

## WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

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](http://www.teddingtonparish.org/whats-on)

- Thursday 1 **Parish Coffee.** On Zoom. 10.30am
- Saturday 3 **Parish Plod.** Continuing along the Thames Path: Vauxhall to Rotherhithe  
**Talk on the History of our Churchyard.** SMwSA Churchyard. 5.00pm,  
launching the start of *Love your Burial Ground* celebrations (see article Page 2)
- Monday 5 **Award Winning Teddington Community Café.** Peter & Paul Centre (PPC). 1.30-4.30pm. **Also on 12, 19 & 26**
- Tuesday 6 **Memory Café.** PPC. 1.30-3.00pm. **Also on 20**  
**Eco concerns Club.** Mina Hogan Rm, St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm
- Wednesday 7 **First Wednesday informal discussion group.** Mina Hogan Rm, St Mary's Parish Hall. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: *Reflections on the Coronation*  
**Talk on the History of our Churchyard.** SMwSA Churchyard. 8.00pm
- Sunday 11 **Service to celebrate the churchyard.** SMwSA Churchyard. 10.00am
- Tuesday 13 **Pub Lunch.** Piazza Firenze Restaurant. 12noon  
**Plain & Pearl social & craft group: Boro & Sashiki decorative embroidery.** Mina Hogan Rm, St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm
- Thursday 22 **Churchyard Gardening.** SMwSA. 10.00am. **Also on 24**
- Saturday 24 **Concordia Voices Concert: A Sprig of Thyme & a Saxophone.** SMwSA. 7.30pm
- Sunday 25 **Teddington Village Fair.** Udney Hall Gardens, next to our Parish Hall. 12noon-5.00pm (see flyer)
- Tuesday 27 **Pub Coffee.** Shambles Restaurant. 11.00am  
**Plain & Pearl social & craft group:** Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm

### LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY

- Sunday 16 **River Sunday Service.** Beginning in SMwSA Church at 10.00am, then continuing at Manor Road Recreation Ground from 10.40am. A community event to celebrate the importance of the river to Teddington

## Teddington Parish Information

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## NEWSLETTER JUNE 2023



St MARY with St ALBAN  
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



### Vicar's Viewpoint

How my life has changed since we moved to Teddington over 12 years ago, when I had no intention of going through ministerial training and becoming one of the clergy at St Mary with St Alban. It has been a surprising and blessed period. Thank you for this time together, for all I've learned, for the fun

we've had and for how we have shared in life's joys and sorrows. Being part of the church here has been brilliant, and I will miss you when I leave later this month.

At this time of year, we remember the change that the friends of Jesus went through. Following his Ascension, they had to get used to him no longer being there as they waited for the gift of his Holy Spirit. They supported each other and trusted that what God had promised would happen. When Pentecost came, they weren't disappointed, although they still had many challenges ahead.

I am moving to become the vicar of St Paul's Grove Park, which is next to the river in Chiswick and I am looking forward to meeting a new congregation and community, while discovering that part of London. I am thankful to God for this new adventure and I know that I will continue to discover the surprising ways in which God makes himself known.

Please come along on Sunday 25 June, when we have all the excitement of Teddington Village Fair, a wonderful community event, and a perfect example of what makes Teddington so special. I will always treasure my time here with you.

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)



LOVE YOUR  
BURIAL GROUND  
3-11 JUNE  
Talks & Tours: history,  
graves, trees, plants,  
birds and bees.

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## Coronation Service

On Sunday 7 May, we had the great pleasure of welcoming 90 people into church for a memorable and uplifting Coronation Songs of Praise.

The relaxed service of favourite hymns – and even one carol – had us in full voice, enjoying this special time, with most staying on for drinks in the churchyard as we raised a toast to our new King, Charles III, and took advantage of a beautiful, balmy evening.



Our Mayor and MP were very much part of the celebration, and we are very grateful to Julia Cambridge and Munira Wilson for their support. *Mary Hawes*



## Love your Burial Ground: 3–11 June

Promoted by the charity Caring for God's Acre, we have the chance to celebrate and enjoy our own beautiful churchyard. This has been a key feature of the church site for many centuries, where all residents were buried until the late 19th century and is a haven of living flowers and creatures.

