

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

Everything comes with an open invitation, and please bring a friend. **Things in green need pre-booking.** The website has all the details and links: www.teddingtonparish.org/whats-on/, or scan this QR code:



- Saturday 1 **Parish Plod – Walking St Alban's Way:** St Paul's Cathedral to Hampstead Heath. 9.30am
- Monday 3 **Teddington Community Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-4.30pm. **Also 10, 17 & 24**
- Tuesday 4 **Memory Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-3.00pm. **Also 18**
- Wednesday 5 **First Wednesday Discussion.** Mina Hogan Rm. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: *How "ethically conscious" are we when shopping for clothes?* Bring a packed lunch. **Pints of View:** unscripted, agenda-free and committee-free fellowship. Tide End Pub. From 8.00pm
- Thursday 6 **Parish Social: Coffee.** On Zoom. 10.30am
- Saturday 8 to Sunday 16 St Mary with St Alban Churchyard Celebrations. *See page 2.*
- Tuesday 11 **Parish Social: lunch.** Piazza Firenze Restaurant. 12noon
- Thursday 13 **Plain & Pearl Social Knit & Craft Group.** Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm
- Monday 17 **Churchyard Gardening.** SMwSA. 10.00am. **Also Thu 20 & Sat 22**
- Monday 17 **Tea Party at the Community Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-4.30pm.
- Saturday 22 **Local History Supper Evening.** St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.00pm. Ticketed. *See page 3.* **Please scan this QR code to book:**
- Tuesday 25 **Parish Social: coffee.** Shambles Restaurant. 10.30am
- Sunday 30 **Plain & Pearl: Visible Mending Workshop.** Ticketed. **SOLD OUT**
- Teddington Village Fair: Udney Hall Gardens. 12.00-5.30pm. See flyer
- LOOKING AHEAD** River Sunday: 14 July. A community event to celebrate the importance of the river to Teddington.



Teddington Village Fair

Do not forget the Fair on Sunday 30th June in Udney Park Gardens, when the local Rotary Club, the Teddington Society

and St Mary with St Alban combine to celebrate the local Teddington community. A separate flyer about the Fair accompanies this newsletter.

John Wilson

Teddington Parish Information

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NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024



St MARY *with* St ALBAN
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



Vicar's Viewpoint

It may be that you have stopped and wondered 'whose church is it anyway?', and you may have lost sleep over this pressing matter. Well, I am among you as one who serves, and I come with the answers – it's yours. It's not mine (save for some arcane laws citing 'temporalities and appurtenances') and neither is it a Club House for the members. It's yours. Yes, you – the one reading this. From among you a gathering of Christians meets within its walls, and from among that number a vicar is chosen from time to time. The church remains yours, but others may look after it care for it for you.

You will have read some things about the current members needing to modernise the church building. We are one of two churches in London (truly) without a toilet to offer, and we can't easily make you a cuppa if you want to use your church. I know – appalling. The last effort to resolve this issue resulted in the Landmark Centre (and look how that ended), and so it falls to us, in our generation, to add to the church in the same way as others have over the centuries. And so, dear, dear friends – we need your help to modernise your church. You may not think that you need it, or that you have no use for it, but who of us really knows what tomorrow brings – and churches major on 'what tomorrow brings'. Our Building Anew project isn't a parish-pleaser, it's a community imperative as we honour your need, honour the considerable heritage of our town, welcome your children, their schools and uniformed organisations, and not send our most vulnerable visitors across the main road to answer 'the call of nature'. Please help us modernise your church, so that we can give it back to you! Thank you.

Best wishes

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

THURSDAYS:

- 8.30pm Compline, on Zoom~

The Big Community Cafe Tea Party

Monday 17th June

1.30pm - 4.30pm

Peter & Paul Centre

TW11 8PS



All proceeds go to
the SMwSA Building Project

www.teddingtonparish.org



Community Churchyard Event: 8th -16th June

St Mary with St Alban's Churchyard is a haven of wildlife, flowers, trees and colour, also a public space open to you, year-round. From June 8-16th a Community Churchyard Event will mark the nationwide *Loving Your Burial Ground* activities. Be part of these celebrations with free talks, guided walks and quizzes.

