



St MARY *with* St ALBAN

PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025



Vicar's Viewpoint

Each month's edition is set to a theme, and this month's is 'celebration and thanksgiving'. Unsurprisingly, this is the Christian mindset directly after Easter, but I concede it is easy – especially in the current world order – to wonder what there is to celebrate or be thankful for.

But first – a shout-out. For many a decade, these newsletters have been hand-bundled for the volunteer deliverers by the wonderful Susan Jacobs who is hanging up her bag of elastic bands and passing on the baton. Every single newsletter over many a year has passed through her personal care – come hell or high-water. I therefore celebrate and give thanks for Susan's efforts. She will be a hard act to follow. Susan – thank you.

Returning to the world at the time of writing, I may indeed wonder if Teddington could be thumped with 150% tariffs, if our wonderful, newly painted footbridge might be extradited, and if the price of my pint will quadruple. For what, dear reader, have I got to be grateful or to celebrate?

Christians can fall into a trap when we (yes, me as well) pray. We can tend towards a minor-key outlook on life and pray only for solutions to problems or global calamity. We can forget to be grateful and simply say: 'Do you know what God? – Thanks!'

We Christians do have hope, a God that died and lives – but even without that faith or belief – we can use our eyes as we freely wander down the river or through the parks and see that we have an immeasurable treasure for which to give thanks.

That just leaves me to say a big 'thank you' to you for being who you are, and for reading my musings. Oh, and please sponsor my parachute jump!

REGULAR SERVICES

SUNDAYS:

08:00 BCP Eucharist
09:00 Morning Worship
10:00 Parish Eucharist (also livestreamed)

WEDNESDAYS:

09:30 Said Eucharist
10:30 Church Mice Toddler Service

DAILY WORSHIP:

Church Open for private prayer
Mon-Sun: 09:00-17:00
Morning Prayer (Zoom)
Mon-Fri: 08:30, Sat: 09:00
Evening Prayer (Zoom)
Mon-Thu: 18:00, Fri-Sat: 17:00

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

VICAR'S PARACHUTE JUMP



Sponsor
Fr David
to descend from
the skies of Kent

Friday 30th May 2025
All proceeds go to Building Anew

WHAT'S ON - MAY

THU 01	FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL COFFEE 10:30 On Zoom	SAT 03	PARISH PLOD 09:30 along Middx Gway	MON 05	COMMUNITY CAFÉ 13:30-15:30 Peter & Paul Centre	TUE 06	MEMORY CAFÉ 13:30-15:00 Peter & Paul Centre
WED 07	FIRST WEDNESDAY 12:45-14:15 Open discussion in Mina Hogan Room	WED 07	PINTS OF VIEW FROM 20:00 unscripted fellowship in Tide End pub	MON 12	COMMUNITY CAFÉ 13:30-16:30 Peter & Paul Centre	TUE 13	FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL LUNCH 12:00 Piazza Firenze
TUE 13	PLAIN & PEARL BEAD DECOUPAGE 19:30 Mina Hogan Room	SUN 18	TEDDINGTON IN FLOWER: TEAS & HANDBELLS 14:30-16:30 St Mary's Parish Hall	SUN 18	SONGS OF PRAISE 18:00 SMWSA Churchyard	MON 19	BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ 10:00-11:30 Peter & Paul Centre
MON 19	COMMUNITY CAFÉ 13:30-16:30 Peter & Paul Centre	TUE 20	MEMORY CAFÉ 13:30-15:00 Peter & Paul Centre	THU 22	CHURCHYARD GARDENING 10:00 SMWSA Churchyard	SAT 24	CHURCHYARD GARDENING 10:00 SMWSA Churchyard
MON 26	COMMUNITY CAFÉ 13:30-15:30 Peter & Paul Centre	TUE 27	FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL COFFEE 10:30 Shambles Restaurant	TUE 27	PLAIN & PEARL 19:30 Social crafting in Mina Hogan Room	SUN 22	LOOKING AHEAD: TEDDINGTON VILLAGE FAIR



Full Calendar

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requires pre-booking

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Peter & Paul Centre: Church Road, TW11 8PS

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Building Anew – The Big Jump

On 30th May, our **brave vicar will be skydiving from 12,000 feet** to raise money to build vital new facilities for the local community at the church.

This is not a challenge he relishes – it's a leap he's making for a **very important cause**, and he needs your support.

Please **sponsor him today by scanning the QR code** on the banner on the front page.

Father David is aiming to raise £1 for every foot he falls – that's **£12,000 – to support the local community**. Let's help him achieve that goal.

To find out more about the project and all fundraising activities, visit the parish website at: www.teddingtonparish.org/facilities-for-all *Steven Randall*

The Big Jump – Get Involved

As Father David takes to the skies, by jumping from an aeroplane to raise much needed money to modernise your 800-year-old local church, there are two exciting activities for you to get involved in and cheer him on.

First up: the Drawing Challenge

Children (and enthusiastic adults), you are invited to turn your imagination loose and create a scene around Father David's superhero parachuting pose.

Use this QR Code to download your competition sheet and draw the background to his adventure. Is he flying over a city? Soaring past angels and animals? Maybe he's diving into a giant custard pie! Entries will be displayed in church and Father David will pick his favourite after the jump. A prize awaits the winner – so don't forget to add your name and leave a donation with your masterpiece.

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Then, save the date: Sunday 8 June at 17:00 for our Parachute Jump Watch Party in the Parish Hall, with big screen footage of the jump, movie snacks & drinks and Parachute Bingo! All the Drawing Competition entries will be on display and the winner will be announced. More details next month, or head to the website to book. *Sister Margaret-Thomas*



JOIN US THIS CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

11-17 May 2025

Can you help fund vital tools and training, so farmers can support their community to escape hunger?

donate here: 

This year's Christian Aid week focuses on the devastating impact of climate change on Guatemalan farmers like Aurelia, highlighting how Christian Aid partners are providing farmers with specialist agricultural training to improve their harvests and conserve their land, culture and livelihood.



Cathy Randall

Parish Registers

BAPTISMS

We welcome into Christ's Church:

16 March: Bonnie
23 March: Leo
30 March: Isla
6 April: Alfred

FUNERALS

We remember with thanksgiving:

17 March: Kevin Plummer (66)
18 March: Daye Offer (91)
25 March: Lavinia Gullick (88)
25 March: Dorothy Smith (96)
4 April: Brenda Clancy (92)

Easter in Pictures



Teddington Society's Open Gardens and plant sale outside The Landmark: 14:00-18:00

TEDDINGTON IN FLOWER

Sunday 18 May

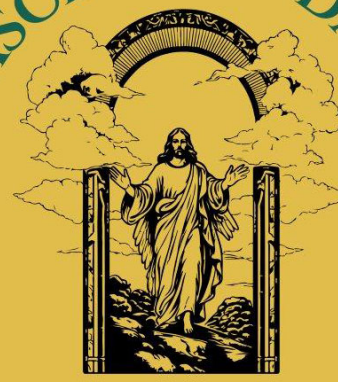
Afternoon Teas in the Hall 14:30-16:30

St. Mary's Handbells in the Hall 15:00 & 16:00

Churchyard Songs of Praise 18:00

St. Mary with St. Alban Church, Ferry Road
St. Mary's Parish Hall, Langham Road

ASCENSION DAY



PARISH EUCHARIST

Thursday 29 May 19:30

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