

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

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:



Friday 1	World Day of Prayer Service. St Mary's Twickenham. TW1 3NJ. 10.30am. Come and hear more about the role of Palestinian women and pray with them. Everyone welcome. Refreshments served
Saturday 2	Parish Plod. Continuing along the Thames Path. 9.30am
Monday 4	Teddington Community Café. Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-4.30pm. Also 11, 18 & 25
Tuesday 5	Memory Café. Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-3.00pm. Also 19
Wednesday 6	Lent Course: Seeking God the Creator. Also 13, 20 & 27 (First Wednesday will <u>not</u> meet)
Thursday 7	Parish Social: coffee. On Zoom. 10.30am
Sunday 10	Mothering Sunday All-age Parade Service. SMwSA. 10.00am
Tuesday 12	Parish Social: lunch. Piazza Firenze Restaurant. 12noon
Sunday 17	Plain & Pearl Social: Knit/Craft & Cake. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm. Also 26
Thursday 21	Annual Parochial Church Meeting. St Mary's Parish Hall. 12noon. All those on our Electoral Roll are invited to attend.
Sunday 24	Churchyard Gardening. SMwSA. 10.00am. Also Sat 23
Sunday 24-31	Music for Lenten Reflection (see below) Holy Week Services: Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday (see page 3 for full list)

'Music for Lenten Reflection' Sunday March 24th 6.30pm

Teddington Churches' Singers and Teddington Consort are putting on a Lenten concert on **Sunday 24 March at 6.30pm**. It will include the Fauré Requiem and other beautiful seasonal music by Purcell, Byrd, Weelkes, Britten, Saunders (1st performance), Gibbons and Gjeilo The venue is **Ss. Philip**

and James Church, Hounslow Road, Whitton, TW2 7DY. It promises to be a wonderful and moving evening.

It starts at 6.30pm, with refreshments to follow. Tickets: £15 adults, £10 students, £5 U18s are available through Church Suite, the website, or at the door.



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St MARY with St ALBAN
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



Vicar's Viewpoint

Forget Nostradamus: in ancient history ie 1969, Messrs Zager and Evans (an American rock-pop duo) predicted that 'if God's a-coming, he oughta make it by then', referring to the specific year 7510. They continued to observe that in ten-thousand years, humanity's reign will have ended. This was echoed

by a sometime Bishop of London (the tall one with the beard) who noted that humanity was the first species with the capability to bring about its own extinction. Heady stuff.

Whatever your personal theology, humanity is and has been a stunning work of creation by a force that has care for that creation. I cannot subscribe to the argument that humanity, love, music and fine art are a coincidence of particles coalescing in a vacuum. No! Christians also hold that the Creator, in taking one big punt in our creation, took a further gamble by becoming one among us, in the world whose eventual progress was predicted, not inaccurately, by the likes of Zager, Evans, Asimov and Chartres. We are loved, we were given the gift of love and this Lent, we have the chance to do something remarkable.

We can give stuff up or we can take something on, but I urge all who read to take a punt on the Creator who sees virtue in our remarkable existence. Do something good or give up something less good, but either way this Lent, let's do our bit to make the great sacrifice of Good Friday more than a hapless bet. If the Lord is granting us 10,000 years, let's make them and our world just a bit better.

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
THE PARISH HALL, LANGHAM ROAD, TEDDINGTON
TW11 9HF

Lent Course

2024

SEEKING GOD THE CREATOR

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

IN-PERSON SESSIONS 11.30am
Mina Hogan Room

ONLINE SESSIONS 7.30pm
via Zoom

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The Parish Plod

The Parish Plodders latest jaunt saw 12 of us walking from Wapping to the halfway point (Vauxhall) of our latest walk, East – West, along the North Bank of the Thames, providing interesting but less seen views of London compared to the Thames Path on the South Bank.



Now in our fourth year of plodding, we expect to complete this walk in April before starting our next venture, the 35 mile St Alban Pilgrim Way from St. Paul's Cathedral to St Albans. With our walks usually taking place monthly, this one will likely take us to the end of 2024, possibly combining the final stage with a stopover for the Sunday Eucharist at St Albans Cathedral.

