

WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

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/

Thursday 1	Coffee. On Zoom. 10.30am
Saturday 3	Parish Plod: Jubilee Greenway. Leaving Teddington Station @ 9.30am
Monday 5	Teddington Community Café. SPSP. 1.30-4.30pm. Also on 12 19 & 26
Tuesday 6	Memory Café. SPSP. 1.30-3.00pm. Also on 20
Wednesday 7	First Wednesday open discussion group. Mina Hogan Room, St Mary's Parish Hall. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: <i>For everything there is a season</i> . Bring a packed lunch.
Thursday 8	Traherne Reading Group. St Mary's Parish Hall. 1.30-3.00pm (set of 6 dates, into Oct). Also on 15, 22 & 29
Tuesday 13	Pub Lunch. The King's Head. 12noon Bereavement Café. SPSP. 1.30-3.00pm. Also on 27 Plain & Pearl social crafting group. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm. Also on 27
Wednesday 14	Gospel of Mark Group. On Zoom. 8.00-9.30pm (set of 5 dates, into Oct). Also on 21 & 28
Thursday 15	Churchyard Gardening. SMwSA. 10.00am. Also on Sat 17
Saturday 24	Sustainability Festival: Living Your Sustainable Life. St Mary's Parish Hall. 10.00am-5.00pm
Tuesday 27	Pub Coffee. Venue: tba. 10.30am

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER

Sunday 2	Slavery and the City Walk. 2.00-4.00pm. Sign-up now! Exploring the sites and institutions in the City of London with direct links to slavery. Go to our website for the details, or contact the parish office. Tickets £12, £10 for U18s (suggested min age: 12 yrs), excl travel costs.
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As we go to press (mid-August), we have just heard the sad news that Paul Hammond (husband of the late Esther) has died. Paul was a friend to many and a long-standing member of our church; working on the PCC, Governance Group and Standing Committee to name but a few. He was also Churchwarden during the early 2000s.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, and in particular his children, Matt and Katie. He will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace. *Carla Maroussas, Churchwarden*

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NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2022



St MARY with St ALBAN
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

Vicar's Viewpoint



Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness – thus begins John Keats' poem To Autumn.

I love this season, with the changing colours of the leaves, the cooler days, and the anticipation of harvest before nature dies into winter. It also heralds for me (an ex-teacher)

fresh starts: exercise books with clean pages, yet to be scarred by scribbled out mistakes and red pen; a chance to do things differently; discovering and encouraging the potential in children.

Towards the end of September we have Harvest Festival – coming together to give thanks for the fruits of creation. Maybe it's also a chance to consider a fresh start in our approach to the environment, caring for it, rather than exploiting it. The parish Sustainability Group <https://www.teddingtonparish.org/sustainability/> continues to challenge us as individuals and as a church community to consider how we can contribute towards the sustainability of our world in our everyday actions. A fresh start in our approach towards eating, tweaks in our energy consumption and considering environmentally friendly cleaning products, all contribute towards making life on planet earth more sustainable.

Please join us on 24th September for our Sustainability Fair to find practical approaches for fresh starts in our approach towards creation. Genesis 1 tells us, 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... and God saw that it was good.' Let's play our part in keeping it that way.

Mary Hawes

REGULAR SERVICES

- ~ 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:
www.teddingtonparish.org

**TEDDINGTON
SUSTAINABILITY
FESTIVAL**

SATURDAY 24TH SEP 2022
Free to enter - 10am until 5pm

**SPEAKERS, EXHIBITS: REFILL LARDER • PLAIN & PEARL
SHEDDINGTON REPAIR CAFE • FOOD • ARTS & CRAFTS
CHILDREN'S ART CLASS • BOOK SWAP**

Hosted at St Mary's Parish Hall Langham Rd, Teddington TW11 9HF
For more information please contact sustainability@teddingtonparish.org

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Sustainability Festival on September 24th



Our first Parish Sustainability Festival, "Living your Sustainable Life" will be taking place at St Mary's Parish Hall on Saturday 24th September. All are invited to come along, with entry free throughout the day.

The day will start with an introductory yoga session at 07:00am, before the Festival starts at 10:00am, with our opening event and speaker. Throughout the day a series of exhibits and short talks will take place, as well as children's art classes using recycled materials and a book swap. A range of food and drinks will be available to purchase. Several local sustainable businesses will be discussing their ideas and how they support the community to become a little more sustainable.

