

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

Easter Services information can be found on page 2. Everything comes with an open invitation, and please bring a friend. Our website has all the details and we look forward to seeing you there: www.teddingtonparish.org/whats-on/

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| Sunday 3 | Passiontide Concert. St Mary's University Chapel. 7.00pm |
| Monday 4 | Teddington Community Café. SPSP. 1.30-4.30pm. Also on 11, 18 & 25 |
| Tuesday 5 | Parish Lunch. tba. 12noon Memory Café. SPSP. 1.30-3.00pm. Also on 19 |
| Monday 11 | Memorial Service for Esther Hammond. SMwSA. 3.00pm. |
| Tuesday 12 | Plain & Pearl social crafting group. Mina Hogan Room. 7.30pm. Also on 26 |
| Saturday 16 | Churchyard Gardening. SMwSA. 10.00am. Also on Thu 21 |
| Tuesday 19 | Parish Coffee. tba. 10.30am |
| Thursday 21 | Traherne Reading Group. Mina Hogan Room. 1.30pm. Also on 28 |
| Tuesday 26 | Annual Parochial Church Meeting. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm |
| Thursday 28 | Diversity & Inclusion Group. Mina Hogan Room. 7.30pm |

NB there will be no First Wednesday group this month

of our troubling times are also found in the 14th century's considerable political, social and religious turbulence. However, in many ways the meaning of Julian's visions provided



Julian of Norwich

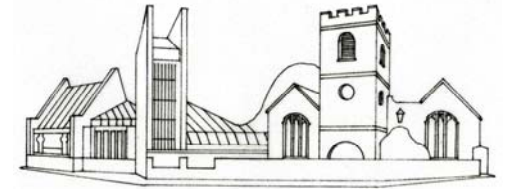
a stark contrast to the brutal times she lived in, with the under-lying message being the unconditional love of God. Love, she tells us, is His meaning. He invites us to trust in Him in good times and bad with the assurance that in His love for us, we will not be overcome. Her voice continues to offer us the timeless and priceless gift of hope that, in her most oft quoted phrase, "all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."

Sarah Williams

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Vicar's Viewpoint

Early on that first Easter dawn, Mary went to anoint Jesus's body and found an empty tomb. In her grief, she walked back through the garden to tell the other friends, and on her way she had an encounter that transformed her life. Jesus was with her again, she began to understand that

death is transient and no longer determined our future. This gave those early disciples new strength and courage to face daily danger.

I'm writing this viewpoint three weeks before you read it, and in the time between now and then, the situation in Ukraine and the world will have changed. The news brings us unimaginable scenes of destruction and loss of life, and we are struggling to make any sense of this devastation. But we also learn about awe-inspiring stories of courage, generosity and love – especially love for the stranger. The opening up of places of sanctuary and homes to those fleeing Ukraine is the other story of the war, and one which gives us hope, because we witness the power of our shared humanity and the triumph of love.

Easter is about the triumph of good over evil and love over indifference. Mary's, and those other disciples' lives, were transformed when they encountered the risen Jesus. What we witness as Poland and other countries open their borders and provide homes and shelter, is the ongoing triumph of love, and the hope that the revelation of Easter will lead to a new dawn for our world, to scatter the darkness and lead us into the way of peace.

Caroline Halmshaw

April 2022

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

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES (April 10-17)

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| Palm Sunday 10th | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 9.00am | Morning Worship |
| | 10.00am | Parish Communion (Palm Procession from St Mary's Parish Hall)* |
| Monday/Tuesday/ Wednesday | 8.00pm | Reflective Prayer Services with talks by Rev Joe Moffatt on 'Eloquent Actions' |
| | 8.00pm | Sung Eucharist with washing of feet and vigil until 10.00pm |
| Maudy Thursday 14th | | Stations of the Cross – available all day in the Churchyard |
| Good Friday 15th | 9.00am | Family Service, followed by children's workshop in the Parish Hall |
| | 10.00am | Walk of Witness, from St Mary's Parish Hall to the Green opposite the Hospital |
| | 10.30am | Ecumenical Service on the Green |
| | 1.00pm | An Hour by the Cross with talks by Rev Joe Moffatt |
| | 2.00pm | The Good Friday Sung Liturgy |
| Easter Day 17th | 6.30am | Dawn Service in the Churchyard, followed by cooked breakfast in Parish Hall (sign-up sheet in church) |
| | 9.00am | Morning Worship with Communion |
| | 10.00am | Festival Parish Communion* |

Eloquent Actions of Holy Week



It's often said that 'actions speak louder than words', and this is particularly true when it comes to the events of Holy Week. Jesus was masterful with his words, but even more masterful with his actions. His entering into Jerusalem on a donkey, his overturning of the tables in the temple, his washing of feet and offering bread and wine at the Last Supper are all eloquent actions which I shall explore in my Holy Week talks. I will then turn to the actions that are done to Jesus on Good Friday, which are eloquent in a violent and tragic sense, before considering the most eloquent action of all on Easter Day when God raises Jesus from the dead.

