

WHAT'S ON IN MAY

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.** Topic: *Churchyards*. Mina Hogan Rm. 12.45-2.15pm. Bring a packed lunch and all relevant ideas, photos or memories.
Pints of View: unscripted fellowship. Tide End Pub. From 8.00pm
- Thursday 2 **Parish Social: coffee.** On Zoom. 10.30am
Traherne Reading Group. Mina Hogan Rm. 1.30pm. **Also 9, 16 & 23**
- Saturday 4 **Parish Plod.** Continuing along the Thames Path. 9.30am
- 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**
- Thursday 9 **Ascension Day Sung Eucharist.** SMwSA. 7.30pm (also livestreamed)
- Saturday 11 **Local History Supper Evening.** St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.00pm. Ticketed event. **Scan this QR code to book:**
- Sunday 12 **Building Anew Open Day.** SMwSA. 11.15am-1.00pm. Learn more about this project, and have your questions answered about the design, fundraising and construction (with footprint marked out in the churchyard). Tea/coffee provided.
- Tuesday 14 **Parish Social: lunch.** Piazza Firenze Restaurant. 12noon
Plain & Pearl: Visible Mending Workshop. 7.30pm. Ticketed. **SOLD OUT**
- Sunday 19 **Pentecost and Christian Aid Parade Service.** SMwSA. 10.00am
- Thursday 23 **Churchyard Gardening.** SMwSA. 10.00am. **Also Sat 25**
- Sunday 26 **Trinity Sunday**
- Tuesday 28 **Parish Social: coffee.** Shambles Restaurant. 10.30am
Plain & Pearl: Polymer Jewellery Workshop. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm. Ticketed event. **Scan this QR code to book:**



LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE

Loving Your Burial Ground Celebrations in the churchyard from Saturday 8th, to include Teas in the Parish Hall on Sunday 9th.

Teddington Village Fair – returns again this year on Sunday 30th, 12-5pm, in Udney Hall Gardens

Teddington Parish Information

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NEWSLETTER MAY 2024



St MARY *with* St ALBAN
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



Vicar's Viewpoint

The vexed topic of my use of humour in my ministry has arisen more than once in recent weeks. Despite my perma-frown, and pre-caffeine grumpiness, I do like to use humour as a means of communicating a message and while I take life and my faith very seriously, a light touch seems to work at times.

Whether it is right or wrong, appropriate or inappropriate, to use levity in one's spiritual life (or at parish level) is a matter that you can discuss at length over your morning coffee, but I do wonder if there is too little to smile about in life at the moment. Increasingly, the world feels like an irretrievable mess. Truth is lost; some world leaders use disingenuity as a legitimate rhetorical tool; our young are killing one another in our own city; people in gainful employment still cannot afford to live or eat; failing mental health eclipses the opportunities that life would otherwise offer so many – and all that, before we talk about war. Truth be told, life doesn't feel like a laugh-a-minute at the moment.

That is until I visit our local schools and spend some time with your children. School assemblies are a regular part of my week and humour is a necessary ingredient – not because I am an entertainer, but because these youngsters give me hope and in the face of hope, I smile. In the light of the Resurrection, I smile. In my Sanctuary, I smile – and I want to make you smile. I pray that, just once in a while, I can do that small thing; then perhaps I will have made a tiny difference to your day.

REGULAR SERVICES

- ~ Online service only;
- * In-person + livestreamed service

SUNDAYS:

8.00am Holy Communion
9.00am Morning Worship
10.00am Parish Eucharist*

MONDAYS – SATURDAYS:

8.30am Morning Prayer, on Zoom (Mon-Fri and 9.00am Sat)~
9.00am-5.00pm Church open for Private Prayer
6.00pm Evening Prayer, on Zoom (Mon-Thur and 5.00pm Fri-Sat)~

WEDNESDAYS:

9.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Church Mice Toddler Service

Go to our website for further details:
www.teddingtonparish.org



ASCENSION DAY
SUNG EUCHARIST

THURSDAY 9 MAY

7.30PM

see website for livestream

www.teddingtonparish.org

Christian Aid Week 2024

The theme of this year's Christian Aid Week is 'Push Back Against Poverty' with an emphasis on how neighbours near and far can come together to fight the dehumanising effects of poverty. The focus is on Aline, pictured on the poster, from Burundi, a central African country where 70% of the population are affected by poverty. Married young, then later forced to flee from her violent husband and separated from her children, Aline ended up on the streets. Her life was turned around by a community workshop funded by Christian Aid, where she was taught how to form a Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) and establish a steady income. VSLAs mean people can save for their future and borrow money to kickstart small rural businesses. With a start-up loan, Aline was able to set up a small business, trading avocados and peanuts locally. Due to her hard work, determination and faith, Aline's business has grown and now she earns enough to rent a house and has been reunited with her children. She can plan for the future with hope.

