

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

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

- Sunday 1 **Harvest Festival Services.** SMwSA. 8am, 9am & 10am. Please bring your Harvest Boxes to any service, in support of Richmond Aid (toiletries, cleaning products and long-life food – a full list of suggestions is on our website).
- Monday 2 **Teddington Community Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-4.30pm. **Also 9, 16, 23 & 30**
- Tuesday 3 **Memory Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-3.00pm. **Also 17**
Eco-concerns Club. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm
- Wednesday 4 **First Wednesday** discussion group. Mina Hogan Rm. 12.45–2.15pm.
Topic: *Missionary Giving: our ALMA/Pemba link (see pg 3).* Bring packed lunch.
- Thursday 5 **Parish Social: coffee.** On Zoom. 10.30am
Traherne Reading Group. Mina Hogan Rm. 1.30-3.00pm. **Also 12**
- Saturday 7 **Parish Plod.** Thames Path: Woolwich to Crossness Nature Reserve. 9.30am.
- Sunday 8 **Weekend Art Class.** St Mary' Parish Hall. 1.45-2.45pm or 3.30-4.30pm. *See pg 2.*
Sancho & Me Theatre Trip. The Exchange, Twickenham. 7.00pm (*see our website*)
- Tuesday 10 **Parish Social: pub lunch.** Piazza Firenze Restaurant. 12noon
Plain & Pearl Social and Craft Group. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm
- Thursday 19 **Churchyard Gardening.** SMwSA. 10.00am. **Also Sat 21**
- Tuesday 24 **Pub Social: coffee.** Shambles Restaurant. 10.30am
Plain & Pearl Social and Craft Group: Newspaper Origami carrier bags. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm. Ticketed event – please book via our website.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

- Thursday 2 **Service of Light.** See poster (*front page*). Please contact Emma to add the name of your loved one departed: emma@teddingtonparish.org

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

As I write this, we pray for those consumed by the earth in Morocco, and those whose lives and worlds were washed away in Libya. It is hard to see so much suffering, the root cause of which is Creation and the natural world, as we prepare to give thanks for this Harvest.

This Autumn in Teddington, as the green leaves turn golden and fall from the trees, nature will offer us a display rarely paralleled. Here creation is largely benign, and no less a pleasure for it. It is very unlikely our homes will be swallowed by the earth this evening, or our lives washed away tomorrow, so we can easily lose sight of the violence of nature.

I am reminded of a line from the Collect for Ash Wednesday: 'God, you hate nothing that you have made', and could well imagine the souls in northern Africa struggling to accept this truth. We are brought close to the age-old question of how a loving God could oversee the violence of earthquakes and floods, and there is simply no easy answer to this. Sadly, a characteristic of a living planet is the violence created when it breathes and lives, which in turn allows us to live and breathe, for a world without its own breathing would not support life.

As we think about the Harvest, we must give thanks not just for the food and goods that we have – often in excess – but also for those who work the land or fish the seas in the face of a violent creation that is far removed from the shelves of our supermarkets. Give all that you can this Autumn, dear friends, but do not forget the great risk already faced to feed you.

Fr David

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



Service of Light

~ also livestreamed on our YouTube Channel

THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER

7.00PM

The names of loved ones departed will be read out during the service. If you would like to add a name, please use the sheet at the back of church or contact the Parish Office.

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Collation and Induction of David Cloake

After fifteen months of interregnum and months of planning, on a very warm September evening we held the Collation and Induction of our new vicar, Fr David Cloake. We were delighted to welcome the Bishop of Kensington, Dr Emma Ineson and Area Dean, Revd Ben Lovell and to meet Fr David's family, his wife Jo and daughters, Jessica and Rebekah, and David's mum, Nancy.



With over two hundred and seventy people in church, we were a full house, which included a mix of representatives from Teddington's community: civic, business and charity, from Fr David's previous parish, and many familiar faces from our own congregation, all there to support Fr David and his family. All guests were kindly greeted by our parish Welcomers (*photo*) and an inclusive and welcoming service was at the heart of all that took place that night.



