

WHAT'S ON IN MAY

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

Monday 1	Teddington Community Café. SPSP. 1.30-4.30pm. Also on 8, 15, 22 & 29
Tuesday 2	Memory Café. SPSP. 1.30-3.00pm. Also on 16
Wednesday 3	First Wednesday informal discussion group. Mina Hogan Rm. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: <i>Music and Worship</i>
Thursday 4	Coffee. On Zoom. 10.30am Traherne Reading Group. Mina Hogan Rm. 1.30-3.00pm. Also on 11, 18 & 25
Sunday 7	Coronation Parade Service. SMwSA. 10.00am Coronation Celebration Songs of Praise. SMwSA Churchyard. 6.00pm
Tuesday 9	Bereavement Café. SPSP. 1.30-3.00pm. Also on 23 Pub Lunch. Piazza Firenze. 12noon Plain & Pearl social & craft group: eco-friendly, plant-able Seed Greeting Cards. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm
Sunday 14	Christian Aid Sunday (Christian Aid Week: 14-20 May)
Thursday 18	Churchyard Gardening. SMwSA. 10.00am. Also on Sat 20 Ascension Day Sung Eucharist. SMwSA. 7.30pm (with livestream)
Tuesday 23	Pub Coffee. Shambles Restaurant. 11.00am Plain & Pearl social & craft group. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm.

LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE

Saturday 3	Parish Plod. Continuing along the Thames Path: Vauxhall to Rotherhithe
Mon 5-Sun 11	<i>Love your Burial Ground Week</i> . SMwSA Churchyard. Talks & Tours: history, graves, trees, plants, birds and bees
Tuesday 6	Eco-concern club. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm (see article on page 2)
Sunday 25	Teddington Village Fair. Udney Hall Gardens. 12noon-5.00pm

Parish Information

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St MARY with St ALBAN
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

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



Vicar's Viewpoint

One of the delights I have as a priest at St Mary with St Alban is conducting baptisms. Although people can be baptised at any age, it's usually babies and toddlers. When they come with their family, godparents, and friends, it is a joy to welcome them formally into the family of God.

As part of the service, Chrism Oil is used to anoint the candidate, making the sign of the cross on their forehead. It's a sign that the child (or adult) is set aside to serve God as part of their Christian journey following Jesus our King.

When King Charles is crowned on Saturday 6th May, the most sacred part of the ceremony will be the anointing. The Archbishop of Canterbury will use holy oil to anoint the King's head, hands and breast (heart) – a sign that the King is set aside to serve God throughout his reign. It is only after the anointing that the investiture and crowning take place (outward signs of his holy calling to serve God and God's people).

Celebrations will then follow. Not only the ceremonial ones (carriage procession, fly past, concert at Windsor) but the informal ones where friends and neighbours gather for parties in street and home, welcoming in a new era for our country. At St Mary with St Alban we will celebrate with a special service at 10am on Sunday 7th May, followed by a Celebration Songs of Praise in the churchyard at 6pm that afternoon. Come and join us.

And if you would like to be baptised or have your child baptised – please get in touch. We'd love to explore and celebrate with you.

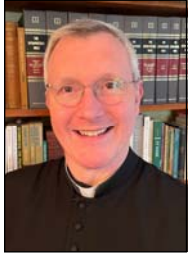
Best wishes – and happy celebrating,

Mary Hawes



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Meet our new Vicar



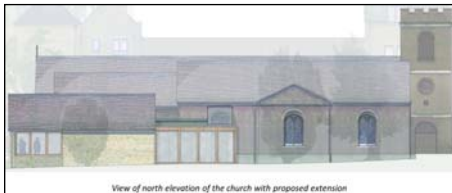
It is wonderful to announce the Reverend David Cloake as our new incumbent. David has been vicar of St Philip and St James, Whitton for the past eleven years and priest in charge of St Stephen, Hounslow for three.

David is married to Joanna and they have two daughters. All four have enjoyed the opportunity to explore the Vicarage and think about paint colours ahead of some decorating once the contractors are finished. The date for David starting with us has yet to be finalised but the family's move to Teddington is eagerly anticipated before the end of summer.

Carla Maroussas

Building Anew – Project Update

Following the wonderful news just before Christmas that Richmond Council had granted planning permission for our proposed scheme, the Project Team and Governance Group have been preparing for the next phase of our 'Building Anew' project. This will include completion of the detailed design by the architect and engineering consultants and the launch of a fundraising appeal in the early summer. The aim is to begin construction in 2024.



