

## WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

Everything comes with an open invitation, and please bring a friend. You can expect a warm welcome too.

- Saturday 1 Parish Plod: continuing from Kew Bridge to Putney
- Sunday 2 Passiontide Concert: *Music for the Lenten Season*. St Mark's Church. 7.00pm
- Monday 3 Teddington Community Café. Peter & Paul Centre (PPC). 1.30-4.30pm. **Also: 10, 17 & 24**
- Tuesday 4 Memory Café. PPC. 1.30-3.00pm. **Also: 18**  
Eco-concerns Group. Min Hogan Room. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm
- Wednesday 5 Lent Reflection Group. SMwSA Church. 2.00-3.30pm
- Thursday 6 Parish Coffee. On Zoom. 10.30am
- Tuesday 11 Parish Lunch. Piazza Firenze. 12noon  
Bereavement Café. PPC. 1.30-3.00pm. **Also: 25**  
Plain & Pearl Social Craft Group. Mina Hogan Room. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm. **Also: 25**
- Thursday 20 Churchyard Gardening. SMwSA. 10.00am. **Also: Sat 22**  
Traherne Reading Group. Mina Hogan Room. St Mary's Parish Hall. 1.30-3.00pm. **Also: 27**
- Sunday 23 Teddington in Flower with Churchyard teas, flower displays, handbell recitals, grave adopters and open gardens. SMwSA Church. 2.15-5.15pm. **See article page 3**
- Tuesday 25 Parish Coffee. Shambles. 10.30am  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm. All those on the Church Electoral Roll are invited to attend.

### LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY

- Sunday 7 King Charles III Coronation Celebration Service: 6.00pm Songs of Praise in the churchyard (weather permitting, or in church) followed by a glass of fizz.

Our website has all the details: [www.teddingtonparish.org/whats-on/](http://www.teddingtonparish.org/whats-on/)

## Parish Information

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## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023



St MARY with St ALBAN  
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



### Vicar's Viewpoint

Come and join the celebration...

As this newsletter is posted through your door, we are at the start of Easter week, also called Holy Week. I love the way that every year we take time to remember in dramatic detail the events of this week all those years ago, so we can enter as fully as possible into the Easter story.

We move from the throng of the boisterous crowd to Jesus's lonely walk to death, from the empty tomb and the shocked disciples to the beginnings of something new and unfamiliar. No matter how many times we tell this story, or how often the church proclaims it from the pulpit, it is truly startling. God loves the world so much that he gave his only Son... In this week we know we are loved and we know that from that place of love we are saved to a life with God forever. The part that always gets to me when I reflect on this story, is how the frightened and scattered friends of Jesus become the courageous and life-affirming founders of the early church. Their encounter with the risen Jesus was so life-transforming that they gave everything to make this story known.

At our dawn service at 6am on Easter morning, we'll light the Easter fire and proclaim that the Son in all his glory is breaking upon us as we welcome the new morning light. We'll then go and celebrate with a wonderful breakfast feast. And if 6am is a little early for you, we'll also be joyously celebrating Easter at our 10am Festival Eucharist. You are all most welcome to either service and the breakfast.

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:  
[www.teddingtonparish.org](http://www.teddingtonparish.org)



### Passiontide Concert:

Music for the Lenten Season  
Sunday April 2nd, 7pm

The concert is at St Mark's Church, St. Mark's Road, Teddington, TW11 9DD.

Choral & orchestral items by Tallis, Byrd, Bach, Handel, Haydn, Faure, Tchaikovsky & others. Performance by Teddington Churches Singers & Teddington Consort. Musical Director: Derek Saunders.

Tickets £15 (under 16 free): on the door or online on church website:  
[www.teddingtonparish.org](http://www.teddingtonparish.org)

**Do come along to hear this beautiful music.**

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## Coronation Events in Teddington

I watched the 1953 coronation on a 10" black and white TV which my grandparents bought

specially for the family.

In the weeks leading up to this year's event we will include the King in our prayers, and on Sunday 7 May, to celebrate the Coronation, at 6 pm, we will have a Songs of Praise in the churchyard, weather permitting, with a glass or two of fizz to toast our new King, Charles III. There are sure to be many of your favourite hymns to enjoy, please come and join us.

*Robin Field-Smith*

## Welcare Lunch

The recent Lent lunch in aid of the local charity Welcare raised the total of £760. This will go towards Welcare's work. It is a family support charity who works with families and children up to 13 years in this part of London. The CEO, Anna Khan gave an overview of their work, and emphasized the growing needs in our present times.