During this important service, we witnessed Fr David swear the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of the Canonical Obedience, receive the church keys, and be installed to his Vicar's stall by Revd Ben Lovell. We were also treated to a wonderful and inspirational sermon from Bishop Emma, and our SMwSA choir lifted the roof. After this moving service we

made our way across the road to further celebrate and relax over canapés and drinks served in our Parish Hall. Thank you to everyone involved and attending, for offering such a warm service and welcome to David and his family. *Carla Maroussas*

Parish Fellowship Group

Having started out as a once-a-month lunch, our fellowship group has now evolved to include a number of activities. We schedule gatherings three times a month – once for lunch at an easily accessible pub or restaurant, once for morning coffee, choosing venues on the high street or down by the river, and once on Zoom. It has proved to be a very pleasant way of socialising and meeting new people. This variety of venues suits different needs and we are able to pick and choose which ones work best for us. The Zooms (which we started during the early days of Covid lockdown) continue to provide a social connection for those who are housebound or have mobility difficulties.



Our events are listed in the bulletin and on the pew sheet. For more information, please call the Parish Office so that we can contact you. Otherwise, please just show up. We will be delighted to welcome you.

Trish Raffetto

Parish Registers

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

13th August: Margaux
20th August: Annabelle

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

26th August: Susannah Wenham and Daniel Goodman

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

15th August: Edmund Endriukaitis (81)
6th September: Mark Stephens (53)



Christmas Bazaar 2023

Our annual Christmas Bazaar will be taking place on Saturday 25th November at St Mary's Parish Hall, Teddington. We are immensely looking forward to this fun-filled, festive, family and community event which raises vital funds for our church.

Volunteers on the day and in the run-up are needed. Also, donations of good quality soft toys, children's games and toys and small homeware items will be much appreciated. Please leave donations at the back of the church and you will also find the list there to sign up to help out or you can contact Kay Cassidy: kathryn.cassidy1@btinternet.com. Nearer the time we will also be asking for home baked cakes and biscuits.

Kay Cassidy

Bishop Manuel's visit to London



For many years, St Mary with St Alban has had a partnership with the parish of Pemba in Mozambique. This is part of the Diocese of London's ALMA – Angola, London and Mozambique Association. In July, Bishop Manuel from Nampula Diocese in Mozambique visited London. Susie Gordon, Robin Field-Smith and I met him and talked about the community that has grown up around the fresh water well which we helped to build in Pemba and the school which is growing.

Bishop Manuel recorded video greetings for Fr David which were played for him on his first Sunday. If you are interested in getting involved in our exciting ALMA link, please get in touch with Parish Representative, Susie Gordon at enquiries@teddingtonparish.org.

Mary Hawes

Building Anew – Fundraising Appeal

A big thank you to everyone who has already donated to the Building Anew fundraising appeal. So far, we have raised over £66,000 which is a wonderfully encouraging start to raising the £1 million needed, but there is still a very long way to go!

Please keep your donations coming in. The quicker we raise the money, the sooner we can begin the building works needed to provide the toilets and other facilities that will make our historic church truly accessible and welcoming to everyone in our community.

To donate, please scan the QR code below, which offers options to make one-off or regular donations, and also to add Gift Aid if applicable.



Alternatively, to make a bank transfer, the account name is 'PCC Parish St Mary St Alban Teddington', Sort Code: 40-52-40 and Account Number: 00099858.

If you prefer to donate by cheque, please make it payable to PCC Parish St Mary St Alban Teddington, and leave it in the letterbox at: St Mary's Parish Hall, Langham Road, Teddington TW11 9HF. Please write *BUILDING ANEW* on the back of the cheque.

Thank you also to everyone who has volunteered to organise an event to raise money for the appeal. On Sunday 8 October Sidonie Kennan will be holding two fun ArtVenturers classes on a 'Build It' theme for children aged eighteen months to seven years and their families. Go to www.artventurers.co.uk to book. Look out for information on other fundraising events over the coming weeks.

For read more about the project, please visit the Building Project page on the Parish website: www.teddingtonparish.org

Steven Randall