

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

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:

www.teddingtonparish.org/whats-on/, or scan this QR code:



- Wednesday 1 **First Wednesday** discussion group. Mina Hogan Rm. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: *Horses for Courses? How might the regular, Sunday 8, 9 and 10am congregants get to know one another (better)?* Bring your packed lunch.
- Thursday 2 **Parish Social: coffee.** On Zoom. 10.30am
Service of Light. SMwSA. 7.00pm. To remember loved ones departed.
- Monday 6 **Teddington Community Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-4.30pm. **Also 13, 20 & 27**
- Tuesday 7 **Memory Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-3.00pm. **Also 21**
Eco-concerns Club. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm
- Saturday 11 **Parish Plod.** Continuing along the Thames Path: Erith to Bexley. 9.30am
- Sunday 12 **Remembrance Sunday** (see poster, pg 3)
- Tuesday 14 **Parish Social: pub lunch.** Piazza Firenze Restaurant. 12noon
Plain & Pearl Social and Craft Group: Felt Tree Decoration Workshop. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm. Ticketed – scan QR code to book:
- Thursday 23 **Churchyard Gardening.** SMwSA. 10.00am. **Also Sat 25**
- Saturday 25 **Christmas Bazaar.** 11.00am-2.30pm. St Mary's Parish Hall (see flyer)
- Tuesday 28 **Pub Social: coffee.** Shambles Restaurant. 10.30am
Plain & Pearl Social and Craft Group: Christmas Pinwheel Workshop. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm. Ticketed – scan QR code to book:



DECEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For all of our **Christmas Services**, please see the enclosed flyer.

- Saturday 2 **Parish Plod.** A festive late afternoon walk around the Christmas lights in central London. Train up to Waterloo. Open to everyone.

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St MARY with St ALBAN
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



Vicar's Viewpoint

We are all stories: long stories or shorter stories. Some stories have many chapters and others a few very short words, but we are all stories. One of the distinctive qualities of being human is that we cherish stories and as we move further through the story of 2023, we arrive in November at a time when stories are a national feature.

November is referred to as either the Kingdom Season or Anamnesis Season in the Church of England. 'Anamnesis' means 'remember' and characterises the short season where we tell stories of those we admire, have loved and lost or those whose place in the national story is particularly remarkable. At the start of November, churches remember 'All Saints' (those 'lofty' individuals who have lived noteworthy lives) followed quickly by a time to remember 'All Souls', (those among whom we have lived). The commemoration of the Armistice and Remembrance Sunday gives us pause to reflect on those lives sacrificed for our daily and current freedoms.

The act of remembering, or put another way – 'putting the arms and legs back on' (literally remembering) is founded in no small part on the telling of these stories – stories of the great and good, the modest and quiet, and those perhaps known only to a few of us. But tell these stories we must.

The opposite of 're-remembering' is, of course, forgetting – the pushing away or putting down, the 'un-getting' or losing, and this can be a greater tragedy. During this month, I encourage those of you reading this to pause and re-tell the stories of those known to you, those who have added to your life or shaped you in some way. Remember them lest, may God forbid, we forget them and lose them all over again.

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



Remembrance

Sunday 12th November 2023

- 08am Holy Communion
- 09am Family Communion with Act of Remembrance, followed by Coffee & Craft
- 10am Procession from the Royal British Legion to the **10.50am Cenotaph Service of Remembrance** (outside Teddington Memorial Hospital). This replaces the usual 10am service in Church



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Memory Café



The Memory Café has been running for six years. Its original aim was to support those with memory loss and their carers. However, we also have visitors with other medical conditions, and several who are looking for regular companionship. The café is a warm, relaxed, friendly space, where refreshments are provided. We chat, do a quiz, sing songs from an earlier era or play bingo.

The volunteers are a very dedicated group many helping since the café's inception. We have help from people who attend various Teddington churches or who simply live in the area. We are always grateful for more help with setting up the hall, providing the refreshments, chatting and tidying up. Any time you can spare would be appreciated.

The Café runs on the first and third Tuesday of each month, from 1.30pm to 3.00pm, in the Peter and Paul Centre, on the corner of Church Road. We will be delighted to welcome you as a visitor or as a volunteer. On December 5th we will be singing carols, then listening to hand bell ringers on the 19th, so this might be a time to visit.

If you would like more information about Memory Café please contact the Parish Office, via suzanne@teddingtonparish.org so that we can be in touch with you.