From 3 June through to 11 June, there will be a series of Talks and Tours about the churchyard's history, the bees in our hives, our Adopt A Grave scheme, the trees, flora & fauna, and our sensory garden. All are open to everybody. There will also be a quiz about the churchyard, as well as paper guides available each day, to enable you to enjoy this space in your own time.

Watch out for the posters and check our website for the detailed programme, and come along to share the week with others, enjoy what your senses tell you, and feel refreshed. *Robin Field-Smith*



## Our New Churchwarden: an interview with Adam Woods

1. *What made you take up the role of the new Churchwarden?*

I was initially a bit nervous and daunted about taking this on. I certainly wasn't looking for it - in fact I believe it came looking for me! The role is a curious one, with many facets. Initially, I will be a listener – looking out for people in the parish – and keen to see us connecting the many different parts of our work in the community. I'm also looking forward to being a 'critical' friend to David, our new Vicar who arrives in September.

2. *Why did you want to do this role?*

In the past I did different roles within the church. One I enjoyed was running the youth group, but since lockdown, with starting an online business and forming a new relationship outside the area, I found myself becoming more distant from church and the community. So with this opportunity, I realised I would be able to combine doing voluntary service and re-connecting with local friends in the church (as well as enjoying the social aspect of church!).

3. *What do you think you'll be bringing to the role?*

I've always enjoyed meeting new people and being of use. My professional career has been in the creative industries as a creative director and a filmmaker, so I'm curious to see how those might come in handy.

4. *What is the most important element of being a Churchwarden?*

I think everyone brings a different flavour to this role. We've been incredibly well served by Carla (our Senior Churchwarden) and Robin (who has just stepped down) as churchwardens. They led us through lockdown and then the vacancy between Vicars. They, alongside our amazing clergy, office team and deputy churchwardens, have created a legacy of efficient working practices and trusted communication, which I'm very lucky to be serving alongside.

*As told to Julien Cozens*

## The Parish Plod

The most recent Parish Plod walk, from Putney to Vauxhall, saw a cheerful group walking east along the south bank, following the contour of the river, while learning about the history and geography of the area.

We passed through Wandsworth, making our way up towards Battersea Park, where we happily sat on the grass for our well-earned lunch and a drink.

Refreshed and revitalised, we continued to the refurbished Battersea Power Station, with an enormous area in front of it. We had a quick look inside the retail and entertainment development but decided to save its attractions for another day.

Arriving at our final destination, Vauxhall Station, well exercised in the fresh air and happy, we had the customary group photo.



All are welcome on these walks, so if you are interested in joining our intrepid explorers please get in touch with Ian Rae (07713 793610) to be added to the WhatsApp group. The next dates are Saturday 3 June: Vauxhall to Rotherhithe and Saturday 8 July: Rotherhithe to Greenwich. *Peter Stevens*

## Building Anew

Due to shortage of space in this month's newsletter, the next update on the Building Anew project will now appear in the July edition.

## Parish Registers

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

26<sup>th</sup> April: Dorothy Margaret Harvey (101)



**A Sprig of Thyme and a Saxophone**  
Folk song settings by John Rutter  
and sacred anthems arranged for saxophone by Christian Forshaw

**Saturday 24 June 7.30pm**  
**St Mary with St Alban Church**

Tickets: £13, in advance from choir member or  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/concordiavoices](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/concordiavoices) plus booking fee  
or £15 on the door

[www.concordiavoices.com](http://www.concordiavoices.com)

## The Teddington Community Café Scoops Community Heroes Award



The Teddington Community Café team won a "Communities Together Award 2022" at the annual LBRUT Community Heroes Awards Ceremony at York House on 25 April. It recognised the outstanding contribution by local people in making Richmond Borough a better place to live, work and learn. Our popular Café scooped one of just 10 awards from among 140 heroes nominated.

Open every Monday (inc Bank Holidays), 1.30-4.30pm at the Peter and Paul Centre, it is run entirely by volunteers, with volunteer bakers. If you would like to either bake or volunteer at the Café please contact us at [communitycafe@teddingtonparish.org](mailto:communitycafe@teddingtonparish.org)

*Clare Rider and Sarah Rae  
(Photo courtesy of LBRUT)*