

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

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 **Teddington Community Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-4.30pm. **Also 8, 15, 22 & 29**
- Tuesday 2 **Memory Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-3.00pm. **Also 16**
- Wednesday 3 **First Wednesday Discussion.** Topic: *Parish Communications – how to keep in touch.* Mina Hogan Rm. 12.45pm. Bring a packed lunch.
- Thursday 4 **Parish Social: coffee.** On Zoom. 10.30am
- Saturday 6 **Parish Plod.** Continuing along the Thames Path. 9.30am
- Tuesday 9 **Parish Social: lunch.** Piazza Firenze. 12noon
Plain & Pearl Social Group: Knit/Craft & Cake. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm. **Also 23**
- Thursday 18 **Churchyard Gardening.** SMwSA. 10.00am. **Also Sat 20**
Traherne Reading Group. Mina Hogan Rm. 1.30pm. **Also 25**
- Tuesday 23 **Parish Social: coffee.** Shambles. 10.30am

Christian Aid Week: 12-18 May

Help us push back against poverty. We will be delivering the traditional red envelopes with



your May Newsletter. They will have a QR code on this year, making giving easier, as well as a local address if you would rather use cash.

Contact Simon Lamb via the parish office, to get involved: 020 8943 2262 or enquiries@teddingtonparish.org

Simon Lamb

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NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024



St MARY with St ALBAN
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

Vicar's Viewpoint



This month's Vicar's Viewpoint is a strange imposter. As I write, I am conscious that the edition into which this will be posted and you will receive will effectively be the 'Easter edition', but as I write the good Lord sees fit to demand editorial processes that have to be completed before Holy Week even begins. I could, therefore, extol the joys of the coach-loads of you who

came to church over an Easter that hasn't yet taken place, exhort you to attend services that will have already taken place, or find myself – as I currently am – wondering what on earth to write that avoids politics or the pressing issue of the value to the natural world of wasps.

I suppose this is a bit how the disciples felt about now in the chronology of the Cross. Jesus had told them, over the first century equivalent of a Girasole latte, that he was going off to be killed. They had followed this religious rebel hither and yon across Galilee and it is reasonable to suppose they may have worried a great deal about what would happen to them. Would their fate follow that of Jesus? Is that what the jobbing cod*-farmers signed up to? By any measure, a worry.

So as I contrive to draw false and clumsy parallels between my current editorial consternation and that of the disciples I am left with Jesus's own words of comfort to his friends as reflected in St John's Gospel: "do not let your hearts be troubled; believe in God and believe also in me". It comes down to that in the end – despite what I write that may or may not be accurate or timely. And so I close in hope that you will have or have had a blessed and sacred Easter and in hope that our paths to the Tomb of the Resurrection will pass soon.

*There are no cod in the Sea of Galilee, only tilapia, sardines and barbels – just so that we are clear! Amen

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:
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LOCAL HISTORY SUPPER SATURDAY 11 MAY

To join us for an evening of intrigue and nostalgia, to explore the strange and the forgotten which shaped our area, turn to pg 3.

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A 60-second interview with Sarah Rae, our ordinand



What is an ordinand?

It is someone training to be a priest.

What's involved?

Lots of learning. Each week, I join the Clergy at the altar and act as subdeacon. I also have to preach occasionally – which is scary. I'll soon be heading up a newly invigorated pastoral team, and I continue to be involved in the Community Café, church courses, and our mid-week Toddler Service.

Do you study as you train?

Yes, I'm studying part-time for a theology, mission, and ministry degree at Cuddesdon, near Oxford.

Why now?

Well, if someone had told me six years ago I'd be where I am now I would have thought they were joking but that's when I started to feel God calling me and I've been working things out ever since.

What's your favourite bible verse?

I have a few, but a favourite short one is: .. "and remember I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matt. 28:20)

And your favourite book in the Bible?

Can I have two? Psalms and Luke.

What about time off?

I have another job two days a week, I also run (very slowly) and swim, watch TV and read. I'm married to Ian and we have two grown-up children.

