

JULY 2025

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday:

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

Wednesday:

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-Thur: 18:00, Fri-Sat: 17:00

Further details at:
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RIVER BLESSING

SUNDAY 13 JULY

10:00 Shortened Eucharist Service in SMwSA Church followed by River Blessing and celebrations at Manor Road Recreation Ground from 10:45

Involving many River Groups, and the RNLI Station open for tea & coffee.

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Vicar's Viewpoint



Why did God invent Christians? I don't ask this to be needlessly provocative (me? perish the thought), but if you are on the outside of the Holy Huddle, it would be a reasonable question to ask (up there with 'what is the point of wasps'). We gather, we sing a bit, we mutter things that we call prayers, we mostly (but by no means universally) like one another and we come in an array of wonderful flavours. But why? Why do we bother? We even ask ourselves this sometimes.

As a national organisation we haven't done well in the press lately. We have hurt our young, neglected our vulnerable, judged those we deem to be different, and failed to learn lessons – but I can assure you that we are learning, and learning hard, to be better – but why are we here at all? Surely an all-powerful God doesn't need Revd Meagre and his flock. The thing is – the all-powerful God has no hands and the only hands that God can use are mine and those who call themselves Jesus's disciples (among others). If we take the view that 'God is love' (1 John 4), I suppose it is down to us (among others) to make that love shown in this increasingly broken world. When we break free of our holy huddles, we are called to be busy doing for you what God would have us do, to the best of our ability – we call it outreach, and it is how we try to be a blessing to you. Why did God invent Christians? Simple, to be a blessing to you and your lives where we can.

Oh, and thank you to those who sponsored my recent Parachute Jump – it was scary, it was successful, and it means that we are 1% closer to being an even greater blessing to you all. Thank you!

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WHAT'S ON - JULY

TUESDAYS 01 15 MEMORY CAFÉ 13:30-15:00 Peter & Paul Centre	WED 02 FIRST WEDNESDAY DISCUSSION 12:45-14:15 Mina Hogan Room Topic: <i>Saints</i>	THU 03 FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL COFFEE 10:30 Zoom
SAT 05 PARISH PLOD 09:30 continuing along Midlxx Greenway	MONDAYS 07 14 COMMUNITY CAFÉ 13:30-16:30 Peter & Paul Centre	TUE 08 FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL LUNCH 12:00 Piazza Firenze
WED 09 ADOPT-A-GRAVE & GARDENING SOCIAL 18:30-20:00 SMwSA Churchyard	SUN 13 RIVER BLESSING SUNDAY 10:00 SMwSA Church	THU & SAT 17 19 CHURCHYARD GARDENING 10:00-12:00 SMwSA Churchyard
MON 21 BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ 10:00-11:30 Peter & Paul Centre	TUE 22 FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL COFFEE 10:30 Shambles Restaurant	TUE 22 PLAIN & PEARL: SUMMER SOCIAL 19:30 - TICKETED Mina Hogan Room
	SUN 20 EVENSONG 18:30 SMwSA Church	



Full Calendar



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requires pre-booking

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Church (SMwSA): St. Mary with St. Alban, Ferry Road, TW11 9NN
Parish Hall, Mina Hogan Room and Office:
St. Mary's Parish Hall, Langham Road, TW11 9HF
Peter & Paul Centre: Church Road, TW11 8PS

Our new curates



Joy (left) and Sarah (right)

Hello! I'm **Joy**, and I've lived in this borough for the last 25 years. My husband Richard, our sons William (15) and Nathaniel (12), and our foster cat Karma are delighted to now join the parish of Teddington. I studied Biological Natural Sciences and have worked in research, youth work, diversity and inclusion, and as a management consultant at PwC and IBM. I've volunteered in hospital chaplaincy and Special Educational Needs. I love church life, family time, nature – especially the river, reading theology and fiction, and playing the flute. We are all excited about getting involved with parish life at St Mary with St Alban and becoming part of the Teddington community.

