

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

Everything in this diary comes with an open invitation, and you are very welcome to bring a friend with you too. Go to our website to find all the details and we look forward to seeing you there: www.teddingtonparish.org/whats-on/

- Tuesday 1 Memory Café. Peter & Paul Centre (PPC). 1.30-3.00pm. **Also on 15**
- Wednesday 2 First Wednesday open discussion group. Mina Hogan Room, St Mary's Parish Hall. 12.45-2.15pm. *Topic: Prayer: how, why, whether, when, where?*
- Thursday 3 Parish Coffee. On Zoom. 10.30am
- Saturday 5 Parish Plod: Jubilee Greenway. Leaving Teddington Station @ 9.30am
- Sunday 6 All Souls Service. SMwSA Church. 6.30pm (*please note time change*)
- Monday 7 Teddington Community Café. PPC. 1.30-4.30pm. **Also on 14 21 & 28**
- Tuesday 8 Pub Lunch. The King's Head. 12noon
Bereavement Café. PPC. 1.30-3.00pm. **Also on 22**
Plain & Pearl social crafting group. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm. **Also on 22**
- Sunday 13 Remembrance Sunday: Holy Communion at 8.00am AND Morning Worship with Communion at 9.00am. SMwSA Church Procession from Royal British Legion at 10.00am to Cenotaph Service of Remembrance (outside Teddington Memorial Hospital) at 10.50am (**replacing our 10.00am service in church**)
- Thursday 17 Churchyard Gardening. SMwSA. 10.00am. **Also on Sat 19**
- Tuesday 22 Parish Coffee. Shambles Restaurant. 10.30am
Sustainability Supper – Discussing a Sustainable Christmas. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm. Go to our website, or contact the Parish Office to book a place.
- Saturday 26 Christmas Bazaar. St Mary's Parish Hall. 11.00am-2.30pm
- Sunday 27 Advent Carol Service. SMwSA Church. 6.30pm
- Wednesday 30 4-week Advent Course. Mina Hogan Room, St Mary's Parish Hall. 10.30am-12noon (*see details on page 2*)

LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER

- Sunday 18 Nine Lessons and Carols. SMwSA Church. 6.30pm

Parish Information

- CHURCH:** **St Mary with St Alban, Ferry Road, Teddington. TW11 9NN**
- Clergy Team:
Rev Caroline Halmshaw: caroline@teddingtonparish.org
07483 310330
Rev Mary Hawes: mary@teddingtonparish.org
07967 701891
- Church Wardens:
Carla Maroussas: carla@teddingtonparish.org 020 8943 2262
Robin Field-Smith: robin@teddingtonparish.org 07768 697178
- HALL + PARISH OFFICE:** **St Mary's Parish Hall, Langham Road, Teddington TW11 9HF**
- Hall Bookings Admin: Nadia Prince: nadia@teddingtonparish.org 020 8943 2262
- Church Services Admin: Emma Castellani: emma@teddingtonparish.org 020 8943 2262
- Ops & Comms Manager: Suzanne Parker: suzanne@teddingtonparish.org 020 8943 2262
- Newsletter Editors: Julien Cozens, Penny Jones and Sue Stevens
newsletter@teddingtonparish.org

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2022



St MARY with St ALBAN
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



Vicar's Viewpoint

I wonder how you remember people. I have letters and cards strewn around my flat – I like coming across them by chance and smiling as I read the words and recall the sender. And then sometimes Google decides to show me photos from my phone. I enjoy remembering the people and places – even if the memories are sometimes bittersweet.

November is a month of remembering. On 11th we remember those whose lives were lost in war and conflict. They will be honoured once again during the Remembrance Service on 13th November at the Teddington War Memorial.

But before that comes All Souls Day. On this day we remember those close to us whom we have loved but see no more. Family and friends who, now separated from us by death, helped shape our lives through their love and friendship. Following the tragic events of 11th September 2001, her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II said, 'Grief is the price we pay for love'.

Our All Soul's Service on 6th November offers space for grief, alongside the chance to name, remember and recollect our loved ones who have died. But it also reminds us of the Christian hope that not even death can separate us from God's love. St Paul wrote of this to the church in Rome:

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In this month of remembering, please do join us as we stop, remember, and move forward in the love of God.

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



SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER

- 8am Holy Communion
- 9am Family Communion
- 10.50am Service of Remembrance at Teddington Memorial Hospital (No regular 10am service)



Come and join us for this great Christmas Community event. There will be handbell ringing from the balcony, as you enjoy all the stalls and excitement (see

flyer) to get you in the festive mood.

We would love more **volunteers** to help on the day or with any small tasks in the run up. Please contact Kay if you can help: kathryn.cassidy1@btinternet.com.

