

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

Everything in this diary comes with an open invitation.
Go to our website to find all the details and we look forward to seeing you there:
www.teddingtonparish.org/whats-on/

Saturday 4	Parish Plod. Next section of the Capital Ring Walk. 9.30am-4.00pm
Monday 6	Teddington Community Café. SPSP. 1.30-4.30pm. Also on 13, 20 & 27
Tuesday 7	Memory Café. SPSP. 1.30-3.00pm Newland House School Carol Concert. SMwSA. 2.30pm
Wednesday 8	Uniformed Groups Carol Concert. SMwSA. 7.00pm
Thursday 9	Parish Coffee. On Zoom. 10.30am. Also on 16
Tuesday 14	SMSP School Carol Concert. SMwSA. 6.30pm
Thursday 16	Churchyard Gardening. SMwSA. 10.00am. Also on 18
Wednesday 22	Carol Singing at The Anglers Pub. 8.00pm. For a traditional sing-along
Sunday 26	Boxing Day Sunday Services as usual at 8.00am, 9.00am and 10.00am

For all Christmas services and events please see page 2

Parish Registers

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

17th October: Imogen, daughter of Janine and Richard Cresswell

17th October: Angus, son of Victoria and Gordon Smith

24th October: Sofia, daughter of Jane Gant and Sanjay Sharma

31st October: Beatrice and Brontë,

daughters of Emma Heal and Ed Leftwich

31st October: Frank, son of Anna and Luke Heracleous

7th November: Frederick, son of Lucy Francis and David Spon-Smith

7th November: Frederick, son of Rowena and Peter Cazalet

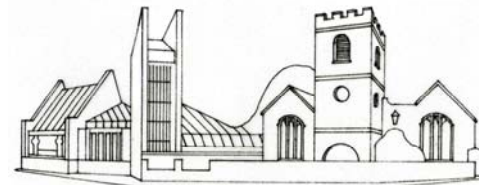
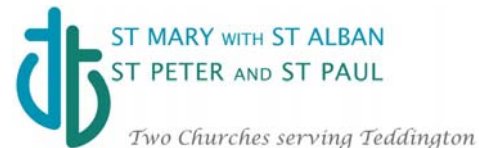
FUNERALS – *We remember with thanksgiving the life of:*

4th November: Valerie Cavathas (94)

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Joe's Christmas Message

Every year the children from Playwam Nursery School visit the church to see the Crib. This gives me an opportunity to read my favourite Christmas children's book: *Jesus' Christmas Party* by Nicholas Allen. It features a very grumpy innkeeper who is repeatedly woken by all the various nativity characters and bellows at them again and again to go 'ROUND THE BACK!'

This might be a familiar refrain when it comes to our Crib Services on Christmas Eve. Keeping everyone covid-safe requires us to limit each service to 150 people. Given that we usually get over 400 at each service, we will have to operate a booking system (tickets free via our website) and a livestream. But we will also offer an outdoor option for those who miss the booking window or who prefer to be outside. This will be provided 'round the back' of the church, under gazebos, and with speakers



relaying the readings and a member of the clergy team leading everyone in the carols. We found this worked well a couple of years ago when we tried it for the first time. Some said they even preferred being 'round the back'.

I also wonder whether 'round the back' is a useful theme to reflect on at this time of year. Who are the people we don't notice because their work is done 'round the back', out of view? Who are the people we prefer to keep 'round the back' of our lives, at a distance? Who are the people having to sleep 'round the back', behind our shops and alleys? The Christmas message is that Jesus entered our world in a 'round the back' kind of way and identified with those who society prefers to keep 'round the back'.

Let's not be like the gruff innkeeper and instead give a thought to those 'round the back'.

Wishing you a joyful Christmas,

Joe Moffatt
Vicar

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REGULAR 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 (Mon-Fri and 9am Sat)~
9.00am-5.00pm Church open for Private Prayer
6.00pm Evening Prayer, on Zoom (Mon-Thur and 5pm Fri-Sat)~

WEDNESDAYS:

9.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Church Mice Toddler Service

THURSDAYS:

12 noon Abide Service at SPSP

Go to our website for further details:
www.teddingtonparish.org



Carol Singing at The Anglers

WEDNESDAY 22 DECEMBER ~ 8PM

Come & join a traditional pub sing-a-long led by the Vicar



Christmas Services at St Mary with St Alban

All are welcome to our Christmas services in the church.