Our next plod will be from Vauxhall to Putney on **Saturday 2nd March**, with all welcome. If you are interested in joining our intrepid explorers, either in March or for a future stage, please contact Ian.Rae@hotmail.com, to be included in our Parish Plod WhatsApp group.

David Matthews

Lent Course

I am hosting a weekly Lent Course based on the Collect for Ash Wednesday, with both in-person and online options, taking place from Wednesday February 21st to March 27th. The content for both will be the same, and you are free to pick and choose which may work for you. Details are in the diary on p4. Please use the QR codes on p1 to sign-up, or go to our website for details.

Fr David

Judith Good

When asked if I had a photo of Judith, I answered "No problem, I've hundreds". However, almost every one showed her in the background – helping children, organising refreshments, clearing up – but never in the forefront. That was typical! From the time she moved to Teddington to be nearer her family, she was at the heart of our church family. This rare photo of her taking centre stage, was when she supported the children with prayers at Family Service.



Judith was an exceptional person, an astute judge of human nature who kept her own counsel. She was expert at resolving the upsets that flare up in any group, diplomatically defusing heightened feelings and restoring peace. She quietly supported anyone having a difficult time, providing a trusted ear or giving help in much needed practical ways, but always avoiding burdening others with her problems.

Although she lived with deep, abiding regret at the loss of her husband Colin at an early age, she made sure her life remained productive and positive, however much effort this must have demanded. She enjoyed many things – pub jazz evenings, theatre visits, meals with friends, and holidays with Sally, Andrew and Lucy. She readily joined in new activities – exercise classes, painting evenings, current affairs discussion with her teenage godson.

It is hard to do her justice or to imagine life without her. She will be missed by so many. May she rest in peace.

Jean Howard

Parish Registers

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

12th January: Nicola Thomas (89)
25th January: Maggie Webb (81)
31st January: Ann Mothersole (84)
1st February: Stephanie Leach (86)
6th February: Pauline Rayner (83)

HOLY WEEK 2024: Sun 24 to Sun 31 March

Below is the suite of services being offered between Palm Sunday and Easter Day, a most sacred and moving week in our spiritual lives. It may be that some of what is offered is unfamiliar, but I encourage you to engage as much as you can.

I am also delighted to have opportunity to lead a couple of these services at the Peter & Paul Centre. It grants me the opportunity to enjoy the unique blessings of that sacred space and to be able to greet Easter twice (catering for those for whom a 6am start may present issues). More details can be found on our website.
Fr David

Holy Week 2024



Services live streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzhaCFE7M4FC1MeNng>

* This service will be live-streamed

More information at: www.teddingtonparish.org

Palm Sunday
8am Holy Communion BGP
9am Morning Worship with Palms
10am Parish Eucharist with Palm Procession *

Monday to Wednesday in Holy Week
7.30pm Said Eucharist & Meditation
8.30pm - Compline (Zoom)

Maunder Thursday
10.30am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
7.30pm The Liturgy of Maunder Thursday with Washing of the Feet *

Good Friday
9am - Family Service
10am - CTT Walk of Witness
12pm - Stations of the Cross at the Peter & Paul Centre
12-2.30pm - Vigil of Prayer at St Mary's
2.30pm The Liturgy of Good Friday *

Holy Saturday
7.30pm Easter Vigil & Paschal Mass at the Peter & Paul Centre

Easter Day
6am Dawn Vigil & Paschal Eucharist
9am - Easter Morning Worship
10am - Parish Eucharist of Easter *

Join in Teddington's Biggest Tea Party



How about hosting a tea party this spring? The Teddington community is rolling up its sleeves to host a chain of tea parties to raise money towards building vital facilities in our historic community church.

Children at SMSP, Collis and Newland House Schools are all involved. Everyone is welcome, so why not join the fun and 'Get Together to Give Together'? Host a tea party and invite your guests to donate in return, using this QR code. Then encourage them to host their own tea party too.

These fun events are all raising money towards building the church's first ever toilets (one fully accessible and with baby-changing facilities), a kitchenette, a new step-free entrance and a multi-purpose social space (for hosting school visits, Children's Church and community activities).

Every penny raised will go towards making our church truly accessible and welcoming to all. For more information and inspiration on hosting your tea party, visit <https://www.teddingtonparish.org/events/big-teddington-tea-party/> or call 020 8943 2262. Look out for leaflets and posters too.

