

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

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/

Saturday 1	Parish Plod: Jubilee Greenway. Leaving Teddington Station @ 9.30am
Monday 3	Community Café. Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-4.30pm. Also on 10 17 24 & 31
Tuesday 4	Memory Café. Peter & Paul Centre (PPC). 1.30-3.00pm. Also on 18
Wednesday 5	First Wednesday open discussion group. Mina Hogan Room, St Mary's Parish Hall. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: <i>Re-writing History and making amends for the past.....</i> Bring a packed lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Gospel of Mark Group. On Zoom. 8.00-9.30pm. Also on 12
Thursday 6	Parish Coffee. On Zoom. 10.30am Traherne Reading Group. St Mary's Parish Hall. 1.30-3.00pm. Also on 13
Sunday 9	We look forward to welcoming our Archdeacon, Ven Richard Frank as Guest Speaker at both the 9.00am and 10.00am services Choral Evensong. SMwSA Church. 6.30pm
Tuesday 11	Pub Lunch. The King's Head. 12noon Bereavement Café. PPC. 1.30-3.00pm. Also on 25 Plain & Pearl social crafting group. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm. Also on 25
Thursday 20	Churchyard Gardening. SMwSA. 10.00am. Also on Sat 22
Tuesday 25	Parish Coffee. Venue: tba. 10.30am

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

Sunday 13	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 27	Advent Carol Service. SMwSA Church. 6.30pm



The Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday 26 November, 11am to 2.30pm, at St Mary's Parish Hall, Langham Road, Teddington, TW11 9HF. We are looking forward to pre-

senting another fantastic event, to raise vital funds for our church. There are lots of ways in which you can get involved.

VOLUNTEERS – if you are able to help on the day or in the run up, please contact Kay Cassidy: kathryn.cassidy1@btinternet.com

DONATIONS – we would love good quality books and festive food gifts, also raffle prizes: big or small. Please leave donations at the back of church anytime: Monday-Saturday, 9.00am-5.00pm. *Kay Cassidy*

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St MARY *with* St ALBAN
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



Vicar's Viewpoint

On the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

We have just come to the end of a period of national mourning, and as a nation we've shown how much affection and respect we have for our late Queen Elizabeth II. It's hard for many of us to imagine a world without her.

As we've expressed our sense of loss and watched the events of State unfold before us, we've been reminded of, and celebrated, the many wonderful qualities she demonstrated over the years. One I particularly admire was her ability to stick at the task before her no matter what. With everything that life throws at us, she kept loyal and faithful to promises she made over 70 years ago. I heard a quote from a poem written about her which simply said, 'A promise made and kept for life.' This is a remarkable characteristic, one that came from her faith in a compassionate and loving God who gave her strength throughout the ups and downs of life.

As I took a Baptism service on the first Sunday after the news of her death, we reminded ourselves that the Queen would have wanted us to go ahead. I'm sure she loved a Baptism service, with its emphasis on the importance of continuing and celebrating all that is steadfast in times of change.

As we continue our period of interregnum here at St Mary with St Alban we are pleased that all our services and weekly activities are continuing as usual. November's newsletter will introduce you to some new members of our team, giving us the ability to maintain and strengthen our activities. As we continue to give thanks for all that has been in the life of Queen Elizabeth, we also welcome the new reign of King Charles III.

*In times when nothing stood
But worsened, or grew strange,
There was one constant good:
She did not change.*

Philip Larkin
Caroline Halmshaw

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:
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Choral Evensong

SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER

6.30PM

All are welcome

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Teddington and the Queen

Richmond is a Royal Borough and the Queen visited the borough on a number of occasions. However she only paid one official visit to Teddington during her reign. That was on June 25th 2002 when she and the Duke of Edinburgh came to the 'Picnic in the Park' in Bushy Park, organised to celebrate her Golden Jubilee. There will be many residents who remember the day clearly.



