

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

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/, or scan this QR code:



- Tuesday 1 **Memory Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-3.00pm. **Also 15**
- Wednesday 2 **First Wednesday Discussion.** Mina Hogan Rm. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: *As an urban church, how and why do we celebrate Harvest?* Bring a packed lunch. **Pints of View:** unscripted, agenda-free and committee-free fellowship. Tide End Pub. From 8.00pm.
- Thursday 3 **Parish Social: coffee.** On Zoom. 10.30am
Traherne Reading Group. Mina Hogan Rm. 1.30-3.00pm **Also 10**
- Saturday 5 **Parish Plod: St Alban's Way.** From Elstree to Radlett. 9.30am
- Sunday 6 **Harvest Festival Services.** SMwSA. 8.00, 9.00 and 10.00am
- Monday 7 **Teddington Community Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-4.30pm. **Also 14, 21 & 28**
- Tuesday 8 **Parish Social: lunch.** Piazza Firenze Restaurant. 12noon
Plain & Pearl Free Workshop: Origami Newspaper Carrier Bags. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm. **Tickets via QR Code** (see Tues 22 entry)
- Thursday 10 **Traherne Requiem Eucharist.** SMwSA. 7.30pm
- Saturday 12 **Traherne Celebration & Commemoration Event: Talks, Readings and Music.** SMwSA. 5.00pm. Use QR for free tickets (See pg 2 for full programme)
- Thursday 17 **Churchyard Gardening.** SMwSA. 10.00am. **Also Sat 19**
- Tuesday 22 **Parish Social: coffee.** Shambles Restaurant. 10.30am
Plain & Pearl Free Workshop: Novelty Door Wreath. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm. **Tickets via this QR Code:**



LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

- Sunday 3 **The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.** SMwSA. 6.00pm
- Sunday 10 **Service of Light.** SMwSA. 4.00pm
- Sunday 10 **A Musical Journey with Traherne and Contemporaries.** SMwSA. 6.30pm
- Saturday 30 **Christmas Bazaar.** St Mary's Parish Hall. 11.00am-2.30pm

Teddington Parish Information

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St MARY with St ALBAN
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



Vicar's Viewpoint

As I write, it is a beautiful day – cold to be sure at a mere 7 degrees – but clear, blue and clean-feeling and still. I am reminded how lucky I am, with my family, to share with you this stunning part of the world. We are blessed by the parks, the river, the church grounds and for those of us so-bested – our gardens. Through creation we are

reminded that God is indeed very good.

This edition of the newsletter focusses on creation, of which we are such fortunate benefactors in Teddington. We are aware of the potential threats to it – by our own hand, by aspects of plans intended for the expansion of national infrastructure for example, and this is not a preachy paragraph intended to correct or admonish. Instead, I wish for you something else – something I had forgotten for many years until our daughters came into the world and saw creation with their fresh eyes.

In Teddington (and in the parish) we enjoy the rare and significant talent of our friend Sue Lindenberg, local wildlife photographer and alumna of the Countryfile Calendar, and I get to see her new photographs most mornings, (I am a lucky vicar indeed), on our church prayer WhatsApp group. Sue gives me what my girls did – a wonderfully childlike wonder at the glory of God's creation. They point me back to what I hurry past most days – the small things, the beautiful things, the mysteries of creation that we pass by but for the eye of a gifted photographer or a mystified toddler.

As we approach harvest, please do give generously but don't forget to take generously too. Stop, look, appreciate and be glad you exist.

Best wishes

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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:
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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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Teddington's Greatest Poet

Thomas Traherne has emerged as one of the greatest poets and spiritual writers of the 17th century. He was a resident of Teddington, a scholar, poet and priest. His work was often optimistic, expressing a sometimes-childlike awe at the beauty of our world: *"Natural things are glorious, and to know them is glorious"*. You are invited to celebrate Traherne's anniversary next month, from 7-12 October, and tap into some of St Mary with St Alban's heritage, as Thomas was buried beneath the church in 1674.

The Requiem Eucharist, Thursday 10 October, in church at 7.30pm, is on the same day he was buried here, 350 years ago. And Saturday's ticketed Celebration and Commemoration Event in church (12 October, 5.00pm) is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy Traherne's poetry, both spoken and set to music, alongside a talk by Bishop Lord Richard Harries, the theologian, writer and broadcaster, and to chat over wine & nibbles (bar available). Scan this QR code for all the dates, and your free ticket.

