout the year, as well as attend some rallies slightly further afield to play and meet other ringers. Whatever we do, we always seem to end up having fun!

Please come along one evening to find out about handbell ringing and to give it a try. Please contact Sheila Insley on info@stmarywithstalban.org if you are interested or if you have any questions.

Godly Play sessions during the 10am Parish Communion Service.

Godly Play is a well-established creative and reflective way of engaging children with Bible stories. We will be running a session of Godly Play for children of all ages during the 10am Sunday service at St Mary with St Alban on the first three Sundays of September (5th, 12th and 19th)

Please just come along. No need to book. For more details, contact Cathy Randall (crr1@btinternet.com) or Revd Mary Hawes (revmary@live.co.uk)