

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

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:



- Thursday 1 **Parish Social: coffee.** On Zoom. 10.30am
Traherne Reading Group. Mina Hogan Rm. 1.30-3.00pm. **Also 8**
- Saturday 3 **Parish Plod.** Continuing along the Thames Path. 9.30am
- Sunday 4 **Christingle Candlelit Service.** SMwSA Church. 4.00pm. Come and join us.
- Monday 5 **Teddington Community Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-4.30pm. **Also 12, 19 & 26**
- Tuesday 6 **Memory Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-3.00pm. **Also 20**
- Wednesday 7 **First Wednesday.** Mina Hogan Rm. 12.45-2.15pm. Open discussion group. Topic: *Assisted Dying*. Bring your packed lunch.
- Tuesday 13 **Parish Social: lunch.** Piazza Firenze Restaurant. 12noon
Plain & Pearl: Knit Support & Talk. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm. Ticketed.
- Wednesday 14 **Ash Wednesday Services** with Imposition of Ashes: **Holy Communion:** 9.30am and **Sung Eucharist:** 7.30pm
- Sunday 18 **Lent Lunch for Welcare.** St Mary's Parish Hall. 11.45am. *See poster pg 3*
- Wednesday 21 **6-week Lent Course (in-person and online options):** *Seeking God the Creator:* Mina Hogan Rm. 11.30am-1.00pm OR from 7.30pm on Zoom. **Also 28 Feb and 6, 13, 20 & 27 March**
- Thursday 22 **Churchyard Gardening.** SMwSA. 10.00am. **Also Sat 24**
- Tuesday 27 **Parish Social: coffee.** Shambles Restaurant. 10.30am
Plain & Pearl: Decoupage Workshop. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm. Ticketed.



Plain & Pearl's event must be pre-booked.
Scan these QR Codes to book your places.



Teddington Parish Information

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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2024



St MARY with St ALBAN
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



Vicar's Viewpoint

January has hosted many joys – personal re-invention, number-crunching in our churches, insufficient daylight and frost. This could, therefore, be a collection of words uttering lofty aspirations for our work as Christians in our churches, or some weighty biblical injunction to being 'better' (though I tend to say stick to verse 13 of Psalm 139 and let that speak loudest). As I typically laugh in the face of tradition (said the old-style priest), this piece will be different.

In my few weeks in Teddington I have been struck, very deeply, by how much is done voluntarily. This ranges from simple acts of unscripted kindness to neighbours, through hosting events for local residents, to the work of such as the RNLI who voluntarily save your lives on our River. Not a single soul is forced to do these things but many do. It has been my privilege to get to know many organisations in TW11 – the RNLI, the Teddington Society, the Rotary Club, the Royal British Legion, our youth uniformed organisations, in addition to many individuals who simply and magnificently just 'do for others'. I look forward to getting to know other volunteer groups and individuals in the months to come.

As the vicar of a parish church I have a unique voice in the community and wish to use it for one purpose alone: to thank those of you who volunteer. You are remarkable, and I salute 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

St Mary with St Alban Church LENT APPEAL 2024

We're building vital new facilities
for our community church
Help us raise £1million

This church building has served our community for over 800 years. Now the church needs our help to make it accessible and truly welcoming to all.



Scan this QR code to donate now



The extension will create:

1. Two toilets
2. Kitchenette
3. Meeting space
4. Step-free entrance



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Teddington Community Café



Chris Kennedy and his family at the Community Café prior to their move to Warwickshire

The Community Café welcomed 2024 in style, opening on New Year's Day with hot beverages, homemade cakes and chat. Before Christmas, we celebrated with carols and seasonal music provided by the local Cubs and Scouts.

The following week we held a short leaving ceremony for the Rev. Chris Kennedy, to thank him for his work with *Activate*, and local parishes and organisations within the Deanery. We wished Chris and his family well in their new life in Warwickshire, where Chris has been appointed Vicar of St Mary Magdalene, Tanworth-in-Arden.

