

WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

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

- Saturday 2 **Parish Plod.** Along the Thames Path, from Greenwich to Woolwich (a re-run, as so many of us were away in August)
- Monday 4 **Teddington Community Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-4.30pm. **Also on 11, 18 & 25**
- Tuesday 5 **Memory Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-3.00pm. **Also on 19**
- Wednesday 6 **First Wednesday informal discussion group.** Mina Hogan Rm, St Mary's Parish Hall. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: *Building Anew - Fundraising Appeal.* Bring your own packed lunch.
- Thursday 7 **Parish Social: coffee.** On Zoom. 10.30am
- Monday 11 **Collation and Induction of Rev David Cloake.** SMwSA. 7.00pm. **(ticketed event)**
- Tuesday 12 **Parish Social: pub lunch.** Piazza Firenze Restaurant. 12noon
Plain & Pearl Social and Craft Group. Mina Hogan Rm, St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm
- Sunday 17 **Rev David Cloake's first Sunday**
- Thursday 21 **Churchyard Gardening.** SMwSA. 10.00am. **Also on Sat 23**
- Tuesday 26 **Pub Social: coffee.** Shambles Restaurant. 10.30am
Plain & Pearl Social and Craft Group. Mina Hogan Rm, St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.30pm

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER

- Sunday 1 Harvest Festival Services at 8.00, 9.00 and 10.00am. Please bring cleaning products, toiletries and tinned/dried food items (no pasta, nappies or baked beans as they have plenty) for our local foodbanks. Thank you.

Scan this QR code to reach our website:



www.teddingtonparish.org/whats-on

Teddington Parish Information

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St MARY with St ALBAN
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



Vicar's Viewpoint

I have a mixed relationship with Septembers. They have been markers in time that remind me that summer is ending. I quite like summer, though I prefer spring, and frankly loathe the winter when that calm of school holidays is again over. Equally, as a priest, September has been my 'new year' for a long time when I return to the desk and altar, refreshed and inspired.

This September will be different once again for it will be the time when I start afresh among you, having moved from a ministry that has been a blessing for over decade. I am excited, nervous, optimistic and apprehensive, to name but a few feelings, and with a new vicar in town maybe you will share some of these sentiments; it's okay!

Scripture, the cycle of the church year, our liturgies and the world at large teaches us that we live in a seasonal order of things. Agricultural metaphors are plentiful in our Sunday readings, yet as Christians we often fear change. When an excellent, long-standing vicar vanishes and the prospect of a new one looms, the idea of 'change' rises once again to the surface.

We are reminded of the words of the One sitting on the Throne: behold I make all things new (Rev 21. 5). God challenges us to daily newness and seasonal change. Having disrespected winter, I am reminded of how much I adore those clear crisp mornings walking the dog on our local heath.

Having waxed lyrical about spring, I am reminded also of how much I dislike cleaning tree sap (daily) off my car. Seasons are a ritual blessing – they come, they go and they are different. We are called to be the labourers of the harvest, so a sense of season is vital, and very soon, we will till the ground together.

September also brings large brown spiders, but we won't talk about that.

David Cloake

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

Harvest Festival

SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER

- 8.00am Holy Communion Service
- 9.00am Morning Worship
- 10.00am Family Parade Service

Bring your Harvest Boxes to any service to support our local food banks.

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What's been Happening to the Vicarage?

As is tradition, the Vicarage is located close to the church, within one of the rather striking Arts and Crafts influenced group of 6 houses built in the early 1900s. For much of the last year, it's been clad in scaffolding, so what has been going on?



Responsibility for the Vicarage is with the Diocese so the gap between vicars has provided a good opportunity to give the building a thorough check up and bring it up to date. Soon after the Moffats left, the building was thoroughly surveyed and a schedule of works prepared. This included re-wiring, a messy and disruptive activity, and updating the kitchen where the existing fitted cupboards were in a poor state.



Many of the windows had been reported as being very drafty so, consistent with the Church of England's CO₂ reduction policies, double and secondary glazing has been fitted all in keeping with a building in a conservation area. Externally, the Vicarage has been repainted, lead flashings replaced and the gutters and downpipes repaired. Everything is ready to welcome Revd David Cloake and his family. *Nick Fenton, Deputy Churchwarden*



Supporting Richmond AID via our Harvest Boxes

On Sunday 1 October, we will celebrate this year's Harvest (*see poster on front page*), and are grateful for your Harvest Boxes of long-life food, cleaning items and toiletries.

Richmond AID supports around 50 clients/families each week and are always in need of household cleaning products such as washing up liquid, bleach and other hygiene products.



Elsewhere, The *Richmond AID Surplus.2.U* food stall is held every Wednesday, 10.30-11.30am at the front of their office at the Disability Action and Advice Centre, 4 Waldegrave Road, Teddington, TW11 8HT.

We welcome our clients to a safe and familiar place where they can choose surplus food provided by our partners (Richmond Foodbank, Felix Trust, City Harvest, LIDL Fulwell, Cavan Bakery and Surplus to Supper) and kind donations from our community. We know food poverty is a huge issue for disabled people who often have to make a choice between heating or eating, especially now in the current cost of living crisis.

Toiletries are also in great demand: shampoo/conditioner, shower gel, hand wash, body lotion and toothpaste. And the food items currently needed the most are: long life milk/juice, tinned: meat/fish/veg/fruit/pulses, pasta sauces, jam/marmite/peanut butter, coffee (small jars), custard, rice pudding.

Christine Fleming, Richmond Aid

Building Anew

I am organising a fundraiser for Building Anew by putting on some art classes with a building theme. There will be one hour of creative fun for ages from 18 months to seven years, on Sunday 8 October from 1.45-2.45pm and at 3.30-4.30pm, St Mary's Parish Hall, Langham Road, Teddington. TW11 9HF

Costing £14 per child and adult or £22 per family of four, all money will go directly to Building Anew.



Building Anew is the major project to equip Teddington's historic parish church with much-needed facilities to make it truly welcome for all and fit for purpose, today and in the future.

Spaces are limited, so early booking is advised. Scan here:



Sidonie Kennan, ARTventurers

Our Graveyard

Our Church has a beautiful and peaceful graveyard that many people enjoy as they walk through. It is a haven for wildlife, but also a surprisingly sociable and friendly place.



A number of people have adopted a grave to care for, with the satisfaction of making an overgrown and messy area, look loved by clearing away weeds and planting flowers or even some herbs.

Sometimes there is a connection with the past of that family's grave. Often people like to follow it up by learning more about who was buried there. Our parish historian, Sue Stevens, is very helpful in carrying out the necessary research.

There are still more graves that would like to be adopted. It is very rewarding to continue to see the churchyard restored. Please contact me to help this community space, by taking on a grave.

*Alexandra Ruffer,
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Parish Registers

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

23rd July: Maximilian and India
30th July: Max, Leo and Adelaide

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

29th July: Joanna Matthews and Richard Buckingham

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

21st July: Peter Murton (98)