To fully appreciate this eloquence, it helps to participate in worship that includes meaningful actions. This will be a feature of all our services, including the Reflective Prayer Services during the week. I'm so glad that we can meet in person to do this (unlike the very restricted services of the past two Holy Weeks). But if that's still not possible for you, then please join us online and imagine those actions for yourself.

Joe Moffatt

The Parish Plod

The Parish Plod was the brain-child of three couples who got to know each other better during Bishop Martin's 2018 Holy Land Pilgrimage. Two years later, when the country was in the grip of the pandemic, the Field-Smiths, Raes and Matthews launched their bid to walk Transport for London's 78 mile Capital Ring. Using public transport to access the 15 suggested stages, Capital Ring aims to help walkers discover the many hidden green parks, meadows and woodlands beside rivers, lakes or canals, passing significant or less well known landmarks within a 10 mile radius of Charing Cross.

Other members of the congregation were offered the chance to share this exploration of new places, get some fresh air and exercise and, perhaps most importantly, spend time together getting to know one another and sharing fellowship at a time when face to face interaction was at its most difficult.

The first walk, socially distanced and in groups of six, started at Streatham on 24th October 2020. Our second stage through Wimbledon Common and Richmond Park about a month later was the last before Lockdown 2 delayed progress. Since April 2021 we have plodded via Harrow, Hendon, Stratford and Woolwich to the final legs in Southeast London. We have walked in rain, snow and bright summer sunshine and visited some 21 of the

London Boroughs. At least a dozen of the group will have walked the whole route by March 2022 and maybe 14 more "occasional" have joined for many of the stages, with ages ranging from 11 to 80+. Our thanks go to the founders of the Plod who led us (after walking the routes beforehand) on a fascinating and rewarding journey round London. *Jo O'Hagan*

Parish Registers

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

6th February: Francesca Clara and Sofia Alexandra, daughters of Gabriella and Joseph Richmond; Amaia Julia Ventura, daughter of Antonia and Andrew Quaille
13th February: Alasdair Mark, son of Lauren and Jack Wakefield; Ida Mae, daughter of Pamela and Simon Badham
20th February: Matilda Rose, daughter of Emma and Thomas Scott
27th February: Maximus David McKeague son of Gemma and Marc Smith; Rowan Keith son of Clare Stones and John Kelsey.

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

1st March: Debrah Gibbs (62)
14th March: David Aitchison (79)

UPDATES and INFORMATION

Teddington Parish 20s & 30s

A new monthly discussion/social group has started up for those in their 20s and 30s (or thereabouts!). The group meets at the Tide End Cottage pub, 8 Ferry Road (TW11 9NN) on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Sessions will include discussion on faith-related books, articles and themes with plenty of opportunity to drink and chat in a cosy pub setting. The next session will be on April 13th for drinks, and will be a great opportunity to get to know others and pick a book for the next few sessions. For more information, or to be added to the WhatsApp group, contact Ant: 07414 502235

Diversity and Inclusion Group

We are now meeting on a regular monthly basis (last Thursday in the month) and making steady progress with our aims to

Julian of Norwich



Sarah Williams

Since September 2021, I have been in training for ordained ministry, spending part of my week studying at college and part of it gaining hands on experience at SMwSA.

My studies for the ordained ministry have introduced me to a fascinating 14th century

female theologian, Julian of Norwich. She was an anchoress (a religious recluse) who became seriously ill when about 30 years old and was believed to be on the point of death. During her suffering she experienced a series of mystical revelations or visions from God. She recovered and spent the remainder of her life living in prayerful solitude, wrestling with the meaning of these visions. We have the fruits of her contemplation in her work 'Revelations of Divine Love', the first identified text written in English by a woman.

This may all seem detached from our lives, but her work cuts across time. The backdrop to her writing shows striking parallels with contemporary concerns. Just as Covid swept across the world, Julian lived during the Black Death. Other echoes

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address diversity and inclusion in our Church at the very least, something close to all our hearts for 'diverse' reasons. We are a small group and newcomers are very welcome. Our priority at the moment is to create a brief policy on D&I to present to the PCC. We will also have attended the Lent course, Living in Love and Faith, to ensure we are up to date on learning about all kinds of diversity. For further information and how to contact us please see our new noticeboard at the back of the church. *Anna Michel*

Welcare Lunch

A successful Lent lunch, organised by Margaret Squire was held on Sunday March 6th, with delicious soups made by Suzie Gordon. Anna Khan, Chief Executive of Welcare gave an interesting update on the charity's work. The lunch raised just over £600 for the charity. *Sue Stevens*