*Margaret Squire*

## Prayer for Ukraine

The first anniversary of the war reminds us how much Ukraine still needs our prayers:

The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. (*Psalms 29.10*)

God of strength and peace, send your blessing on the people of Ukraine.

Sustain them in their struggles, hold them in their fear,

protect them from all danger

and be for them the hope they desire; for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.



## Healing the memories:

To raise money to train leaders in Mozambique to provide pastoral care and support for those with trauma.

Since 2017, over a million people living around our linked parish of Pemba, Northern Mozambique have been displaced by violent insurgency and 4,000 killed. This is a population now deeply traumatised, with the need for trauma counselling and support as great as their need for food.

To donate or find out more visit our website, or scan this QR code:



**LENT APPEAL 2023**  
[www.teddingtonparish.org](http://www.teddingtonparish.org)

## Warm Spaces

Four thousand organisations registered with the WarmWelcomeUK campaign to provide free, warm, welcoming spaces in response to this winter's energy and financial crisis. Nine were churches in Teddington.

The Peter and Paul Centre (PPC), Activate, St Mary with St Alban, St Michael's, St Mark's, Teddington Baptist Church, Teddington Methodist Church, Sacred Heart and the Salvation Army collaborated to ensure there was, and will be, a cosy space, a friendly face and a hot drink and snack for anyone that wanted it, every weekday from All Souls Day to Easter. Thanks to volunteers who gave their time, and Richmond and Wandsworth Council who provided a generous grant, we could offer free drop-in cafes, a weekly lunch and dinner, a school pick-up play space and other community get togethers, as well as hot water bottles. With spring the programme comes to a close. We would

like to thank those who helped out, and those who dropped by.

Many spaces will continue to open, still free but with donations gratefully received. Look out for churches offering cool spaces in the summer too.

To find out more, or to find new friends and support within the Warm Spaces community, visit the Teddington Community Café at the PPC on Mondays from 1.30-4.30pm, or email: [warmwelcometeddington@gmail.com](mailto:warmwelcometeddington@gmail.com)

*Anne O'Neil*

## Parish Registers

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

5<sup>th</sup> February: Poppy

19<sup>th</sup> February: Luciana

5<sup>th</sup> March: Sienna

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

20<sup>th</sup> February: David Reed (97)

24<sup>th</sup> February: Lorna Houseman (98)

24<sup>th</sup> February: Peter Pordage (81)

## Teddington in Flower



On **Sunday 23rd April**, St. Mary with St. Alban is participating in Teddington Society's 'Teddington in Flower'. Gardens ranging from walled to wildlife, cottage to artist will be open from **2-6pm**. Plants and art will be available to buy at some.

This all includes our beautiful churchyard, where drinks, homemade cakes and scones will be available from 2.15-5.15pm, providing refreshment for body as well as spirit. This is thanks to a great team of volunteer bakers and servers. Money raised from refreshments will go to church funds, while the Teddington Society will distribute funds to other local charities. The church handbell team will be ringing bells in the church, where visitors can also

see a special display of floral art.

Those arranging flowers would appreciate greenery and flowers being brought, and put in buckets at the back of the church between 3pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and 10am on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have young families that would like to be involved, we would like them to bring jam jars (which can be decorated) with their flowers, and we will save the front two window sills for this display.

Those wanting to get involved in the care and maintenance of the churchyard, perhaps by adopting a grave will have an opportunity to talk to Alex Ruffer, now responsible for the scheme. She can be contacted on [alex@teddingtonparish.com](mailto:alex@teddingtonparish.com)

We look forward to welcoming you all to a wonderful spring afternoon enjoying our green spaces as they emerge from a long cold winter.

**Tickets:** Early Bird tickets: £10; on the day: £12; accompanied under 16s free.

For information and/or early bird tickets, visit <https://www.teddingtonsociety.org.uk> or use this QR code to find our website:



*Jo O'Nichols, Jo O'Hagan and Kathy Gold*

## Holy Week and Easter Services

**Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

8.00AM Holy Communion

9.00AM Morning Worship

10.00AM Parish Communion with Palm Procession \*

**Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday**

7.30PM Compline with Reflection

**Maundy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30PM Sung Eucharist with Washing of Feet and Vigil until 9.30PM

**Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

9.00AM Family Service

2.00PM Good Friday Sung Liturgy \*

**Easter Day 9<sup>th</sup> April**

6.00AM Dawn Service in the Churchyard

9.00AM Morning Worship with Communion

10.00AM Parish Communion \*

\* Livestreamed service. Details on our website.

