

## WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

Everything comes with an open invitation, and please bring a friend – things in green need pre-booking. Our website has all the details and links, we look forward to seeing you there

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| Tuesday 1    | <b>Memory Café.</b> Peter & Paul Centre (PPC). 1.30-3.00pm. <b>Also on 15</b>      |
| Thursday 3   | <b>Parish Social: coffee.</b> On Zoom. 10.30am                                     |
| Saturday 5   | <b>Parish Plod.</b> Continuing along the Thames Path: North Greenwich to Woolwich  |
| Monday 7     | <b>Teddington Community Café.</b> PPC. 1.30-4.30pm. <b>Also on 14, 21 &amp; 28</b> |
| Tuesday 8    | <b>Parish Social: pub lunch.</b> Piazza Firenze Restaurant. 12noon                 |
| Thursday 17  | <b>Churchyard Gardening.</b> SMwSA. 10.00am. <b>Also on Sat 19</b>                 |
| Tuesday 22   | <b>Pub Social: coffee.</b> Shambles Restaurant. 10.30am                            |
| Wednesday 23 | <b>Church Mice Party.</b> St Mary's Parish Hall. 10.30-11.30am                     |

### LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER

Sunday 17 Fr. David Cloake takes his first Sunday services.

Some of our regular activities and groups take a break over August, but all will return as usual in September.

Scan this QR code to reach our website:

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



*Cont'd* It was an opportunity for groups to show what our community is doing, to keep in touch with locals, and to get more people involved. The afternoon also saw the return of the popular United Response pram race, and the Landmark Arts Centre ran a children's art com-

petition inspired by their 'Gaia: The World' installation. If the heat was too much then SMwSA were offering tea, cake, scones in the cool of the Parish Hall.

Let us hope this fun event it is a firm fixture in the calendar for many years to come.  
*Penny Jones*

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## NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2023



St MARY with St ALBAN  
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



### Vicar's Viewpoint

I'm writing this during a few days in the Lake District. My friend is hosting a house party and over the week, twenty-six different people have come and gone in various combinations and for varying amounts of time. It's a blast! The weather is good, we are eating, drinking and laughing a lot, exploring the area and enjoying each other's company.

But the holiday is also tinged with sadness. My friend, unless a miracle occurs, is dying. She has been given a prognosis of twelve months. She spends the morning in bed so that she can be with us in the afternoon and evening. Her pain and restricted mobility is becoming obvious. Yet through it all she is celebrating and encouraging us to do the same.

She is celebrating friendship, a life well lived and the life that is yet to come. Her strong Christian faith is sustaining her and allowing her to face the reality of what is likely to happen. No one wants to die – but my friend has no intention of killing off the life left to her by focussing on death.

The writer of Ecclesiastes said:

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;"

My friend is choosing this as the time to celebrate life. A time to weep and mourn will come, but for now she celebrates all that life has held and will hold. I'm learning from her that 'what ifs' can be thieves of joy.

Whatever this summer holds for you, may you find time to celebrate life with those you 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 **NO** Church Mice Toddler Service (*returns in September*)

Go to our website for further details:  
[www.teddingtonparish.org](http://www.teddingtonparish.org)



Summer Party  
Wednesday 23 August

10.30-11.30am  
St Mary's Parish Hall, Langham Road  
For children with their parents/carers

Scan this QR  
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your (free)  
tickets



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**Now that David Cloake's Collation and Induction is scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup>, we are delighted to share his introduction to us.**

### 'Hello' from the Cloake family

I write with warmest greetings to you all as we prepare for our move to Teddington.

As you know, we won't be journeying far to be among you – but I thought that it was time that I introduced my family.

First, my wife Joanna – known as Jo. Jo is a solicitor and currently works for a well-known government schools inspectorate. Next, and in no particular order I introduce our daughters Jessica and Rebekah. Having just completed their GCSEs, they are looking forward to progressing to their A Level studies. If you cannot tell them apart when you meet them, don't worry – neither can I and yes, they are identical twins!