The Café opens on Mondays (including Bank Holidays) from 1.30-4.30pm at The Peter and Paul Centre, Church Road. It is volunteer run, with volunteer bakers providing delicious homemade cakes. With our growing popularity, we are always looking for more bakers. Please do sign up at the back of church or contact karinmay@hotmail.com if you are able to help.

The Café offers a welcome to all, particularly those new to the community, those feeling socially isolated and those wanting a friendly chat and a chance to find out about local activities and services. We work closely with RUILS (Richmond-Upon-Thames Independent Living Service) and Richmond Mind, whose link workers are able to meet clients at the Café. We also host a drop-in session for PA Housing Association tenants to meet their neighbourhood coordinator on the 1st Monday of each month.

Clare Rider and Sarah Rae

Lent Course: Seeking God the Creator

This year's course is **Seeking God the Creator**, a series of sessions reflecting on the Collect for Ash Wednesday (a most wonderful prayer). I will



ash
wednesday

Wednesday 14th February 2024

09:30am
Holy Communion
& Imposition of Ashes

7:30pm
Sung Eucharist
& Imposition of Ashes

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Zoom sessions at 7.30pm, starting on 21st February. The content will be the same morning and evening, but you are free to pick and choose which (if either) may work for you, and you are invited to sign up on *ChurchSuite*.

There are two services on Ash Wednesday (*see poster*); you are encouraged to attend one as we begin the Lent period.

Fr. David

Lent
Course
2024

SEEKING GOD THE
CREATOR

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

SESSIONS START AT 11.30AM
MINA HOGAN ROOM

ST MARY WITH ST ALBAN CHURCH
THE PARISH HALL, LANGHAM ROAD, TEDDINGTON
TW11 9HF

be offering this course *in two ways* – in-person and online, on the Wednesdays in Lent.

In-person sessions will meet in the Mina Hogan Room at 11.30am, and **Online**

Sustainability Group Update

Our 2024 plans include running our first Carbon Literacy training course, and another Recycle and Reuse event. We would like to hear more from you on what you would like to see, and learn about. What types of events would you be interested in? We need volunteers and supporters, so please contact us on sustainability@teddingtonparish.org if you'd like to learn more. Let's make 2024 our best sustainable year so far!

Richmond Council continues to implement its Climate Emergency Action Plan (www.richmond.gov.uk). However, the community also suffers from environmental and sustainability challenges, such as the resilience of the water supply and security, the growing threat of flooding, and the biodiversity impacts of the climate crisis. Also there is the ongoing energy and cost of living crisis, which has made people more concerned with their finances. Sadly, we have limited time to act on both climate and the risk to nature, and we need everyone to do a little, while encouraging our leaders to be bold.

James Morris and Carla Maroussas

Lent Lunch 2024
SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY
11.45am
St Mary's Parish Hall
Welcare Fundraiser

Sign-up at the back of church or scan this QR code

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Parish Registers

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

10th December: Grace
17th December: Hester and Darcy
14th January: Archie

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

7th December: Jean Fooks (92)
4th January: Anita Pratt (83)
9th January: Tina Coyne (65)
12th January: Jane Joscelyne (84)
17th January: Douglas Barrell (78)

Building Anew Appeal Update

I am delighted to report that donations to the Building Anew £1 million fundraising appeal had reached just over £170,000 at the end of 2023. A huge 'thank you' to everyone who has contributed for their wonderful generosity during the first five months of the campaign.

This total includes £1,180 raised by the Christmas Present Appeal in December, which was a big hit in the crib services as the photo shows!

When combined with the funds allocated to the project at the outset, this means that over £420,000 of the total project cost of £1.25 million has now been raised. We are

therefore well on the way towards building the vital facilities needed to make the church truly accessible and welcoming to all.

There are plans for lots of events and fundraising activities in 2024 and we would love to hear your ideas too. If you would like to get involved in any way, perhaps raising money through sponsorship or a pancake party, then please email future@teddingtonparish.org and we will be glad to support you.

Finally, please keep your donations coming! You can do this by scanning the QR code here or by visiting the Building Project page on the Parish website for other options: www.teddingtonparish.org

Steven Randall