The evening will see a supper talk and wine tasting event starting at 7:30pm. Tickets for the supper talk will cost £25 with the price including four sustainable wines and a meal. The day is sure to be interesting and fun for the whole family so join and discuss and share ideas.

Please contact James at: sustainability@teddingtonparish.org to find out more, to volunteer any ideas you have, or to reserve a spot for the yoga class or book for the Supper Talk. Both will be released on a first come, first served basis. *James Morris*

Gospel of Mark Group

We are pleased to announce the return of this popular online Bible discussion group and are looking forward to catching

up with old friends and making new ones as we meet together to study the last five chapters of the Gospel of Mark. Sessions will be held weekly on Wednesdays from 8pm to 9.30pm via Zoom for five weeks commencing on Wednesday 14th September.

The group was formed in June 2021 to undertake a weekly online course exploring the first six chapters of the Gospel of Mark. We chose Mark because it was the first Gospel written and is a succinct account of Jesus' ministry. It's action packed, moving quickly from one episode to another; in fact the Greek word "euthus", often translated as "immediately", is used 41 times in this Gospel. Taking a chapter a week, we read, digested and reflected on it. It was lovely to get to know one another better as we shared our thoughts and interpretations of what the Gospel was saying to us. We reconvened last Autumn exploring the next five chapters and ended on something of a knife-edge with chapter 11 and Jesus' triumphal entry back into Jerusalem. Please join us as we continue our journey with St Mark by registering your interest with Sarah Rae (sarah.rae@tiscali.co.uk). You are welcome to attend some or all of the five online sessions.

Clare Rider and Sarah Rae

Sharing with Pemba



returned from the Lambeth Conference to their home in Mozambique. We handed over a chalice, paten and set of vestments (in all colours for the church seasons) from our vestry, to donate to our link parish of Pemba.

Suzie Gordon

Robin Field-Smith went to Heathrow to catch-up with Bishop Manuel, and his wife Laura, as they re-

Jennifer Shaw RIP

The sad news of the death, in early August, of Jennifer Shaw, aged 87, brings to a close the life of someone dear to the heart of her family and of the wider parish family of St Mary's worshippers. It was about 7 years ago that Alzheimer's disease began to overwhelm her but in her prime Jennifer was a diminutive but fiercely energetic friend of many. She was our chief flower arranger for years, (many a bride will remember her talents), a musician (singing alto in the choir, and playing violin in the orchestra), an active member of the PCC and a former churchwarden.

Elsewhere, she organised groups to work on new church kneelers and cushions, as well as working on them herself. The results are in weekly use and will be treasured for many years. An early Holy Gardener, well before the current team was set up, she was an accomplished Scottish country dancer, a member of Women in Fellowship (formerly Wives Fellowship), mother of four children and the wife (and reasonably successful controller) of our former Verger and general parish factotum Cyril.

She was a faithful support for our last three vicars, and an all-round, twinkly-eyed, cheerful, hugely hardworking and much valued friend of many.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Susan Jacobs

Adopt a Grave



About 100 graves have so far been adopted in our churchyard, showing our care for our heritage and those who have lived and died here over the centuries. If you would like to play your part in this worthwhile activity, please contact me: robin@teddingtonparish.org and we will be able to tell you more.

Robin Field-Smith

10am Children's Church is back!

After the success of our action-packed taster sessions this summer, we're back with even more in September! All school-age children are welcome to join in the fun as we grow in faith together.

The children can look forward to more of their favourite activities – like the epic treasure hunt in Udney Park gardens and lovely drama – complete with props and costume. Also we've planned lots of arts and crafts and more of our reflective Godly Play, as we share special stories from the Bible together.

Again we'll be collecting stickers towards some exciting end of term mementos, and we'll celebrate our journey together with a special Christmas Children's Church Party. Something not to be missed!

Join us at 10am from Sunday 11th September at St Mary with St Alban.

For more information, email Ruth Chaperlin (Children's Champion) at sundayschool@stmarywithstalban.org

We can't wait to see you.

Ruth Chaperlin



Parish Registers

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

17th July: Oliver Lionel, son of Jannicke Oestensen and Luke Swan

24th July: Eva Johanna Mia, daughter of Linda and Andrew Dickson

24th July: Harry Savan, son of Natasha and Richard Bowman

31st July: Isabella Louise and Jack Michael, daughter and son of Sarah and Nicholas Hoile

14th August: Orla Catherine and Ivy Gwendoline, daughters of Emma and Thomas Hupfield

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

23rd July: Joanna Stewart and Philippe Pierrrot

13th August: Kellie Coyne and Charles Hide