Aline's long and difficult journey out of extreme poverty began with a little support, knowledge and faith from Christian Aid supporters. Thank you for whatever you can give. *Cathy Randall*



Please give what you can:

Christian Aid Week
12-18 MAY

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TODAY



Music for Lenten Reflection

Churches Together choir and orchestra marked their 5th Lenten musical offering this year on Palm Sunday in St Philip & St James Church (SSPJ) in Whitton, directed by our musical director, Derek Saunders.



The programme included works in Latin, German and Hebrew as well as English, and was accompanied by Janet Smith's orchestral friends, and stunningly beautiful playing by the Chineke Orchestra's harpist, Ruby Aspinall. The first half included a first performance of Saunders' *Love the Lord Your God* (soloist Alice Jacobs) and *Britten's Corpus Christi Carol* (soloist Laura Grant) and the evening ended with Fauré's *Requiem*.

With grateful reflection rather than applause, the audience quietly filed out of the church and into the Parish Hall to be met with a wonderful supper laid on by the SSPJ Events Team. All proceeds and donations are being shared between SMwSA and SSPJ for their respective buildings, we thank everyone who attended and donated.

The aim of the concert was to provide an atmosphere of reflection on Christ's passion, to offer spiritual and physical nourishment to all who played, sang and attended; we think this was achieved in abundance. *Debra Fendley*

Parish Registers

BAPTISMS

We welcome into Christ's Church:

31st March: Ronnie
31st March: Charles and Lilian

FUNERALS

We remember with thanksgiving:

21st March: Frederick Bradley (89)
21st March: Colin Walker-Robson (71)
26th March: Brenda Ridgeway (93)
27th March: Carolyn Price (60)
27th March: Marvelline Grant (82)
2nd April: Pamela Pitkin (87)
2nd April: Derek Walker (96)

God's Acre in Teddington

'The church sits within a churchyard of almost one acre, a precious green public space and a major contribution to the village church character that St Mary's retains.'

This comment from a heritage expert is echoed by local residents and visitors who daily walk in our churchyard, and enjoy the sights, sounds, colours, and smells. There has been a church here since 1217, but an area around for burials was only set up in the 17th century. The boundary was extended six times until 1879 when it was decided to open a new cemetery in Shacklegate Lane, and the churchyard became neglected with the building of St Alban's church (now the Landmark Centre).

Only since St Mary's was restored as the parish church in 1977 has the churchyard been cherished and nourished, with the welcome involvement of Richmond Council and our own team of volunteers.

From 8th to 16th June we will be holding a 'Loving your Burial Ground Celebrations', a chance for everyone to come along



either to a range of events to learn more and celebrate this jewel, or just enjoy the trees, flowers, birds, bees, the sensory area, or many interesting memorials.

We will be promoting the 'Building Anew' project and the chance to 'Buy a Brick' for facilities (meeting room, kitchenette, and toilets) to help us better welcome and entertain visitors. For now, teas on Sunday 9th June will be in the Parish Hall, after touring the churchyard. The programme is in next month's newsletter, and on the website and social media.

Robin Field-Smith

Building Anew Fundraising

Local History Supper Evening, Saturday 11th May

Tickets are selling well for this interactive evening with Malcolm Eady, exploring our area's rich history from old Teddington Wharf to exiled kings. How much do you know about the history which has shaped our local area?

Tickets cost £20 pp and include a delicious two-course supper and welcome drink (7:00-10:30pm in St Mary's Parish Hall). All proceeds go to the church Building Project.

Book your tickets now to avoid disappointment – by scanning the QR code, or calling the Parish Office on 020 8943 2262, or visiting the parish website at www.teddingtonparish.org where you can also find out more about the Building Project.



Building Project Open Day, Sunday 12th May

Come and learn more about the Build Project from 11:15am-1:00pm on Sunday 12th May in SMwSA church and churchyard.

The footprint will be marked out in the churchyard, and members of the team will be on hand to explain how the project will add vital facilities to Teddington's beautiful, historic parish church to make it truly accessible and welcoming to all in our community. They will be ready to answer any questions you have about the design, process, fundraising, timetable and other aspects of the project. Refreshments will be provided.

Steven Randall