Saturday 8: 12pm - Illustrated talk on the churchyard : *Church*

Sunday 9: 9am and 10am - Formal opening at morning services
Afternoon - self guided tours of churchyard with welcomers on hand to help explain key features; quizzes available
3-5pm Teas with handbells playing:
Parish Hall

Monday 10 - Friday 14: - Information table with sheets for self-guided tours, graves, birds and bees, quizzes:
Churchyard

Prayer walks, some led, some self-guided
Saturday 15: 10am - Illustrated talk on the church estate and its development:
Church

11am - Launch of "Buy a Brick" for church extension (*see page 2*)

Sunday 16: 10am - Outdoor service
Guides and welcomers on hand the afternoon: *Churchyard*

5pm Songs of Praise outdoors with glasses of fizz

Please come along and enjoy this special place - the website also has details.

Robin Field-Smith

Adopt a Grave

Wandering through the graveyard and enjoying the peace, the sound of birds and insects, you may have looked at the gravestone inscriptions. You may also

have noticed that some graves are planted with flowers or herbs, and wondered how that happened. Their descendants may not be here; so about a hundred of our graves have now been adopted, which means looking after a small patch of ground, caring, weeding and planting, and finding out about that family's history.



You might be drawn to a particular grave. Adopting a grave is a surprisingly sociable thing to do. As well as opening a window onto local history, you are caring for the history, environment and wild life. So if you would like to take part, please contact the parish office to choose your grave(s).

Alexandra Ruffer

Local History Supper

Join us as we explore our area's rich history.

Saturday 22nd June
7pm to 10.30pm
St Mary's Parish Hall, Teddington

£20 ticket includes 2 course supper, interactive talk and a glass of wine.

All proceeds go directly to the Building Project. Tickets also available at the Parish Hall Office. Call 020 8943 2262 for more info.

To find out more about how we are carefully upgrading the facilities within our ancient parish church visit our Building Project page on www.teddingtonparish.org

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Scan this QR code to book now

SMARYWITHSALBAN

Teddington Pram Race and Village Fair: Sunday 30th June

Every year during the Fair, crowds line the High Street to cheer Pram Race participants. For the 3rd year, United Response, a Richmond charity that supports adults with learning disabilities is hosting the event. Teams of 3-5 people will push a 'pushable' item (wheelchair,



pram, wheel barrow) from one end of the street to the other, completing challenges along the route. Previous challenges include sucking a

lemon slice without pulling a face or eating a donut from a string with your hands behind your back.

This year's theme is Hawaiian, celebrating the start of summer. Prizes have been donated by very generous local businesses and will be for, Best Fancy Dressed, Most Money Raised and Best Team Spirit. All money raised will go towards increasing opportunities for those we support. It will be a Pram Race to remember.

Matthew Campbell

St Mary with St Alban Church
Ferry Road, Teddington TW11 9NN

Saturday 8 June 2024 at 7.30pm

SUMMERTIME

London Dvorak Ensemble
Conductor Tom Higgins

MOZART	Serenade in Eb, K 375
GRIEG	Holberg Suite
GERSHWIN	Scenes from Porgy and Bess
HUMMEL	Octet-Parlita in Eb

Tickets £20 and Concessions £16
 In advance: <https://summertimejun8.eventbrite.com>
 and at the door (cash or card)

This concert is organised by
 Teddington Summer Music
 Patron: The Rt Hon Sir Vince Cable

Parish Registers

BAPTISMS

We welcome into Christ's Church:

28th April: Amelia

5th May: Oriel

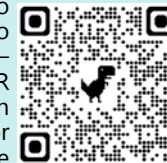
Building Anew Fundraising

Local History Supper Evening, Saturday 22 June

How much do you know about the history which has shaped our local area? If you missed out on the sell-out, and much enjoyed, May event, there is now a second chance to join Malcom Eady for a fascinating journey and interactive talk/quiz exploring our area's rich history, accompanied by a delicious supper (*see poster page 2*).

Tickets are already selling fast for this rerun on **Saturday 22 June from 7:00-10:30pm**

in St Mary's Parish Hall, so book your tickets now to avoid disappointment - either by scanning this QR code, 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.

Tickets cost £20 pp and include a welcome drink and 2-course supper. All proceeds go to the Church Building Project.

Buy-a-Brick Appeal

Would you like to donate a brick or two to the Church Building Project? We will be **launching a Buy-a-Brick appeal on 15 June** during the Churchyard Community week (*see page 2*), when you can do just that - figuratively anyway (we will buy the bricks with your donations!)

All donors to the Buy-a-Brick appeal will have their name recorded in the commemorative records of the project (in hard copy and online). You can also drop by St Mary with St Alban church between 2-4pm on Saturday 15 June to learn more.

Steven Randall