

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

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/

Thursday 1 Parish Coffee on Zoom. 10.30am
Saturday 3 Parish Plod: Jubilee Greenway. Leaving Teddington Station @ 9.30am
Monday 5 Teddington Community Café. Peter & Paul Centre (PPC). 1.30-4.30pm. Also on 12 & 19 (not 26)
Tuesday 6 Memory Café. PPC. 1.30-3.00pm. With carols and handbells. Also on 20
Wednesday 7 Advent Course. Mina Hogan Room. 10.30am-12noon. Also on 14 & 21
Tuesday 13 Bereavement Café. PPC. 1.30-3.00pm
Thursday 15 Churchyard Gardening. SMwSA. 10.00am. Also on Sat 17

A few groups take a break this month – all back in January as usual.

For all Christmas services and events please see page 3

LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY

Wednesday 11 Bible Study: Acts. On Zoom. 8.00pm. 6-week course
Sunday 29 Christingle Service. SMwSA Church. 4.00pm

Support RUILS

This December, we have a box for donations at the back of church, in support of local charity RUILS who, partnered with Activate, are once again delivering Christmas parcels to disabled people and their families as part of their ongoing commitment to enable independent living. Chief Executive, Cathy Maker, explained that everything will then be boxed up and delivered on Tuesday 21 December. And the need this year is already greater, with RUILS expecting to give out around eighty parcels, more than double last year. Please bring your

donations by Sunday 19 December to St Mary with St Alban, 9am-5pm, Mon-Sat, or after Sunday services OR take them directly to RUILS at 4, Waldegrave Road. Items requested are essentials e.g. tinned veg, meat, tuna, pasta, rice, toiletries and treats e.g. biscuits, chocolate, crackers.

Contact RUILS on 020 8831 6083.



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Christmas Greetings

FROM ST MARY WITH ST ALBAN
PARISH CHURCH OF TEDDINGTON

DECEMBER 2022

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Vicars' Viewpoint



May the joy of the angels
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas and always.

Amen



Follow the star.

We're in the season of anticipation, not only because of the World Cup and all our expectations for the success of our national team, but because Advent is the season when we aim to take a deep breath as we wait and ponder on the meaning of Christmas.

We're taking part in 'Follow the Star', which is an invitation to everyone to have some time to reflect and learn again about where the 'star of wonder' led, and what it means for us today. If you would like to spend some time reflecting with us, you are very welcome to come along and join our Advent group, the details are inside this Newsletter.

We hope when Christmas comes, it's a very happy and blessed one for you and those whom you love.

Follow the Star: <https://churchofengland.org/resources/resources-advent-and-christmas>

Revd Caroline Halmshaw & Revd Mary Hawes



Follow the Star: The Great Invitation

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Remembrance Sunday



As ever, there was a real sense of community as Teddington people of all ages, from veterans to the youngest Beaver, came together on Sunday 13 November for our annual Remembrance Day service. This year was particularly poignant because it was the first time in over seventy years that Remembrance Day has taken place without the presence of Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen's sense of responsibility, commitment to us and our country, and her deep faith in God, who loves each one of us, has supported us in our acts of remembrance over the years. We miss her and remember her with all of those who have served this country in times of war and peace. *Cathy Randall*



carol singing

The Anglers Pub
3 Broom Road, TW11 9NR

Thursday 15 December. 7:30pm

Come along for a traditional sing-along

All donations to **Welcare**



Recycle, Regift and Re-use Festival in the New Year

Date for your diary – on Sunday 22 January 2023, we will be hosting our "Recycle, Regift and Re-use Festival" at St Mary's Parish Hall from 10:30am-3pm. We would like to invite you to come along with any unwanted, broken or pre-loved items that you may have accumulated over Christmas and exchange them for other items, reducing some of the waste that the holiday season always generates.



We will have separate stalls to swap clothes, accessories, books and toys, as well as a regifting station and a workshop on upcycling items that you no longer use. Come along and bring any unwanted items, you'll be sure to find some hidden treasures!

James Morris

Sue Lindenberg Cards on Sale

Back by popular demand. Sue has kindly given us permission to use more of her incredible photographs to create packs of 10 good quality, blank cards, with envelopes, for £10. All proceeds will go to our church. They are for sale at the back of church each Sunday and from the parish office during the week, or email your order to: suzanne@teddingtonparish.org



Advent Discussion Group

Anyone is welcome to attend these free, reflective sessions, based on forty famous and lesser-known masterpieces, that will lead us through the story of Advent.

Come and join us on Wednesdays 7, 14 & 21 December, in the Mina Hogan Room, St Mary's Parish Hall, 10.30am-12noon. Caroline and Sarah will be leading the course, which is based on Dr Jane Williams' book: *The Art of Advent*. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Christmas Day Lunch Invitation



The Churches in Teddington are again inviting the elderly and those who are alone to join them for a Christmas meal. There will also be entertainment, mince pies and other refreshments plus a chance to join in Carols and other activities. Transport can be provided if required.

Volunteers are required as table hosts, drivers, musicians and entertainers, and to help with food preparation, serving and washing up. If you would like to attend or volunteer, please contact Hannah: 07963 788269 or cttchristmas22@outlook.com

Malcolm Eady

Parish Registers

BAPTISMS – We welcome into Christ's Church:

16th October: Henry George, son of Byron and Cristin Bullock

23rd October: Sebastian Antony, son of Demelza Nelson and Joshua Leach; Oliver Frederick, son of Charlotte and Joel Dixon



Christmas at St Mary with St Alban

All are welcome to our Christmas services and events.

Thursday 15 December

7.30pm Carol Singing at The Anglers Pub: a traditional sing-along to raise money for **WELCARE**

Sunday 18 December

9.00am Morning Worship with Scratch Nativity in church
6.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*~: followed by mince pies & mulled wine

Wednesday 21 December

8.00pm Longest Night*: a quiet, reflective service particularly suited to those who will find Christmas difficult because of loss or sadness

Christmas Eve

2.00pm, 3.30pm* & 5.00pm
Crib Services~: all identical, 40 minute services. Come and join us for a joyful start to your Christmas

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9.00am Christmas Worship
10.00am Christmas Communion*

~Booking is essential for these services. Tickets are available on our website: www.teddingtonparish.org

***Services will be livestreamed** via our YouTube Channel (*see website for details*)