

## WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

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

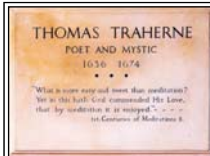


- Monday 2 **Teddington Community Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-4.30pm. **Also 9, 16, 23 & 30**
- Tuesday 3 **Memory Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-3.00pm. **Also 17**
- Wednesday 4 **First Wednesday Discussion.** Mina Hogan Rm. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: *Same Sex Marriage Service – where do we stand?* Bring a packed lunch.  
**Pints of View:** unscripted, agenda-free and committee-free fellowship. Tide End Pub. From 8.00pm.
- Thursday 5 **Parish Social: coffee.** On Zoom. 10.30am  
**Traherne Reading Group.** Mina Hogan Rm. 1.30-3.00pm **Also 12, 19 & 26**  
**Adopt A Grave Drinks:** Churchyard. 6.00pm. All welcome or bring a friend.
- Saturday 7 **Parish Plod: St Alban's Way.** Woodside Pk to Elstree. 9.30am
- Tuesday 10 **Parish Social: lunch.** Piazza Firenze Restaurant. 12noon  
**Plain & Pearl Workshop:** Felt Hanging Decorations. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm. **Tickets via this QR Code:**
- Sunday 15 **Choral Evensong.** SMwSA. 6.00pm
- Thursday 19 **Churchyard Gardening.** SMwSA. 10.00am. **Also Sat 21**
- Tuesday 24 **Parish Social: coffee.** Shambles Restaurant. 10.30am  
**Plain & Pearl:** knit/craft, chat & cake. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm
- Saturday 28 **School Disco Party – Grown Ups Only!** St Mary's Parish Hall. 6.30pm. Live Music, epic 80s & 90s DJ set, ex Jamie Oliver chef serving treats. **Use this QR code for tickets:**



### LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER

- Sat 5 Oct **Quiz & Curry Night.** St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.00pm. Use this QR code to book your tickets (individual or team).



This tablet on the church wall reminds us about Thomas Traherne who died three hundred and fifty years ago and is buried in

the vault. Watch out for details in next month's newsletter of events to mark this anniversary in the week 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October. Scan QR code for the programme.



## Teddington Parish Information

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## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2024



St MARY with St ALBAN  
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



### Vicar's Viewpoint

As I write, those expecting their A Level results have received theirs and those waiting for GCSEs are still mid-gnaw of their nails. If you are reading this – first, thank a teacher – it may be that you, like me, remember the Results Days with some mixed emotion.

I have often said that I am glad I am not a teenager now. Whilst I wasn't exactly a wild-child, neither would I want my every transgression consigned to digital immortality. I made my mistakes as I am sure that you made yours, and perhaps I even learned from them as you did. I wonder too what advice I would give my former self, sitting here in my greyness and increasing waistline. Well, that's for me to know and you to ask after over a glass of Chateaufeuf du London Pride, but suffice to say I would reiterate the worn but well-meaning 'enjoy every moment'.

In this Newsletter we are focussing on our young people. Yes, there are one or two in church and we continue to be blessed by their presence. You may have heard people say that children and youth are the church of tomorrow. That is not true. They, with you and me, are the church of 'right now' and I wonder what we – as a loving church – know about their experience of life. Very little I suspect. What is probably still true is that they are still working out who they are, and the Christian faith, when expressed through its most loving face, is a faith of self-discovery and then acceptance in love.

If you are a young person reading this – this church celebrates who you are without reference to your grades, choices or how you were formed. It thanks you for being you and remains ready to serve you as you have need.

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

Go to our website for further details: [www.teddingtonparish.org](http://www.teddingtonparish.org)

Join our Quiz & Curry night and help raise £1m for the Building Project



Saturday 5th October  
7pm to 10.30pm  
St Mary's Parish Hall  
TW11 9HF

£25 ticket includes curry supper & quiz. For more info call 020 8943 2262.

Scan to book now



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## Children's Worship New Term

Be there at 10.30am on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September for the first Church Mice Toddler Service of the new term, for babies through to pre-schoolers. This weekly twenty-minute service is a mix of singing, stories, prayers and noisy music making. Followed by free-play and refreshments to meet new friends.

Also, each Sunday, from 8<sup>th</sup> September, Coffee and Craft following the 9am service is back, and Children's Church returns within the 10am. Coffee & Craft is a chance to enjoy a hot drink and a chat whilst children get busy colouring or enjoy a simple craft activity. And during the 10am service, Godly Play runs for all ages: a well-established, interactive and creative way of engaging children with Bible stories.