View of north elevation of the church with proposed extension

If you would like to help with the fundraising campaign in any capacity, large or small, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact us at: future@teddingtonparish.org

A fuller update will follow in the June newsletter. In the meantime, we are excited to be moving forward with the next contribution to the eight hundred year history of our church, which has been added to every century. We believe

Building Anew will be transformational, not just by bringing much-needed facilities to our beautiful building but also for the way it will help us to connect with one another.

Steven Randall



In February and March, Cyclone Freddy raged for 5 weeks and devastated parts of Malawi and Mozambique.

This year, Christian Aid Week (14th–20th May) focuses on bringing hope to the people of Malawi whose crops are failing because of erratic weather and climate change.

Please give generously when the familiar red envelope drops through your door, or online at: www.christianaid.org.uk

Eco-concern club

Starting on Tuesday 6th June at 7:30pm, the Sustainability Group will be launching our Eco-concern club. The group will be free and open to all and will meet on the first Tuesday of every month in the Mina Hogan Room for ninety minutes of discussion, support, and action.

The club will be an opportunity to share concerns about the climate crisis and discuss ideas. Evenings could include several elements including, but not limited to:

- ◆ *A sharing circle*: an opportunity for attendees to talk about how they feel. Every attendee gets the chance to talk if they want, and others listen without commenting.
- ◆ *Meditation*: guided meditation.
- ◆ *Moment of gratitude*: share a moment of gratitude or joy.
- ◆ *Book, documentary or podcast recommendations*: sharing ideas of interesting materials to watch, read or listen to.
- ◆ *Coaching/thinking exercise*: a talk with some positive action or exercise that everyone can follow. This could be a video, a presentation, or just a lesson to share.

- ◆ *Physical movement/exercise*: Some light physical movement, for example light yoga stretches, a walk, or spending time in nature.

If you are interested in learning more about the club, contact sustainability@teddingtonparish.org

James Morris

Lent Appeal 2023 Heal the memories

On Sunday 19th March, we were excited to welcome The Right Reverend Rob Wickham, the Bishop of Edmonton, and John Tasker from ALMA who shared the latest news with us, following their visit to Mozambique in November with the Archbishop of Canterbury. Whilst there, they heard about the dreadful violence over recent years, including more than four thousand people murdered by the insurgents, leaving many homeless and traumatised by their experiences. We therefore joined with the Bishop of London's Lent Appeal 2023 this year, to raise money to train leaders to provide care and support for those with trauma in Mozambique.



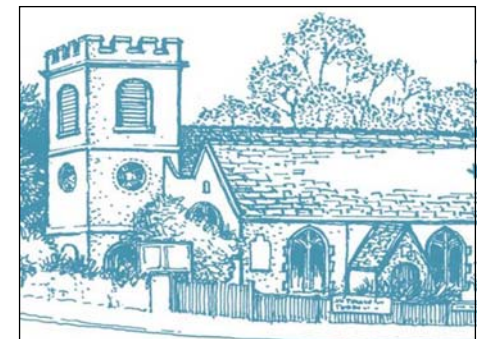
The party also visited our link church in Pemba to present various gifts from us and in return we were presented with a beautiful capulana. Bishop Rob and John Tasker joined us for coffee and lunch where they talked more about their trip, with slides and stories, and helped us raise more money for the Appeal, with our parish total now standing at £2,464.23.

Suzie Gordon

Area Dean of Hampton

We are delighted to announce that Reverend Ben Lovell will be the new Area Dean for the Hampton Deanery. Ben has been serving as the vicar of St Mary's in Hampton since 2017. The Area Dean works with the Bishop to look after and care for clergy and their families, also advising on the needs of individuals and parishes. In the Hampton Deanery we have sixteen churches, Ben will be busy. We are thankful to Reverend Derek Winterburn from St James's Hampton Hill for being acting Area Dean over the past few months.

Caroline Halmshaw



ASCENSION DAY

SUNG EUCHARIST

THURSDAY 18 MAY AT 7.30PM

Parish Registers

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

26th March: Xander and Brodie

2nd April: Rose

16th April: Una

23rd April: Beatrice and Maximilian

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

18th March: Katherine Blair and James Ward

FUNERALS/THANKSGIVINGS – *We remember the lives of:*

24th March: George Hunter (79)

18th April: Brian Bolton (89)