Judith Good

Diversity and Inclusion Group Theatre Trip

A large group of us from church enjoyed a great solo performance by Paterson Joseph of his play *Sancho and Me – For One Night Only* at The Exchange, Twickenham on 8 October.

Charles Ignatius Sancho was born on a



slave ship in 1729, yet became a composer, shopkeeper and respected man of letters in 18th-century London. Sancho is believed to be the first man of African descent to vote in a British election, and his portrait was painted by Gainsborough. The show explored the contradictory themes of exclusion and acceptance in the 18th century, and where these themes intersected with Paterson Joseph's own story of being Black and British.

Westminster Abbey has just announced a new memorial in the Abbey to Sancho and his wife Anne Osborne, so there is perhaps another interesting trip to come!
Chris Darling

Cyril Shaw

Many of you will remember our long serving Verger, **Cyril Shaw**, whose funeral was on October 13th. There will be an obituary in December's newsletter.

Christmas Bazaar



Saturday 25th November 2023, 11.00am to 2.30pm

Come and join us for this great Christmas community and family event at St Mary's Parish Hall, Langham Road, Teddington, TW11 9HF. There will be handbell ringing and carol singing, a fabulous raffle, a bottle tombola, Plain & Pearl, Santa's Grotto, Christmas crafts, children's games and soft toys, plus a hog roast, mulled wine and delicious homemade cakes and preserves to get you in the festive mood.

We still need volunteers to help on the day or with any small tasks in the run up. If you can help, please contact Kay Cassidy on kathryn.cassidy1@btinternet.com or sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

We would be very grateful for donations of the following items: **good quality** children's games and soft toys, small unwanted gifts for adults, and cakes. **NO** books or bric-a-brac, please.

Donations can be left at the back of church Monday-Saturday, 9.00am-5.00pm or after Sunday services.
Kay Cassidy

Building Anew Monthly Update



Fundraising



A big thank you to everyone who supported *BUILD IT* for Building Anew fundraiser on Sunday 8th October. £394 was raised while having a super fun creative time with our little artists! Over 30 people booked onto the classes. We drew on sandpaper, made a stained-glass window, and had fun with diggers, but the highlight had to be the cardboard model of St Mary with St Alban (minus the much-needed extension) which was enthusiastically covered with paint by the little ones. Here you can see a young artist's design for our new extension

Sidonie Kennan

This takes the total funds raised for the Building Anew appeal to **over £117,000** by October, which is a fabulous achievement. Thank you! Please keep your donations coming in. The easiest way to do this is to scan the QR code below, which offers options to make either one-off or regular donations and also to add Gift Aid if applicable.



For other donation options and more information about the project, please either see the Fundraising Appeal brochure accompanying this newsletter or visit the Building Project page on the Parish website: www.teddingtonparish.org

Steven Randall

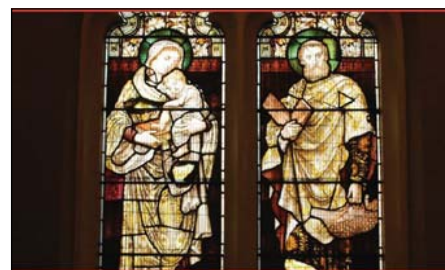
Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival was a celebration of the generosity and care of the people in the community. It was lovely to see the uniformed organisations bringing their positivity to the service. As a young person I really appreciated when young people are represented in such a way, and when their contributions are valued. Another thing that was really encouraging to see was the amount of food donated. I was able to help with bringing forward some of

the donations and seeing all the food that had been brought to the Altar showed me just how generous people had been.

The songs in the service were among my favourites, which made the service even more enjoyable as we were able to sing them as a congregation. Being able to use our smartphones during the sermon was a first for me and it was a lot of fun! The service was a great celebration of the Harvest which is such a significant festival and time in which it is important to say thank you to God, for all the gifts we are given, that aren't always afforded to those in the world less blessed than we are.

Jessica Cloake



Advent Carol Service
- also livestreamed on our YouTube Channel

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER
6.30PM

All are welcome



Parish Registers

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

10th September : Eloise
8th October: Agatha

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

25th September: Margaret Raynes (82)
26th September: Vera Talbot (90)
27th September: Peggy Maxwell (91)
2nd October: Martin Dalton (67)
4th October: Dominic Bailey (86)
10th October: Audrey Terry (93)