

WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

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/

- Monday 2 Teddington Community Café. Peter & Paul Centre (PPC). 1.30-4.30pm. Also on 9 16 23 & 30
- Tuesday 3 Memory Café. PPC. 1.30-3.00pm. Also on 17
- Wednesday 4 First Wednesday open discussion group. Mina Hogan Rm, St Mary's Parish Hall. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: Recent survey reveals that the number of people in England and Wales identifying themselves as Christian has dropped to below 50%. Is this a cause for concern? Tea and coffee provided; bring your own packed lunch.
- Thursday 5 Parish Coffee. On Zoom. 10.30am
Traherne Reading Group. Mina Hogan Rm, St Mary's Parish Hall. 1.30-3.00pm. 6-week course. Also on 12 19 26
- Tuesday 10 Pub Lunch. The King's Head. 12noon
Bereavement Café. PPC. 1.30-3.00pm. Also on 24
Plain & Pearl Learn to Knit Course. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm. Also on 17 24 31
- Wednesday 11 Bible Study: Acts. On Zoom. 8.00pm. 6-week course. Also on 11 18 25
- Thursday 19 Churchyard Gardening. SMwSA. 10.00am. Also on Sat 21
- Sunday 22 Recycle, Regift and Re-use Festival. St Mary's Parish Hall. 10.30am-3.30pm
- Tuesday 24 Parish Coffee. Shambles Restaurant. 10.30am
- Sunday 29 Christingle Service. SMwSA Church. 4.00pm

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PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



Vicar's Viewpoint

As the clock turns from 11.59 to midnight on 31st December, partying and singing 'Auld Lang Syne', marks the turn from 2022 to 2023. A New Year – and with that come New Year Resolutions.

Over the years I have made many of these – lose weight, do more exercise, learn a new language, clean regularly... Few of them made it beyond the end of 2nd January, at which my new beginnings retreated to my old ways. I wonder if you have more success with the resolutions you make? Resolutions are intended to help us change the way things are – whether that's to do with lifestyle, appearance, or achievement. But maybe there is a different way to approach changing the way things are. The Old Testament tells us that God's people became fixated with offerings and festivals. But through the prophet Micah God challenged them with a new way of changing things. To paraphrase, God tells them 'It's the way you are and how you treat others that changes things. Act with justice, love kindness and walk with God.' (Micah 6:8) And Jesus said something similar to his disciples. 'Love one another as I have loved you.' (John 15:12) Love, for those we don't know as well as those we do, changes everything.

When we seek justice, show kindness and love others, we make a difference – a difference to the world but also a difference to ourselves. We become less self-focused and instead look to how we can focus on our community, our nation, and the world. A year ago, we had no idea how much change there would be in our world – a war in Europe, many Prime Ministers, a financial crisis. It feels that as we walk into 2023 life is fragile. But love is strong. The love of God for us does not waver or change. Let's resolve to show something of that love to others, both friend and stranger, so that we can make a difference in the world in which we love.

Whatever 2023 holds for you, may it be a year in which you know and show love.

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:
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Christingle Service

Sunday 29 January
4.00pm

St Mary with St Alban Church

Supporting The Children's Society's work with vulnerable children

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The Archbishop of Canterbury's Visit to Pemba

November saw wonderful celebrations, with singing and dancing for the Archbishop of Canterbury, who visited Mozambique with Bishop Rob, Bishop of Edmonton and ALMA, together with John Tasker, Chairman of Manna and Twinning Officer of Alma.



Welcome at Chimoio

The visit started in Maputo for the inaugural celebrations of IAMA (separate Portuguese-speaking Province of the Anglican Communion) and the installation of the presiding Bishop Carlos Matsinha. The 4 ½ hour long service was full of singing and dancing! In Maputo the Archbishop met religious leaders who co-ordinate the interfaith peace club network, and releasing some white doves.

