

Silent night; Holy Night!



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carol singing

at the Anglers

Wednesday 11th December 2024



7:00PM

Come and join
a traditional pub
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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:
www.teddingtonparish.org

Teddington Parish Information

CHURCH:

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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN
TEDDINGTON PRESENT

Traditional Christmas Lunch

Elleray Hall
11am to 3.30 pm

We are inviting anyone who is alone on
Christmas Day to join us for a traditional
Christmas lunch, festive entertainment and
loads of fun.

Transport is available if needed.

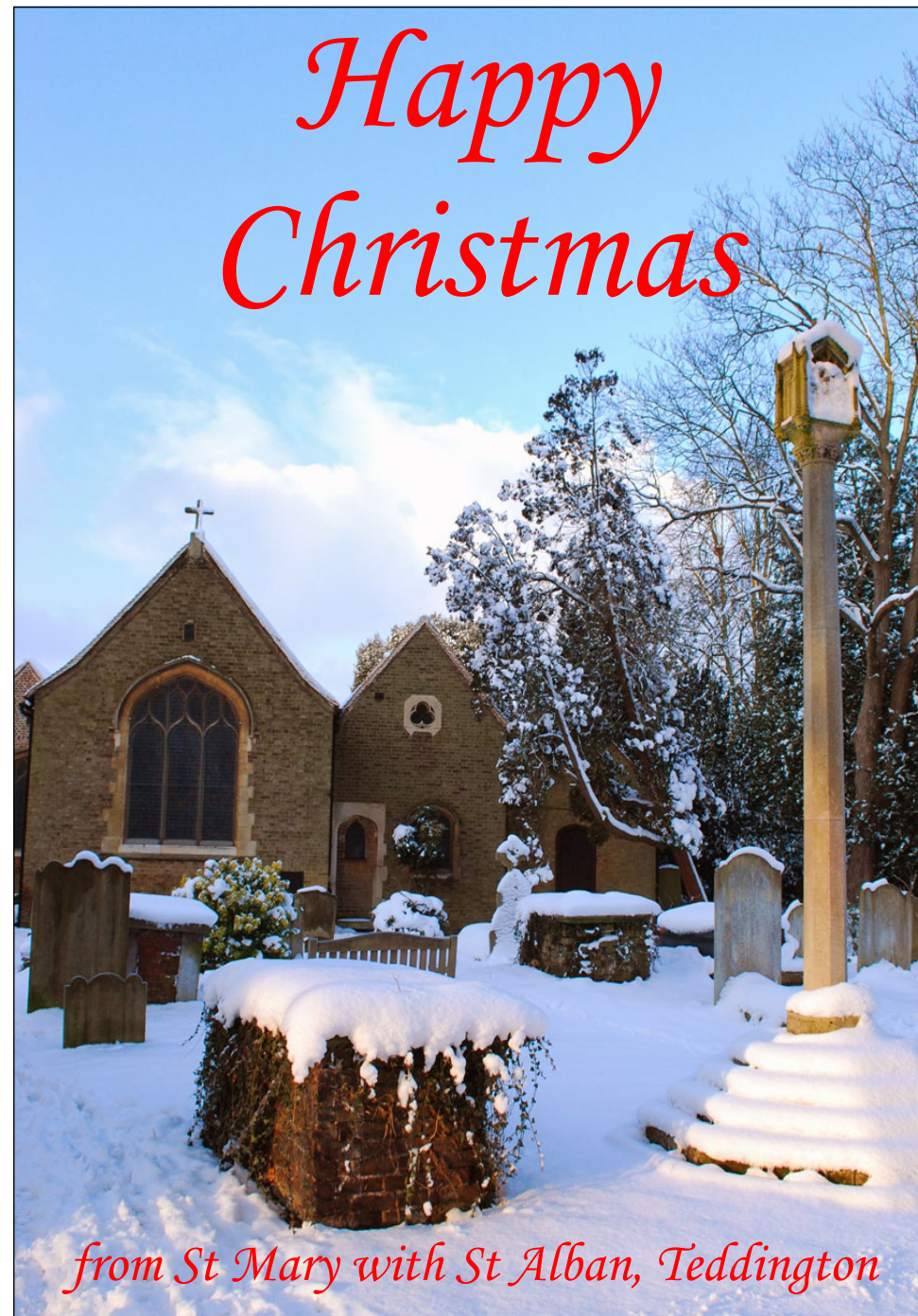
If you would like to attend or
volunteer to help please contact:

John: 07503 584532 or
cttchristmas24@gmail.com

We are looking for volunteers to
help in the lead up and on the day!!

Christmas Day can be a difficult day for many,
so Teddington churches reach out and invite
those who would be alone to join a Christmas
Day Lunch at Elleray Hall. The guests enjoy a
good meal and the party spirit of the day,
joined by the many volunteers without whom
the day would not be possible. If you would
like to join us either as a guest or as a
volunteer, please give me a call – you would
be most welcome! *John Lunt – 07503 584532*

Happy Christmas



from St Mary with St Alban, Teddington

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Vicar's Viewpoint

It seems that the world is getting progressively darker – or else my eyesight is failing in my dotage. Wars, political machinations, threats of terror, the mental cost of social media – the burden of these and other factors feels heavier and the darkness greater.