Many, car enthusiasts particularly, will recall the slow and sedate progress of the royal

Rolls Royce gliding slowly into and around the Park, with the Queen and Duke clearly visible.

The Queen showed great interest in the Park, the river and all the connections that the Royal Parks have had to the monarchy over the years. As the event involved about 40,000 people, there were many who were able to meet or, at least, see the Queen.



Jason Debney, co-ordinator of the Thames Landscape Strategy showing the Queen around Jubilant Thames

Although not present on the Golden Jubilee visit, Prince Charles, now King, visited in May 1999. He came to view the Park's new Millennium Wood, an example of the King's long-standing interest in the environment. As Patron of one of the UK's largest conservation charities, the Royal Parks Charity, the royal link is continuing. Hopefully Teddington will receive a further royal visit. We give thanks for the Queen's devotion and life-long steadfastness. Long live the King.
Sue Stevens

Paul Hammond



Paul and Esther at the parish's 800th Centenary celebration in 2017

We were shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of Paul Hammond on Saturday 13th August, particularly the four who had had supper with him the previous Friday evening, when he was on good form and enjoying the general banter. It was typical of Paul who was determined to live life to the full even when his health was deteriorating severely and causing concern.

Paul and Esther were closely involved with St. Mary's. Paul was a PCC member for many years, Churchwarden from 2002-6, a member of the Standing Committee, and had chaired the Finance Committee.

As a busy and qualified architect he used his knowledge to help the church with several projects including the renovation of the church roof, exterior and interior lighting, redecorating and even the church organ!

He enjoyed his rugby and the Welsh rivalry with Esther. The family all enjoyed the time they spent at their house on the Gower. Paul also had a love of classic cars and was previously the proud owner of a green Jaguar coupé.

However busy Paul was in his own life, he would always find time to assist in any way he could with church matters. He was a good friend to many and a devoted father to Matt and Katie. He will be greatly missed by us all. *John and June Demont*

Parish Registers

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

26th August: Charlotte Warrington and Nathan Haisley

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

31st August: Mary Rose (102)

2nd September: Molly Maunder (83)

2nd September: Jennifer Shaw (87)

16th September: Paul Hammond (64)

Peter and Paul Centre

Next time you are walking down the Causeway, take a look across the road at the Peter and Paul Centre. This former parish church sits at the heart of Teddington. Now run by a Church of England charity with the core purpose of growing faith and friendship, it is regularly used by many different groups including charities, businesses and individuals, and is home to the Community, Memory and Bereavement Cafés.



There are also rooms available to hire, ideal for contemplation, exercise, work or children's parties. For more information contact book@ppcteddington.org.uk or 020 8977 3330.

Community Café

"It's about the fellowship not the coffee – although that's nice too!"

"It's awfully sociable and a lovely atmosphere"

"It's what's needed, encouraging community, and really good value too!"

This is some of the feedback received from visitors to our Community Café, which is open on Mondays from 1.30-

4.30pm at the Peter and Paul Centre, in the centre of Teddington.

From the outset we wanted the Café to be more than just another coffee shop, being there for anyone who fancies a chat, particularly those feeling socially isolated and anxious. Given the focus on promoting mental health, we work closely with Ruils (Richmond-Upon-Thames Independent Living Service) whose NHS link workers often come to meet clients at the Café. It has been lovely to see people come, meet others and over the weeks develop lasting friendships. Our customers range in age from nonagenarians to new-borns (with their mothers) and newcomers are always welcome.

We have started a book swap scheme and sell local jams and marmalades. The Café is also the ideal place to signpost local organisations offering interesting activities and valuable services. Now Covid restrictions have eased, we hope to do more of this in the future.

If you would like to volunteer either at the café or by baking cakes then do let us know on communitycafe@teddingtonparish.org. We're a friendly bunch!

Sarah Rae and Clare Rider



All Souls' Service

SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

8.00PM

The names of loved ones departed will be read out during the service. If you would like to add a name, please use the sheet at the back of church or contact the Parish Office.