

WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

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:



- Monday 1 **New Year's Day Community Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. **1.30-3.00pm**
- Tuesday 2 **Memory Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-3.00pm. **Also 16**
- Wednesday 3 **First Wednesday** discussion group. Mina Hogan Rm. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: *Fairness.* Bring your packed lunch.
- Thursday 4 **Parish Social: coffee.** On Zoom. 10.30am
Traherne Reading Group. Mina Hogan Rm. 1.30-3.00pm. **Also 11, 18 & 25**
- Monday 8 **Teddington Community Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-4.30pm. **Also 15, 22 & 29**
- Tuesday 9 **Parish Social: lunch.** Piazza Firenze Restaurant. 12noon
Plain & Pearl Social and Craft Group: 4-week Learn to Knit Course Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm. **Also 16, 23 & 30.**
Scan this QR code to book:
- Saturday 13 **Parish Plod: Thames Path.** Next stretch from East India Docks. Walking along the north bank now, as we head back to Teddington over the next six months. 9.30am
- Thursday 18 **Churchyard Gardening.** SMwSA. 10.00am. **Also Sat 20**
- Tuesday 23 **Pub Social: coffee.** Shambles Restaurant. 10.30am



LOOKING AHEAD TO FEBRUARY

- Sunday 4 Christingle Service. SMwSA Church. 4.00pm

Call for Bakers

As you may know, the church runs a Community Café every Monday afternoon at the Peter and Paul Centre. Thanks to the effort of our dedicated bakers, we are proud to be able to offer delicious home-made cakes to our Teddington community. As the cakes are becoming more and more

popular, it would be great to have some more people on my bakers' list. If you enjoy baking, and are happy to make something for us once every six to eight weeks please get in touch with me, either by email or put your name and email on the list at the back of SMwSA church.

Karin Mayhew, karinmay@hotmail.com

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St MARY with St ALBAN
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

Vicar's Viewpoint



I wonder if you are daring to look forward to what the next year might bring. I wonder if you are formulating resolutions that might shape your experience of 2024. Wherever those resolutions are fixed – the gym, smaller trousers, mindfulness apps, a little less gin – I wish you well, but I am

going to take my opportunity while I have your attention to encourage you in a new direction.

One of the most insidious and life-inhibiting features of our modern human existence is right underneath our noses – loneliness. Teddington, London, the western world – so much loneliness and personal isolation whilst in close proximity to so many other humans. Christian teaching speaks of living in constant fellowship so that we may refine our lives on the example of Christ. In community (or 'communion' as we might refer to it in church), we support and sustain, encounter and engage – and it is life-giving. We are better in community (yes, whilst also valuing alone-ness from time to time), but so many around us feel entirely cut off.

This year, when you resolve to become the new and better 'you' (and I thought you were great already), resolve to give some of that to those who may find themselves lonely in 2024 (though be careful, lonely people often appear among us as very busy people). There are fewer greater gifts than a little company. Happy New Year to you all.

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



Christingle Service

4pm

Sunday 4 February

everyone is welcome to attend
this wonderful candlelit service

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Each year in January, local churches get together and organise a week of prayer for Christian Unity. Each day during the week one of the churches nominate one of their regular services to be part of the programme, so there is a service on different days at different churches – see timetable below. There is a special united service on the Sunday afternoon:-

Friday 19th January, 12pm Teddington Baptist Church

Saturday 20th January, 10.45am Teddington Methodist Church

Sunday 21st January, 5.15pm St Michael's Fulwell, Wilcox Rd

Monday 22nd January, 9.30am Sacred Heart RC Church, Kingston Road

Tuesday 23rd January, 9.30am St John's Hampton Wick

Wednesday 24th January, 9.30am St Mary with St Alban.

Everyone is invited to join any of the above services. It is a chance for you to attend another Church's service and perhaps experience a different way of doing things.