However, thankfully and joyously we approach Christmas. The fury of the people will be focused upon our retailers (itself not good, either, for the record). Santa will be released from furlough and maybe even yes, a little baby Jesus-ing will occur.

For us in churches, we are getting ready for the arrival of the Christ-child. St John, in the words that we will read at midnight on Christmas night, says: *the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it*. For Christians, Jesus is the light, a light that at its first appearing did so in a world as torn yet still as beautiful as ours is today. That light not only shone then, but lit up the world for the millennia that have followed – and it is that light we kindle in the coming weeks.

Whatever darkness is encroaching upon you, know this: the light always triumphs. Power, religion, status, money – all will wither and perish but, and to let Thomas Traherne have the last word: *there will be one equal light*.

I pray that the light of Christ shines upon you and all those you love this Christmas.

Celebrating Thomas Traherne

St Mary's has been remembering the life of Thomas Traherne (1635-1674), the little-known Hereford-born great metaphysical poet and priest who died and was buried beneath the lectern in the church three hundred and fifty years ago.

The first event, in October, comprised an account of his life story; an excellent selection of readings of Traherne's poetry and prose; a talk by Oxford Professor Sarah Hutton entitled *Ethicks*, and another by the former Bishop of Oxford Richard Harries on Traherne's *Thanksgivings*; several Traherne themed organ pieces; and some choral works, which included

settings composed by our Director of Music Derek Saunders.

The second event, in November, was *A Musical Journey with Thomas Traherne and Contemporaries*, performed by our augmented church choir (directed by Derek Saunders) and accompanied by the Teddington Consort (led by Janet Smith). This programme included music by Handel and Purcell, as well as modern composers, but inspired by the profoundly perceptive and spiritual writings of Traherne and other 17th century poets such as Donne, Herbert, Vaughan, Milton and Shakespeare. The evening raised £500 for the Building Anew project.

Attendees at both events were most appreciative and it was lovely to win new friends through the medium of words and music so interestingly presented.

Francis Jacobs

Ruils Christmas parcels

Local charity, Ruils – Independent Living, is once again delivering Christmas parcels to disabled people and their families, as part of their commitment to enable independent living. They will be boxed up and delivered on Friday 20th December,



with Ruils expecting to give out around eighty parcels. Please bring donations – essentials (e.g. tinned veg/meat/fish, pasta/rice, toiletries, tea, coffee) and treats (e.g. biscuits, chocolate, mince pies, crisps) – by Sunday 15th December to St Mary with St Alban, 9am-4pm, Mon-Sat, or after Sunday services (there is a box at the back of church) or take them to Ruils at 4 Waldegrave Road TW11 8SN. If you prefer, you can make a donation for Ruils to purchase the items: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/27137> or call on 0208 831 6083 for more info.

Cathy Maker

Advent & Christmas Services

St Mary with St Alban Church. Teddington TW11 9NN

www.teddingtonparish.org for the full list of all Advent and Christmas Services

**Livestream service *Booking recommended*

Booking tickets for the most popular services is recommended, but where space allows you will be made very welcome on the day. Watch the livestreams live or catch up later on our *YouTube channel*. To book, go to the website or use this QR code, and request tickets for everyone attending, including children needing a seat.



Sunday 1

*6.30pm: Advent Carol Service

Wednesday 4

11.00am: Weekly Advent Course: *Insights into the Extraordinary Mind of the Mystic*. Mina Hogan Rm. [Also 11 & 18](#)

8.00pm: Weekly Advent Compline on Zoom. [Also 11 & 18](#)

Wednesday 11

7.00pm: Carol Singing at The Anglers Pub (*see over*)

Sunday 15

9.00am: Morning Worship with Scratch Nativity Play

****6.30pm:** Service of Nine Lessons & Carols: followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Parish Hall

Friday 20

*** 7.30pm:** Longest Night Service: a reflective service for those looking for some quiet at this busy time.

Christmas Eve

***2.00pm, **3.30pm and *5.00pm :** Crib Services

Come and celebrate the arrival of the baby Jesus and his family at this joyful service of carols with the story of the Nativity. These services are identical and designed for all ages – young children are particularly welcome.

***11.30pm:** Midnight Mass of Christmas

You are welcome to this traditional choral service of Holy Communion, which includes the Christmas Sermon and much-loved Christmas carols. This service starts in candle-light when we welcome the Christ Child among us.

Christmas Day

8.00am: Holy Communion of The Nativity BCP

Holy Communion in the ancient rite of the Book of Common Prayer

****10.00am:** Family Eucharist of Christmas

Please join us for this all-age, all carols, all joyful family celebration of Christmas – a wonderful way of embarking upon the perfect holy season