We would also be very grateful for **donations of: good quality soft toys, children's books, CDs, DVDs, and cakes**, which can be left at the back of church Monday-Saturday, 9.00am-5.00pm or after Sunday services. *Kay Cassidy*

Memory Café Anniversary

The Memory Café first opened its doors in November 2017, so this month we are delighted to celebrate its 5th anniversary. We continue to open on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, at the Peter & Paul Centre, 1.30-3.00pm, for those living with memory problems and their carers and also for anyone who enjoys companionship. Everyone who has visited us over the years has found a caring, supportive space to enjoy a good chat over a free cup of tea or coffee and delicious cakes.

On the first Tuesday we usually have a sing-a-long to some old favourites and at every Cafe we have a light-hearted quiz. We are always delighted to welcome new guests as well as great old friends. There's no need to book, simply turn up on the day – our November dates are 1st and 15th. Looking a little further ahead, we will welcome the Teddington Handbell ringers on 6th December who will lead us in singing traditional Christmas carols. Please do join us.

For further information, please get in touch: sarah@teddingtonparish.org

Sarah Williams

We will be running an **Advent Course** based on the book *The Art of Advent* by Dr Jane Williams. Wednesdays 10.30 – 12 o'clock in the Mina Hogan Room starting 30th November for 4 weeks. For further information or to sign up contact sarah@teddingtonparish.org

Black History Month

Slavery and The City, a guided walk

Our walk began outside St. Paul's Cathedral where we heard that the Anglican Church was as implicated in slavery as any other organisation. By way of counterbalance, Pat, our informative guide then led us to St Mary Le Bow where she told us about her hero, Bielby Porteous, Bishop of Chester, who preached the first sermon seriously to challenge the church's position on slavery.

The walk was fascinating; every stop featured a person or event linked to slavery. At the Guildhall we learned of key abolitionists, Granville Sharp who brought the Zong slave ship massacre to public attention, and Olaudah Equiano, whose autobiography depicted the horrors of slavery.

We finished our walk in Fen Court, where Lemn Sissay's poem, Gilt (*sic*) of Cain sits alongside a moving sculpture memorial by Michael Visocchi.

It was a thoroughly thought-provoking walk, and I would urge anyone to retrace it.

Helen Mulcahy



Advent Carol Service

** to be livestreamed on our YouTube Channel*

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER

6.30PM

All are welcome

A WEEKEND FULL OF FESTIVITIES

Sustainability Festival

On 24th September, Teddington Parish hosted its first ever Sustainability Festival, 'Living Your Sustainable Life.' The festival was opened by Munira Wilson MP, followed by a talk by the Reverend Derek Winterburn.



There was a wide range of exhibitors, from Plain and Pearl and the Refill Larder, to our local beekeepers, a Traidcraft Fairtrade stall, and others. Local architects presented projects from home improvement to a multi-purpose entertainment space on the high-street, while the Twickenham Repair Café and Sheddington discussed repairing and reusing goods. Margaret's jams were a particular hit, with a couple of resupplies

needed to manage the demand.

Over the course of the day, a few hundred people came through the hall, with lots of positive conversations and ideas shared. Many of these made it on the Green Wall, an idea and inspiration art project created by Iris Hemsley, our youngest volunteer.

Later, we closed our sustainability festival with a supper talk at the Parish Hall. The theme of the evening was Sustainable Wines, and attendees were treated to a fascinating talk from Pippa at The Good Wine Shop on the High Street in Teddington, alongside a wonderful three-course home cooked, vegetarian, dinner. The wine, and conversation, was flowing all night.

The day was a huge success, and we are grateful for all involved in organising, exhibiting, and supporting it. We look forward to next year's festival being even bigger.

James Morris

Harvest Festival

The congregations of Teddington Parish responded generously to the call for help this Harvest Festival. Items were donated at services on 25th September in support of Richmond AID, SPEAR, Richmond Foodbank (Vineyard) and Surplus to Supper. In addition, over £500 was raised through the Collection plate for the DEC's Pakistan Floods Appeal.



Parish Registers

BAPTISMS – We welcome into Christ's Church:

11th September: Hannah Katarzyna, daughter of Sylwia and Humphrey Dorrell; Arwen Morgan Max, son of Victoria and Joseph Halford

25th September: Jasper Barnaby and Matilda Eloise, son and daughter of Gemma and Tristan Sancha

2nd October: Joseph James, son of Philippa and Matthew Whitlock; Oscar Henry, son of Amy and Henry Smith

FUNERALS – We remember with thanksgiving the lives of:

1st October: Jean Griffiths (89)

4th October: Pamela Rolph (82)

5th October: Gillian Owens (85)

Join us for our next Supper Talk on the 22nd November from 7:30pm at the Parish Hall where we will be discussing how to enjoy a more Sustainable Christmas. Contact the Parish office to book your place.