

## WHAT'S ON IN MAY

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/](http://www.teddingtonparish.org/whats-on/)

Monday 2	Teddington Community Café. SPSP. 1.30-4.30pm. <b>Also on 9, 16, 23 &amp; 30</b>
Tuesday 3	Memory Café. SPSP. 1.30-3.00pm. <b>Also on 17</b>
Wednesday 4	First Wednesday open discussion group. Mina Hogan Rm. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: <i>All shall be well?</i> – a discussion on Julian of Norwich led by Sarah Williams
Thursday 5	Coffee. On Zoom. 10.30am Traherne Reading Group. Mina Hogan Rm. 1.30pm. <b>Also on 12, 19 &amp; 26</b>
Tuesday 10	Bereavement Café. SPSP. 1.30-3.00pm. <b>Also on 24. See article.</b> Pub Lunch. The King's Head. 11.00am Plain & Pearl craft group. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm. <b>Also on 24</b>
Wednesday 11	20s & 30s Social Group. Tide End Cottage Pub. 7.00pm
Sunday 15	Christian Aid Sunday (Christian Aid Week: 15-21 May) <i>Active!</i> Church. St Mark's Church, St Mark's Road. 4.00pm – 5.30pm. <b>Also on 22 &amp; 29</b>
Thursday 19	Churchyard Gardening. SMwSA. 10.00am. <b>Also on Sat 21</b>
Tuesday 24	Pub Coffee. The Kings Head. 11.00am Annual Parochial Church Meeting. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm
Thursday 26	Ascension Day Holy Communion. SMwSA. 8.00pm (with livestream)

## Biscuit Baking for Ukraine

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, Children's Church raised a massive £60 for the DEC Ukraine appeal on 20th March by selling decorated biscuits at coffee after church. The children enjoyed having their session in the kitchen for a change and did a great job decorating biscuits iced in the colours of the Ukrainian flag. We also learnt how to say 'thank you' in Ukrainian.

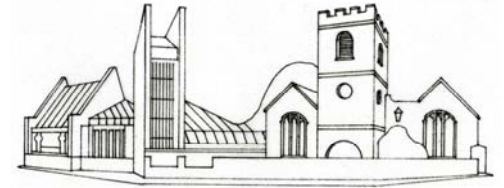
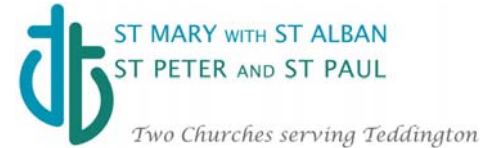
Thank you to everyone who bought and enjoyed our biscuits.  
*Cathy Randall*



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## May 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

Go to our website for further details:  
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## Vicar's Viewpoint

It's been heartening to hear about so many Teddington folk offering a home to Ukrainian refugees. If only the UK government could match this generosity with some efficient cutting of red tape. But let's hope that many of these offers will be taken up soon and some new friendships created. Hospitality has a tendency to enrich the host as much as the guest.

As we continue to respond charitably to the plight of Ukrainians, let us also be mindful of the ongoing conflicts and suffering in other parts of the world. It's important that our awareness of one war helps raise our awareness of all wars. We must not forget the people of Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan, South Sudan and Ethiopia. And particularly close to my heart is the situation in Northern Mozambique where half a million people have been forced to flee their homes due to a terrorist insurgency.

It's easy to assume that the war in Ukraine has led to 'compassion-fatigue'. But I was greatly encouraged by the response of parishioners to my 'Miles in March' appeal for Mozambique. Having run 85 miles during the month (including the Hampton Court Half Marathon with my colleague Chris Kennedy) I was delighted to raise £2335 in sponsorship which will be sent to our link diocese to use in their front-line emergency relief work.

This parish has a strong tradition of supporting Christian Aid Week (15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May). So please look out for those iconic red envelopes that will be posted through your letterboxes. This year the focus will be on supporting families in Zimbabwe who are suffering from drought and climate change. Your donations will help to provide drought-resistant seeds, water taps and other essential resources.

Thank you for keeping your hearts open and remaining generous.