After that it was Pemba with Bishop Manuel, from Nampula and Muassite Miguel, (both of whom have visited us), for a Eucharist with Archbishop Justin presiding and preaching. From there it was on to our link church of St Mary Magdalene to meet the congregation and their Muslim neighbours. John Tasker presented their priest, Father Francisco Bulaque, with an Aspergillum (for sprinkling holy water), an Easter Candle and various gifts from our parish, all gratefully received.

Bishops Manuel and Rob, and John Tasker then visited a Government Refugee Camp to meet displaced people. They agreed that trauma is clearly the biggest issue.



Visit to a refugee camp

Finally they went to Chimoio to see the bore hole we funded with Manna, which has enabled them to grow bananas and other crops.

The school is still being constructed and there are plans for a health centre.

We hope that Bishop Rob will soon visit us to tell us about this ground breaking trip to a much troubled area. *Suzie Gordon*

IGNITE YOUR CHILD'S FAITH IN 2023

We're inviting all school-aged children to join our fun-filled spiritual journey at 9am Children's Church.

Join us in January to collect your faith wristband and add a bead each week as we have fun growing in faith together.

STARTS 8TH JANUARY

For information, contact Ruth Chaperlin: sundayschool@teddingtonparish.org

Recycle, Reuse, Regift Festival

The event is free with donations going to charity. Services available:

SWAP: Clothes, Accessories, Books and Toys

REGIFTING TABLE: bring an unwanted gift to swap for something you need

UPCYCLING WORKSHOP: learn how to turn unwanted items into new things

REFRESHMENTS TO BUY

Plain and Pearl

40 people attended our Christmas Social Workshop, making door wreaths and orange pomanders, whilst enjoying mulled wine and homemade festive cakes.

Plain and Pearl is a friendly, social and inclusive group interested in knitting, crocheting and other crafts. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings at St Mary's Parish Hall from 19.30-21.30. No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and enjoyment from making things.

Last year we welcomed new members to the group, bringing a lot of fresh ideas and extra enthusiasm after the pandemic and we are now back in full swing. We recently participated in the Christmas Bazaar (see photo) with a full display of products to sell.

Looking forward to the New Year, we have planned a number of crafty and fun activities, including knitting masterclasses (see back page for dates), mending, embroidery, candle making workshops and, of course, the much-anticipated craft material swap on **Tuesday 25 April**.

(www.plainandpearl.co.uk or contact mailplainandpearl@gmail.com)

Josie Shantonas

Christmas Bazaar



The Bazaar this year had something for everyone. Attendance was high and children enjoyed the opportunity to visit Santa, choose toys and books and make Christmas decorations. Adults had wonderful raffle prizes to try for, and a mouth-watering selection of cakes, pies and

preserves to buy. Around £5,000 was raised for the Church.



Kay Cassidy (centre) and Debra Fendley (right) and their volunteers did a wonderful job of manning stalls, helping Santa and his elves, baking cakes, providing refreshments and persuading local businesses to give raffle prizes. Thank you to all. *Sue Stevens*

WE ARE WARM WELCOMING SPACES THIS WINTER

FROM 21ST NOVEMBER TO 31ST MARCH

MONDAY	THURSDAY
Teddington Community Cafe, Peter & Paul Centre, Church Road 1.30-4.30pm	Soup lunch - Activate / The Peter & Paul Centre, Church Road 1-2pm
TUESDAY [Starting Jan] Sacred Heart Church, Kingston Road. 10am-12	The Salvation Army, Church Road 'The Living Room' 4-7pm
WEDNESDAY Teddington Baptist Church, Church Road. 9.30am-12.30pm	SATURDAY Teddington Methodist Church 10.30am - 12.30pm
St Marks Church, St Marks Road 10am - 12 (Not 1st Wed of month)	SUNDAY All Churches
St Michaels Church, Wilcox Road, Fulwell 2-4pm	

Drop in at any space. Or for info email: WarmWelcomeTeddington@gmail.com
www.warmwelcome.uk/#find-a-space

Parish Registers

BAPTISMS – We welcome into Christ's Church:

Edward, Araminta, Clementine, Rory, Rory, Lucas and Daphne

SCATTERING OF ASHES

9th December: Tony Mansell