To find out more, get in touch at: [ChildrensChurch@teddingtonparish.org](mailto:ChildrensChurch@teddingtonparish.org), or come along on Wednesdays and Sundays for a warm welcome and join in.

## Cloakes move to Teddington

When we first found out that we would be moving to Teddington, due to our Dad's appointment as the new vicar, we were very excited. It also came with a level of anxiety as we would be leaving our home, and a community we loved. The past year has gone by shockingly quickly. It has been a year of fresh starts for us – a new college, a new house, a new job and a new church. We have found though that rather than losing one community we have gained another.

We were welcomed warmly and have felt nothing but included as we have begun serving at the church, reading, and even spent some time in the choir over Christmas.



We have found the church to be a lovely environment filled with kind and friendly people which has made what could have been a hard year into one of the best we've ever had. Church has been a consistent comfort to us as it always has, and we look forward to continuing to immerse ourselves in the local community – learning new things and meeting new people. *Jessica and Rebekah Cloake*

**Harvest Festival**

**SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER**

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

**Bring your Harvest Boxes to any service to support local food banks.**

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## Parish Registers

### BAPTISMS

*We welcome into Christ's Church:*

6<sup>th</sup> July: Lily  
7<sup>th</sup> July: Grace  
14<sup>th</sup> July: Oliver  
21<sup>st</sup> July: Frederick  
28<sup>th</sup> July: Théoden

### WEDDINGS

*We wish every blessing on:*

6<sup>th</sup> July: Sena Dzirrasah and Adrian Mills  
6<sup>th</sup> July: Aimi Macfarlane and Caleb Hogg

### FUNERALS

*We remember with thanksgiving:*

16<sup>th</sup> July: Martin Hills (64)  
19<sup>th</sup> July: Alan Warren (83)  
19<sup>th</sup> July: Susan Lackie (80)  
22<sup>nd</sup> July: Grace Rasathurai (74)  
30<sup>th</sup> July: Phyllis Banks (95)

## Youth Pizza Night

In May, Father David asked young people in the church whether we would like to go out for pizza together. The plan was to have some nice food and talk about what we could do for the community and our church. There were nearly twenty of us, aged thirteen to seventeen.

The first question was how to get to know each other better. Lots of people thought we could get together to play sports or do cooking. Another idea was to arrange an overnight trip somewhere. We also wondered how we could make it easier for young people to attend church. Maybe services could start later which would make it easier for anyone who plays sport on Sunday morning? We all wanted to make the voices of younger people more central at St Mary with St Alban.

I'd like us to be able to do more things in the community, such as helping at Memory Café, where we chat with older people and play quizzes.

We're planning on meeting again this autumn, to fulfil the most popular idea: eating more pizza!

*Esme Goulbourn*

## St Mary and St Peter's School

This month, ninety children start their school days at St Mary and St Peter's Primary School. It's a great place to be – but as Chair of Governors, I'm probably biased! The school's vision statement is based on John 10:10 – seeking to live out life in all its fullness for children and staff alike.

During their time at SMSP, children have close contact with our parish – Father David and I – alongside colleagues from St Michael and St George, the Salvation Army, the Baptist and Methodist churches. All are part of the team which leads Collective Worship every Tuesday. We welcome the school into church for services at Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost, and regularly explore the church with differing year groups so they discover that it is much more than just a building.

Being a school governor is a privilege and gives a different insight into SMSP's life. If you think you might be able to offer to serve as a school governor, do let me or Father David know – we'd be happy to tell you more about what the role involves.

*Mary Hawes*

## Building Anew Project Fundraising

**SCHOOL DISCO**

**Saturday 28th Sept**  
**St Mary's Parish Hall**  
**6.30pm-10.30pm**

**Fundraising for the Church Building Project**

**£45 ticket includes**  
**Live 80's & 90's music,**  
**bowl food, sweet treats**

**Scan now to get a free drink with each ticket!**

If you prefer challenging your grey matter, tickets are now available for our fun **Quiz & Curry Night on 5<sup>th</sup> October**. See front page advert for more information.

### Buy-a-Brick Appeal:

There is still time to have your name in our Bricklayer Wall of Fame. But hurry! Fewer than 30 bricks now remain. Scan this QR code to buy yours.



The **Foreign Currency Donation** scheme also continues. Place any leftover foreign notes and coins (current or old) in an envelope and drop into the Parish Office letterbox in Langham Road, Teddington, TW11 9HF.

For more information on all fundraising activities, visit the Building Project page on the parish website: [www.teddingtonparish.org](http://www.teddingtonparish.org)

*Steven Randall*

Do you enjoy a good bop? If so the **Disco Party on 28<sup>th</sup> September** is for you! Open to all adults. See banner above for details.