Poldark at the Lent Course



A huge thank you to all the participants, both in person and online, not only for all that enthusiasm for discussion, but also their openness about opinions and faith. It

was fascinating to see the diversity of points raised and who'd have thought Poldark would have featured as we reflected upon Ash Wednesday's Collect?

Each week, we began with a Gathering Prayer, followed by questions to prompt conversations about the particular phrase of the Collect we were focussing on. We used the exercise of *lectio divina* [sacred reading] for the selected bible passage, before further discussion. Reflections then followed from different authors such as Henri Nouwen and Joyce Meyer to give us the chance to think more deeply about the theme of the day.

Although the course was not intended "to form the basis of a test", homework was provided! Actually, the "more questions for discussion" provided an excellent opportunity for personal rumination, which is a habit worth developing to help reflect on the words of God.

We will have another course later on this year, over Advent. Look out for the details nearer the time and why not come and join us for some lively conversation and study.

Debby Johnson

Craft Swap 'n' Shop



Tuesday 9 April, 7.30 -9.30pm, St Mary's Parish Hall. TW11 9HF

Spring clean your cupboards and bring your 'craft stash' along with you – all

those bolts of material, balls of wool and ribbons that you have never got around to using. Haberdashery, embroidery frames, beads, craft: books, patterns, materials & tools all welcome too. It's helpful to bag up individual items in clear bags so they are easy to see. Then all you have to do is decide which craft goodies to take home with you. **Goods must be clean and fresh smelling and can only be accepted on the night.**

The £2.00 entrance fee includes refreshments & a slice of home-made cake. And why not bring along your knitting or craft project, to sit and chat with like-minded people over your tea & cake, once you have shopped and swapped. At 9.30pm, you may

take any of your unswapped items back, or we will give them to charity. Everyone welcome, and donation to charity can be made in lieu of swap items. Tickets on the door, but please register at <https://craftswap.eventbrite.co.uk> or scan this QR code:



Plain & Pearl is a voluntary social knitting and craft group. For more information contact mailplainandpearl@gmail.com

Josie Shantonas

Story Boxes

We have been having some meaningful fun with interactive Holy Week Boxes, given out to our church families recently. Holy Week is the time when we walk through the last days of Jesus' life, towards his death and resurrection, often not something easy for children to understand. Inside the boxes, children found some coins, pipe cleaners, cloth and a Jesus figure. Each day had a short Bible passage to read and a scene to create with the contents of the box, letting them tell the next part of the story leading to Easter Day. We hope families will send us photos, for our Facebook pages, to share how they got on: [f@smwsachurch](https://www.facebook.com/f@smwsachurch). Families are always



made very welcome at all of our services, but you might particularly enjoy the 9am service on Sundays, or the 20-minute Toddler Service at 10.30am each Wednesday. We would love to have you join us and be there for our next idea.

Mary Hawes

Parish Registers

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

3rd March: Kit

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

4th February: John Bell (82)

19th February: Betty Dickie (84)

20th February: Mary Farley (86)

11th March: Judith Good (81)

12th March: Jean Dowe (92)

Building Anew Fundraising Supper Evening



Photographer: Henry W Taunt. Historic England Collection.

How's your local history?

Just over 100 years ago, a London MP, John Burns, described the Thames as "Liquid History". Come and enjoy an interactive evening with Malcolm Eady, over a delicious 2-course supper, as he uses the Thames as a Golden Thread to delve into our recent history via the many collections of historic photographs, drawings and paintings.

The front page photo shows Teddington Wharf before the footbridge, with The Angler's Hotel in the background. At the time Teddington was famed for its fishing, and the yards were full of boats for hire as the new railway brought crowds of day trippers from London. But what's the connection between an exiled European King, a local golf course and a train station?

Saturday 11 May, 7-10pm, St Mary's Parish Hall: scan the QR Code to book your tickets now, to avoid disappointment. £20pp, to include your 2-course supper and a welcome drink. Or call the Parish Office, 020 8943 2262. *Malcolm Eady*