Joy Beauchamp

Hello! I'm **Sarah**, and I've lived in Teddington with my husband, Ian, for over 25 years, worshipping at St Mary with St Alban for fifteen of them. We have two grown children, Peter and Flo, who now live and work elsewhere. My background is in Physics and accountancy, having trained at PwC. And my voluntary roles include hospital chaplaincy – something I hope to continue during my curacy-running Teddington's Community and Bereavement Cafés, and for over twenty

years being church bookkeeper. I enjoy walking, swimming, slow running, and watching TV (despite best efforts to read!). I look forward to this new role here and being part of the clergy team.

Sarah Rae

A Word of Thanks

As my time at St. Mary with St. Alban draws to a close, I am reflecting on all this parish has given me.

Some of the most meaningful times have happened over coffee – listening, laughing, sometimes sitting in silence. It has been a privilege to share in those conversations, to hear your stories, and to be welcomed into the rhythms of your daily lives.

Likewise, being present at the church door as people arrive – sometimes joyful, sometimes grieving, sometimes just tired – has taught me something about the gentle ministry of showing up, of making space, of being available. These moments have shaped me more than I can say.

A highlight has been the outreach cafés where care, connection, and dignity are extended to all who walk through the door. In these spaces, I've seen the Gospel lived out quietly and beautifully. It's been a privilege to be even a small part of the welcome and witness that happens there.

The parish's trust and encouragement have helped me grow in confidence, and I leave with a clearer sense of how I can live out my vocation. Thank you for letting me walk alongside you.

With every blessing,

Sr. Margaret-Thomas

Teddington in Flower

Teddington Society's 'Teddington in Flower' bloomed with charm, drawing over 300 visitors and raising nearly £4000. Fifteen private gardens and Elleray Hall's grounds – open to the public for the final time – offered rare glimpses into vibrant, hidden spaces as residents shared their passion for gardening. St Mary with St Alban Church created a welcoming hub with homemade cakes, tea, and a soothing handbell performance, giving visitors a space to relax, connect, and swap gardening tips. The event also featured a plant sale in the Landmark gardens and a

special visit from newly appointed Deputy Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, Cllr Clare Vollum.

The combination of beautiful gardens, warm hospitality, and community spirit made for a truly special afternoon. Thanks to the dedication of volunteers and supporters, the event enabled the Teddington Society to donate £1500 each to the Landmark and Kingston Samaritans. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who helped make it happen.

Jo Nicholds

St. Mary's and St. Peter's CE Primary School

Our partnership with St Mary with St Alban's church is very special, being rooted in a shared commitment to helping every child live 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10).

Fr. David and Rev. Mary are a regular and much-loved presence, leading us in collective worship and supporting the teaching of Christianity in rich and meaningful ways. Visits bring warmth and wisdom, helping our children grow. We are blessed by the support they offer my team and me – with a listening ear, a prayer or helping hand. As part of the governing body, they contribute to the

school's strategic development, ensuring our Christian ethos is embedded in every aspect of school life.

The children take part in year group services at church, where they lead prayers, share reflections and bring Bible stories to life, all moments that deepen their understanding of faith and community. As I come to the end of my service to education at this great school, I have confidence that, together, school and church will continue to nurture an environment where every child is valued, lovingly supported and encouraged to flourish – spiritually, academically and personally.

Helen Swain, Headteacher

Parish Registers

BAPTISMS

We welcome into Christ's Church:

18 May: Caspar

1 June: Isabel and Theo

8 June: Emilio, Nico and Charlotte

15 June: Gabriel

FUNERALS

We remember with thanksgiving

27 May: Keith Mederson (75)

11 June: Juliet Mozley (80)

12 June: Christopher Whistler (66)

12 June: Lily Sheppard (90)

14 June: Alexandra Clarke (26)

Building Anew Project Update

With the help of gravity, our intrepid vicar completed his Parachute Jump safely, and the Watch Party which followed was a joyous occasion, bringing together all ages from across the community for a fun afternoon of games and refreshments, whilst watching videos of Fr David plummeting through the clouds! A huge thank you to him for his bravery and to everyone who donated, raising over £12,000 for the project, a truly fantastic achievement. Please keep your donations coming. Bidding is now open in our Promises Auction, offering 20 amazing experiences, including a week in a stunning villa with a private pool in the South of France. Scan the QR code to find all the items available and to give you the chance to grab an unforgettable treat. And visit www.teddingtonparish.org/facilities-for-all to find out more about this project and how you can get involved.

Steven Randall

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