Best wishes

*Joe Moffatt*



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## Eco Church

On the 9<sup>th</sup> March we were delighted to hear the news that St Mary with St Albans had been awarded a Bronze Eco Church Award.

The overall aim of the Eco Church Award scheme is to celebrate the ways that church communities have been engaging with caring for the earth as a key part of their Christian faith.

The process included filling in a very detailed survey with an explanation of the work we are doing in many areas including worship, outreach, learning, and buildings and churchyard. The survey shows how we as a church are caring for God's earth in different areas of our life and work. The more the church does, the more points it collects towards an award.

Eco Church were particularly encouraged to see our sustainability webpage on our church website. This is the Green Feed where you can find our weekly bulletin – [teddingtonparish.org/sustainability](http://teddingtonparish.org/sustainability).

The Sustainability Group have already started work towards gaining their Silver Award next year.

Carla Maroussas

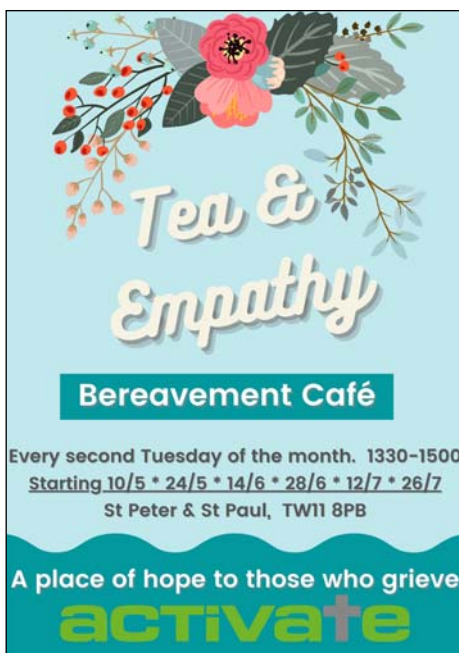
## Bereavement Café

As part of the support we offer to those who are grieving, we are establishing a Bereavement Café, which will run on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, 1.30–3.00pm at St Peter and St Paul Church.

We recognise that each journey of grief is unique and that different people can be affected in different ways. The Café will be a safe, informal and friendly space where there will be the opportunity to talk and share stories with people who will listen and meet others who are also coping with grief. The Café does not offer counselling but we can provide details of local professional services.

We promise you a warm welcome together with tea, coffee and cake. The first Café will open on May 10<sup>th</sup> and anyone who feels they would benefit from what the Café offers is welcome to come along. There's no need to book, simply turn up on the day. For further information, please email Sarah Williams [sarahw@teddingtonparish.org](mailto:sarahw@teddingtonparish.org)

Sarah Williams



## Palm Sunday in Pictures



## Active! Church

Would you ever associate the terms 'throwing some shapes' or 'scoring a screamer' to be associated with church? Well, come and get your groove and your kit on as Activate launches Active! Church where both street dance and football will come together to create a church service for young people in the community.

Recognising the business of Sunday church and wanting to meet young people where they are at, we are pioneering a new service where sport/activity, worship and food come together.



We at Activate are so thankful for the St Mary with St Alban Lent Appeal. We have now been able to raise sufficient funds to get in a Christian street dance coach who will be running weekly youth sessions at St Mark's Church, St Mark's Road, Teddington.

We are particularly focusing on positively engaging young women into activity and street dance is an inclusive and dynamic art form that is fun and easy to do. Allied to our football project on the Addison Rec, near St Mark's, we want to bring these communities together on a Sunday for church that is full of energy, fun and fellowship.

Active! Church will launch on 15<sup>th</sup> May at St Mark's, Teddington from 4.00pm, so come down and get grooving!

Rev Chris Kennedy

## Parish Registers

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

27<sup>th</sup> March: Evie Marion Rita, daughter of Bethan Taylor-Swaine and Richard Swaine

3<sup>rd</sup> April: Albert William John and Elspeth Beatrice Marie, son and daughter of Sophie and Edward Birch

3<sup>rd</sup> April: Honor Violet and Casper Grey, daughter and son of Charlotte and Greg Helmich

10<sup>th</sup> April: Evie Jessica, daughter of Rebecca and David Damerell

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

12<sup>th</sup> April: Malcolm Miatt (74)