

## WHAT'S ON IN JULY

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/)

Saturday 2	Parish Plod: Jubilee Greenway. Leaving Teddington Station @ 9.30am
Sunday 3	Children's Church. SMwSA Church. 10.00am. <b>Also on 10 &amp; 17</b>
Monday 4	Teddington Community Café. SPSP. 1.30-4.30pm. <b>Also on 11 18 &amp; 25</b>
Tuesday 5	Memory Café. SPSP. 1.30-3.00pm. <b>Also on 19</b>
Wednesday 6	First Wednesday open discussion group. Mina Hogan Room. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: <i>Topic: What is an interregnum?</i> Tea/coffee available – bring a packed lunch.
Thursday 7	Coffee. On Zoom. 10.30am
Sunday 10	River Sunday Service. SMwSA Church. Starting at 10.00am, then continuing at Manor Road Recreation Ground from 10.40am.
Tuesday 12	Bereavement Café. SPSP. 1.30-3.00pm. <b>Also on 26</b> Pub Lunch. The King's Head. 12noon
Sunday 17	Joe's Farewell Sunday – Joe will be officiating at all the services. Everyone welcome
Thursday 21	Churchyard Gardening. SMwSA. 10.00am. <b>Also on Sat 23</b>
Tuesday 26	Pub Coffee. The Kings Head. 11.00am Plain & Pearl craft group. Mina Hogan Room. 7.30pm

## Children's Church tasters off to flying start

The 10am taster sessions began on 12<sup>th</sup> June with much excitement. We're delighted with all the smiling new faces! In the first session we heard about Jesus's journey to Jerusalem with his disciples. The children then journeyed around Udney Park Gardens solving clues on a treasure hunt with new friends. There will be fun-filled sessions to try each Sunday before the end of term – from crafts to drama to Godly Play.

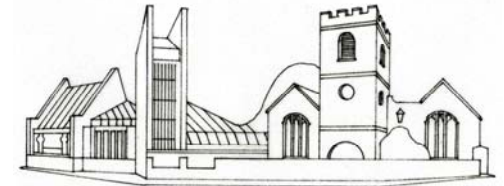
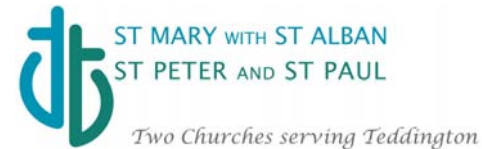
*Sophie Edginton*



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## Vicar's Viewpoint

It is with a heavy heart that I write my last newsletter as your vicar. I'm not moving far – just over the bridge to Kingston, to be Team Rector of Kingston, a role mainly based at All Saints Kingston, the ancient civic church opposite John Lewis but with two other churches in the team ministry as well. It's a role that I feel drawn to with a different set of challenges and opportunities from those I've faced in Teddington and a slightly wider scope. So I'm excited at the prospect and feel it's the right kind of move for me at this stage of my ministry. My last Sunday is 17<sup>th</sup> July. We will then move house in August before an Institution Service in All Saints Kingston on 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

It will be a massive wrench to leave Teddington. I doubt I will ever be as embedded in a church or a community as I have been here. There's something special about the first parish where you've been 'the Vicar' and also about the place where your children grow up. The depth of friendship and the amazing support I've had is something that I will always be hugely grateful for. Nevertheless, I've done thirteen years, which is longer than the average stint, and I feel the time is right to move on.

I know that I leave you as strong as any parish facing an interregnum. You have a fantastic clergy team and two wonderful churchwardens in Carla and Robin. I regret that I haven't been able to see the Building Anew project through to completion but I know the Governance Group will continue to drive that through the next stages and the Archdeacon is on standby to help, not least in fronting the fundraising appeal.

St Mary with St Alban is an amazing church and Teddington is the best place to live in London (as we all know) so I feel very privileged to have served here. Thank you – and may we all continue to grow in faith and friendship.

Best wishes

*Joe Moffatt*

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## July 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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## River Blessing Service

### SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY

- 10.00am ~ Church Service
- 10.45am ~ River Blessing at Manor Road Recreation Ground

Along with many other local river organisations and clubs

## Interregnum

On the 29<sup>th</sup> May, Joe Moffatt announced his news of moving on from St Mary with St Alban to a new role at All Saints, Kingston.

Whilst I am confident you will all join me in wishing Joe all the very best, I am sure many of you will be reflecting on what Joe's departure means for us all. As a parish we will enter an interregnum which is the term used in the Anglican Communion to describe the period before a new parish priest is appointed to fill a vacancy.

First and foremost, we are blessed with a strong clergy team, so unlike many other parishes going through an interregnum, we won't need to organise visiting clergy each week. This leaves us able to maintain our regular pattern of worship, mission, and pastoral care.

During an interregnum, the administration of the parish is the responsibility of the churchwardens. This responsibility begins from the date of resignation, which is usually the date of induction in a new parish of the incumbent. The Churchwardens are the Bishop's officers in the parish during a vacancy.