Malcolm Eady



Cyril Shaw: 1930-2023

Family and friends gathered together at St Mary with St Alban on 13th October to say farewell to Cyril Shaw MBE; the end of an era. Cyril had many inter-

ests and passions and was a stalwart member of St Mary with St Alban. Verger for many years, he kept a critical eye on everything and everyone to ensure the smooth and proper running of the Church. If he saw or felt something needed doing, he did it, however long it took.

He enjoyed rowing on the Thames and loved his rugby. A qualified referee

instructor, he organised the local refereeing rotas which was no mean task. Not surprisingly, his family included *Jerusalem* and *Swing Low Sweet Chariot* at his funeral.

An accountant by profession he travelled the World for BP and when he retired, continued to use his skills and became a Commissioner for the Revenue, specialising in VAT appeals which he often chaired and could last weeks at a time.

For this taxing work he was awarded the MBE in 2010. Cyril was a truly remarkable man and a real character. He made a lasting impression on everyone he met, not only here at St Mary with St Alban, but wherever he became involved.

John Demont

Sheila Cooper: 1936-2023



I first met Sheila about twenty-five years ago. Already retired from her role as the Borough's Children's Librarian, she was actively involved in Sunday School and would visit me at my Resource Centre in London Diocese.

Sheila's involvement with church life was extensive. A Church Warden par excellence, she served first at St Peter and St Paul's and then at St Mary with St Alban. During the vacancy following Revd John Cleaver's departure she busied herself sorting rotas, writing newsletter articles, meeting baptism families, interviewing wedding couples, covering for the Treasurer and then helping to appoint the then new Vicar.

But Sheila wasn't busy for the sake of being busy – it was part of her ministry, serving God and God's people. An Associate of the Sisters of Bethany, she was committed to a life of simple living, prayer and service. Her life of faith expressed itself in the love she showed to children and adults alike, in the friendships she cultivated and the kindnesses she

offered. Always ready for a chat, she was a fixture at the 'ladies table' after church each Sunday, and little that went on escaped her notice.

Her life-long love of cats, the twinkly eyes, the shrug of the shoulders and calling us all 'dear' are just some of the memories which Sheila leaves. But perhaps most of all, she leaves us knowing that she is now at peace with the God whom she loved and served until the very end. And we are the better for having known her.

Mary Hawes

The Christmas Bazaar was a triumph this year.

If an event's chief organiser is struck down on the day, two outcomes are possible: chaos and cancellation, or all hands on deck and a surge of help and goodwill. The latter option prevailed – spectacularly successfully.

Opening seasonal music from St Mary's Handbell Ringers greeted the early crowd and thereafter all stalls, Santa's grotto, children's activities and the lunch area attracted a steady and freely spending crowd. Happy faces all round including



the many raffle and tombola prize winners, but none so happy as the Treasurer – £7,000 was raised on the day which is a record by far. And what fun we all had.

Susan Jacobs

Parish Registers

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

19th November, Eleanor and William
26th November, William and Henry

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

22nd November: Paul Munting (79)

Building Anew Update – Fundraising Appeal



The Building Anew fundraising appeal got off to a great start last year, with over £160,000 raised in the first four months. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated.

Looking ahead, I am delighted to say that the Christingle service on Sunday 4th February will be raising money for the appeal. We hope to see you there. See the poster on the front of this newsletter for more details.

There are lots of other fundraising initiatives and events lined up for 2024, so please look out for more information over the coming months. Also, the fundraising

team is busy submitting grant applications and will be approaching local businesses to ask for their support too.

In the meantime, please keep your donations coming to help us reach the £1 million needed. The easiest way to donate is to scan the QR code here, which offers options to make either one-off or regular payments, and also to add Gift Aid if applicable.



For other ways to donate and more information about the project, please visit the Building Project page on the Parish website: www.teddingtonparish.org

We would also be delighted to hear from you if you would like to get involved in a fundraising event or to raise money through a sponsored activity. We will be glad to support you with this.

Steven Randall