We come equipped with a mutt, a bunny and (at the last count) a couple of fish – oh, and the two cats!

At the time of writing, I am conscious of how much has already been done by you to ensure our smooth transition to the parish and it means the world to us. I come to you at God's invitation, the St Mary with St Alban Churchwardens' acceptance and with a family who are my greatest God-given blessing. Together we are very excited (and humbled) to be chosen to be among you.

We look forward to getting to know all of you in the years to come!

*Fr David, Jo, Jessica and Rebekah*

### Building Anew – Fundraising Appeal

As you may have heard, the Church is hoping to build an extension to enhance its facilities both in terms of space,

flexibility and comfort. Planning permission has now been granted, so we are launching our fundraising appeal.

We need to raise £1 million. The appeal was launched by the Venerable Richard Frank, Archdeacon of Middlesex, whom we welcomed to our 9.00 and 10.00 services on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. He is a great advocate of the project, and his support has been hugely appreciated.

We are looking for your help to raise the money needed. This could be via a donation, organising an event, getting sponsored, or in any other way you can think of.

If you would like to donate, please scan the QR code here to be taken directly to



our fundraising appeal page. This can also be reached by visiting the Building Project page on the parish website at [www.teddingtonparish.org](http://www.teddingtonparish.org) where you can read all about the project. Alternatively, you can call the Parish Office on 020 8943 2262 where we will be glad to help. Fundraising appeal brochures are also available at the back of the church, and in the Parish Hall.



*Spreading the word about Building Anew at the Teddington Village Fair*

If you would like to organise a fundraising event or get involved in raising money in any other way, large or small, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please email us at [future@teddingtonparish.org](mailto:future@teddingtonparish.org).

*Steve Randall*

### River Blessing Service



The annual River Blessing service took place on Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup>, with the RNLI, Sea Scouts, Royal British Legion, Thames Boat Project, and Tamesis Yacht Club all involved, together with a representative of the houseboat community. *Sue Stevens*

### Farewell to Caroline

On June 18<sup>th</sup> the Rev. Caroline Halmshaw took her last service for St Mary with St Alban, ahead of her Institution & Induction as the Vicar of St Paul's Grove Park, Chiswick, held on July 24<sup>th</sup>.



Caroline had been a regular member of the congregation, before becoming part of our much loved clergy team after she decided to train to be a vicar.

To give her a good send off a lunch was arranged after the June 18<sup>th</sup> service, and was attended by seventy-three people. The delicious meal was cooked and served by Suzie Gordon and her team and very much enjoyed by all.



We shall also miss her son, Alec, who has recently been helping Fred Squire streaming the 10.00am service, and on the coffee rota. We wish Caroline and all her family happiness and fulfilment in their new life in Chiswick. *Margaret Squire*

### Parish Registers

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

18<sup>th</sup> June: Ciara

9<sup>th</sup> July: Kit and Florence

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

28<sup>th</sup> June: Marcus Plantain (77)

6<sup>th</sup> July: John Merry (93)

### Teddington Village Fair

We welcomed the return of the Fair in Udney Hall Gardens on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June. St Mary with St Alban(SMwSA) joined with Rotary, Landmark Arts Centre, the local Scouts and Guides and the Teddington Society, as they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The event brought together the many community groups and local businesses.

The RNLI were there with a lifeboat, the NPL with a super science workshop, the Friends of Bushy and Home Parks, the Lensbury and many more. There were tombolas, lucky dips, badge making and even a human fruit machine courtesy of the Rotary Club. Park Lane Stables bought along Jack their pony for all to meet and there were stalls selling crafts and jewellery, as well as food and drink.

Throughout the afternoon, the performance stage was filled with dancers, musicians and singers – from the Teddington Choral Society to the Teddington Ukulele Players and the talented young performers from the Teddington Dance Studio and others.

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*St. John Ambulance staff with their training aids (Photo –Rotary)*