Please note that online booking is essential for those marked *.

Please go to our website: www.teddingtonparish.org or ring the Parish Office if you don't have internet access.

Booking is not needed if you're willing to stand outdoors at any of the Crib Services.

Most services will be livestreamed via our YouTube Channel (see our website for details).

Sunday December 19th

- 9.00am Morning Worship with Scratch Nativity
- 10.00am Parish Communion
- 6.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols *

Tuesday December 21st

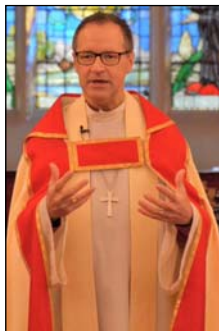
- 8.00pm Longest Night Service

Christmas Eve

- 2.00pm Crib Service*
- 3.30pm Crib Service*
- 5.00pm Crib Service*
- 11.30pm Midnight Mass*

Christmas Day

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.00am Christmas Worship*
- 10.00am Christmas Day Communion*



Confirmation Service on December 5th

We welcome the Bishop of Kensington to our 10.00am service on December 5th. Bishop Graham will be confirming five young people and four adults. It is always a great joy to prepare people for this important milestone on the journey of faith.

Advent Course

The theme for our Advent Course is *The Meaning is in the Waiting* – offering a time of reflection and discussion. Everyone is very welcome to join us. There is no need to book.

Wednesdays 1, 8, 15 and 22 December. Mina Hogan Room, St Mary's Parish Hall. 10.30 am. With hot drinks served from 10.15am.

Christmas Day Lunch at Elleray Hall
11am to 3.30 pm

Would you like to come?

The Churches in Teddington are inviting the elderly and those who are alone on Christmas Day to join them for a Traditional Christmas meal.

There will also be entertainment, mince pies and other refreshments plus a chance to join in Carols and other activities.

Transport can be provided for those who need it.

If you would like to attend or volunteer to help then please contact Malcolm on 020 8977 1398 or email on CTTChristmas21@gmail.com to register.

To attend you will need to had at least 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine unless medically exempt.

Organised by Churches Together in Teddington

Plan & Pearl Online Shop



Plain & Pearl has opened their online Christmas shop again this year, full of beautifully crafted, sustainable, high quality hand-made gifts. With new lines being added each week, they would love your support. Go to <https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/PlainandPearlShop>

Click and Collect, with easy collection from The Good Wine shop on Teddington High Street.

Elleray Hall Christmas Day Lunch Call for Volunteers

Churches together Teddington need volunteers to help ensure the success of the Christmas Day event at Elleray Hall, to which we invite the elderly and guests who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day.

- ◆ Drivers and escorts are particularly required (about an hour of your time morning and/or afternoon on Christmas Day.)
- ◆ Setting up the event on Christmas Eve and clearing up on Boxing Day.
- ◆ Help during the event to serve, engage with guests and many other similar roles.

Volunteers are welcome to join in activities and enjoy a Christmas lunch.

If you would like to help, then please contact Lynne via email at cttchristmas21@gmail.com or phone 020 8977 0083. She will then contact you to discuss which role(s) would suit you best.

Please note – given the vulnerability of many of the guests we can only accept volunteers who have been double (or triple) vaccinated.

Church of England Christmas Resources



At the heart of Christmas will consist of 12 Stories and Meditations from Justin Welby, Stephen Cottrell and guests. They will share personal stories exploring themes illustrating Christmas.

From Christmas Eve daily until Epiphany (6 January), *At the heart of Christmas: 12 Days of stories and meditations for Christmas* will help you make space for that exploration. On each of the twelve days, a different contributor will share something that lies close to the heart of Christmas for them, bringing the theme to life through a mixture of personal story, Bible reading, reflection and questions to ponder.

Available as an app or a booklet via www.churchofengland.org

Beautiful Cards on Sale

We are selling these stunning cards in packs of 12 for £10, with photography donated by Sue Lindenberg, and all proceeds going to our church. They are for sale at the back of church each Sunday, and from the parish office during the week.