Robin Field-Smith

Saturday 30 November

The cooler weather has been the perfect reminder to get the planning underway for the annual Christmas Bazaar at St Mary's Parish Hall. This year we will be opening the doors from 11.00am to 2.30pm, to welcome you to this fun-filled, festive, family and community event which raises vital funds for the church. Volunteers on the day and in the run-up are needed. Also, donations of good quality books, soft toys, children's games & toys, small homeware items and unwanted/unused gifts will be much appreciated. Please leave donations at the back of the church, or over at the Hall, and email to let us know how you can help: enquiries@teddingtonparish.org



Defib for Hall

St Mary's Parish Hall, Langham Rd is a well-used community hub in Teddington with hundreds of people of all ages visiting each week. A new defibrillator now hangs in the entrance lobby, available to all users. Hopefully it will never be needed, but should an emergency arise, clear instructions are given by the machine, which could save a life. A big thank you to 1st Teddington Scouts, 2ndA Teddington Brownies & Rainbows. and Edwina Yoga for their contributions towards the cost of installing this vital piece of equipment.

Jo O'Hagan, Chair Hall Committee.



Saint of the Month



St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) was born into a wealthy family. In his early twenties, tired of his hedonistic lifestyle, he heard Jesus' instruction to his disciples to leave all their possessions (Matt. 10). Francis understood this to apply directly to

him, he altered his life completely, left his family and everything he owned.

Francis then led a simple, itinerant life as he sought God within the poor and outcasts. Soon attracting a large following he formed a religious order which spread rapidly to include a men's, a women's, and a lay order. All abided by his Rule of Life: vows of obedience, poverty, humility, and chastity.

A core value of the Franciscan Community is respect for creation, embodied by St. Francis. His love for animals is well-known, and he is the patron saint of ecology and animals.

Today, there are over 650,000 members, in over 100 countries. The St Francis prayer of meditation is simply *My God and My All*, and his Saint's Day is celebrated on 4 October.

Sarah Rae

Harvest Boxes

Harvest donation ideas, in support of **Richmond Aid and Salvation Army**: coffee, pasta sauce, rice (microwave packets too), biscuits, all toiletries including toilet roll. Though all donations are very much appreciated.



Get Ready for a Sustainable Christmas!

Christmas is less than 100 days away, and shops are already stocking up on festive treats (yes, Christmas cakes and mince pies are already in stores). It's a great time to think about how we can make this holiday season a bit greener.

Waste surges by 30% during Christmas. From extra food purchases to piles of plastic wrapping, the impact is significant. But don't worry – we're here to help.

Come along for a *Sustainable Christmas* evening on Tuesday 26 November, at St Mary's Parish Hall, and discover creative ways to make your Christmas more sustainable. It's a chance to learn, share ideas, and enjoy good company.

And on Sunday 19 January, *Reuse, Regift, and Recycle* is back, where you can swap

Building Anew Project Fundraising

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated to this appeal so far. **Over £500,000** has been raised in just over a year, thanks to your generosity - whether in the form of money or the time you've dedicated to organising or helping at events, singing in concerts, selling cakes and preserves, running sponsored marathons, and many other activities too numerous to mention. Please keep your donations coming in, as we press on to raise the next half million. If you're just back from holiday and have any leftover **foreign currency** that you are willing to donate (notes or coins, current or expired), please place them in an envelope and drop it into the Parish Office letterbox in Langham Road, Teddington, TW11 9HF. Alongside more fundraising initiatives and

unwanted items, gifts, books, clothes, and more. Give your old things a new home and find some treasures in return.

Looking further ahead, we're excited about planning more local community events on reducing waste and promoting eco-friendly practices. and we need more volunteers. If you have a few hours to spare or some creative ideas for future sustainability events, we'd love to have you on board. Your support can make a big difference.

Let's make this holiday season joyful AND kinder to our planet.

Contact us for details or to volunteer: James and Carla sustainability@teddingtonparish.org

Parish Registers

BAPTISMS

We welcome into Christ's Church:

18 August: Eran, Nathan and Eliza-Rose

1 September: Matthew

8 September: Frederick and Harry

FUNERALS

We remember with thanksgiving:

31 July: Josephine Lok (96)

1 August: Janet Wildgoose (77)

7 August: Alan Howard (81)

7 August: Jean Minter (95)

16 August: Muriel Pearson (96)

5 September: Nancy Moss (92)

events over the coming months, the project team will also be applying for grants and approaching local businesses for their support. If you have any relevant contacts or would be willing to help in these areas, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please email future@teddingtonparish.org or contact the Parish Office.

With your support we will be able to begin building the vital facilities this project will provide for our community next year. To make either a one-off or regular donation, please scan this QR code.

For more information on all fundraising activities, visit the Building Project page on the parish website: www.teddingtonparish.org Steven Randall