On a practical level, there are several important things that will need to happen including:

- ◆ The Churchwardens to meet with the Archdeacon who will confirm the process for the interregnum and selecting a new incumbent.
- ◆ The Archdeacon will then set a date and attend a special Preliminary Vacancy Meeting with the PCC to explain what needs to happen.

After which, two key tasks that will need to be fulfilled are:

- ◆ A Parish Profile describing the conditions, needs and traditions of the parish will need to be written by an elected group.
- ◆ Two parish representatives will need to be elected by the PCC.

These are indeed the initial practicalities but I am also mindful of what this unique period of time affords us as a parish. One dictionary defines interregnum as a *pause* and as we journey forward, I sincerely

hope we can use this time to indeed pause, to listen, to discuss and pray in faith together. *Carla Maroussas*

## Jubilee Service



The Jubilee service was a joyous way to celebrate the Queen's seventy years on the throne. The rain held off and there was excitement in the church.

Many people attended, including the Brownies, Rainbows, Scouts, and Guides, the RNLI, the Royal British Legion, Deputy Mayor Rhi Lee, and Munira Wilson, our MP. The choir was packed with singers. Everybody in the congregation wore their best clothes and the church was decorated with pretty flowers. Everything the clergy wore was also beautifully decorated.

There was a procession into the church with the crucifix and candles followed by those with flags. The servers then stopped in the middle of the church and received the flags. It was lovely to see everyone coming in with flags to honour the Queen. We sang hymns such as *Jerusalem, I vow to thee my country*, and *You shall go out with joy*.

Two Scouts read a lesson each. Joe did a special sermon for the occasion where he spoke about the main aspects of Christianity. He thought the most important things were turning up to be with people, taking an interest in them, and following Jesus.

After the service we processed into the churchyard, where there were two new quince trees ready to be planted. The Queen wanted a Green Canopy for the Jubilee. The Deputy Mayor and Robin came forward and read a passage from the Bible. Then the Deputy Mayor planted the trees with a new silver shovel. Everyone enjoyed the occasion.

*Esme Goulbourn  
(aged 12)*

## JOE'S FAREWELL

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Joe will be officiating at  
all three services:  
8am, 9am and 10am

*All welcome*

## Sustainability Festival – Living Your Sustainable Life

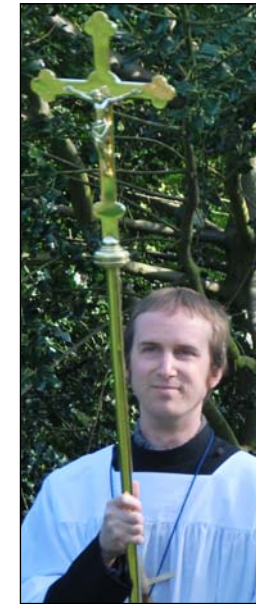


On 24<sup>th</sup> September we will be hosting our first ever Sustainability Festival in the Parish Hall; the theme of the festival is 'Living Your Sustainable Life.'

In theory, sustainable living aims to reduce personal and societal environmental impact by making positive changes which counteract negative environmental concerns. In practical terms, living a sustainable life means meeting our own needs without taking too much, or without compromising the ability of others to get enough for themselves. While there is a lot of coverage of these topics these days, and many people make efforts to be more sustainable, the reality is that very few people truly live the perfect sustainable life – and that's ok!

The day will see a range of sessions supporting attendees in learning how you could make small tweaks on your own sustainable journeys if you want to. There will be sessions on reducing energy use, gardening, growing and cooking your own food, repairing and reusing items, sustainable communities, and we will hear from local children about some of their amazing projects. We will also be hosting an evening event at a local venue with food, drinks, and music and the weekend will culminate in the Harvest Service on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

We will be sharing further details soon including how to buy your tickets. Come and join us on the day, we look forward to seeing you. *James Morris*



## Farewell Nick

July sees the departure from our Parish life of not only the Vicar and his family but also our dear friend Nick Strhan who is joining his family in York. Nick was born in Teddington and has lived and worshipped here ever since. He is Mr Dependable, a quiet, calm and smiling presence at all times and at most church services. He is the perfect and attentive Server, dignified Crucifer, latterly expert Live Transmission expert, wonderful Lesson reader and proud wearer of his Verger's gown, and we will all miss his faithful contributions to our worshipping life. But that is not all we will miss because we have to mention his cheerful hellos, his modesty, his love of poetry and feel-good stories, his membership of the Parish Plodders, his blue eyes and his prayerful demeanour. Lucky York, please look after our friend.

*Susan Jacobs*

## Parish Registers

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

22<sup>nd</sup> May: Sophie Lily Charlotte, daughter of Jane Moll and Richard Belsey; Ralph William and Darcey Evelyn, children of Lydia and Edward Hunter

29<sup>th</sup> May: Marisa Elizabeth Irene, daughter of Jane and Jonathan Gill

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

28<sup>th</sup> May: Hollie Kerr and James Cartmel