

TEDDINGTON PARISH

ST. MARY WITH ST. ALBAN

SEPTEMBER 2025

VICAR'S VIEWPOINT



I hope your summer provided many blessings including the rest and peace that seems so elusive at times.

By virtue of having children in full-time education and our parish's connection to the life of our local schools, September always has the feel of 'new year' about it. For this parish church and community, the single biggest thing that will arise is the first tangible steps of what you know as Building Anew - the development of the church for your greater good. We have to start by mid-December, so please keep us in your prayers. I hope that by this time next year we will have news of completion in some form. For now, though, many cupboards need clearing and Christian communities are among the worst of hoarders!

We are, of course, so much more than a pretty building (with full cupboards). I am looking forward to the ongoing fledgling ministries of our two new curates - Reverends Sarah and Joy as they get to know you, and you them. You will start to hear from them in the months to come, so a little less of my ugly mug on the front page! We continue to watch our All-Age Service grow (third Sunday of each month at 10am) as well as our long-standing and flourishing 9am Morning Worship Service for our younger families, also on Sundays. Our parish warmly welcomes children and young people, so in this new school year, consider giving us a try if you haven't already. If you have tiny children - you cannot go wrong with Church Mice on Wednesdays at 10.30am - followed by coffee and biscuits. They even let me loose on that, so what could possibly go wrong.

So, may I wish you a happy new year. If you have need of us, ask. If you seek peace and quiet, the church is yours and it is open. If you have a new idea, suggest. If we are failing you, complain.

Nearly Christmas!

David

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday:

8am BCP Holy Communion
9am Morning Worship
10am Parish Eucharist (also livestreamed)
12noon Holy Baptism (most Sundays)

Wednesday:

9.30am Said Eucharist
10.30am Church Mice Toddler Service

Monday-Saturday:

Morning Prayer (Zoom):
Mon-Fri: 8.30am, Sat: 9am
Evening Prayer (Zoom):
Mon-Thu: 6pm, Fri-Sat: 5pm

Third Sunday of each month:

10am All-Age Eucharist (also livestreamed)
6.30pm Evensong

Everyday (daylight hours):

Our church is open for private prayer

WHAT'S ON - SEPTEMBER

MONDAYS 1, 8, 15 22, 29	COMMUNITY CAFÉ 1.30-4.30PM Peter & Paul Centre	TUESDAYS 2, 16	MEMORY CAFÉ 1.30-3PM Peter & Paul Centre	WEDNESDAY 3	FIRST WEDNESDAY DISCUSSION GROUP 12.45-2.15PM Mina Hogan Room Topic: <i>Prisons: A Broken System?</i>	WEDNESDAY 3	PINTS OF VIEW FROM 8PM unscripted fellowship in the Tide End Pub
THURSDAY 4	FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL: COFFEE 10.30AM On Zoom	THURSDAYS 4, 11, 18, 25	TRAHERNE READING GROUP 1.30-3PM Balcony Room	SATURDAY 6	PARISH PLOD 9.30AM Middlesex Greenway: Headstone Lane to Stanmore	TUESDAY 9	FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL: LUNCH 12 NOON Piazza Firenze
TUESDAY 9, 23	PLAIN & PEARL FELT DECORATIONS 7.30PM Mina Hogan Room	MONDAY 15	BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ 10-11.30AM Peter & Paul Centre	THU & SAT 18, 20	GARDENING 10AM-12NOON SMWSA Churchyard	FRI & SAT 19, 20	CHURCH FURNISHINGS DISPLAY: 10AM-12.30PM & 2-4.30PM SMWSA Church
SATURDAY 20	CHURCH RECORD PRESENTATION 5PM SMWSA Church	SUNDAY 21	ALL-AGE HARVEST FESTIVAL 10AM SMWSA Church	SUNDAY 21	HARVEST LUNCH 12NOON St Mary's Parish Hall	SUNDAY 21	CHROAL EVENSONG 6.30PM SMWSA Church
TUESDAY 23	FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL: COFFEE 10.30AM Shambles Restaurant	FRIDAY 26	NEWSLETTER BUNDLING 2.30PM St. Mary's Parish Hall	SATURDAY 4	QUIZ NIGHT 7PM St. Mary's Parish Hall	requires pre-booking	



SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

harvest FESTIVAL

8AM, 9AM & 10AM SERVICES

PLEASE BRING YOUR HARVEST BOXES TO ANY SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF RICHMOND AID LOCAL FOOD BANK

12NOON:HARVEST LUNCH

ST MARY'S PARISH HALL
SCAN QR TO BOOK

visit www.teddingtonparish.org for more details

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

9AM MORNING WORSHIP

Have you ever thought "I'd love to take my child/grandchild to church, but they won't sit still?" Think again!

Our Sunday 9am Morning Worship has welcomed families for over 13 years and provides a place where children and adults can worship God together. It's designed with children in mind, lasting just 25 minutes, with songs, prayers, stories and activity that engages their whole body. Energetic toddlers, enthusiastic 5-year-olds, crying babies? No problem! There is also plenty on offer for adults; confession, familiar songs & hymns, prayer and a short thought-provoking talk.



And after the service, join us in the Parish Hall for coffee and crafts - a great way to connect before heading into the rest of the day. We'd love to see you!
Rev'd. Mary Hawes

DISPLAY OF CHURCH FURNISHINGS

FRI 19 & SAT 20 SEPTEMBER

CHURCH OPEN: 10AM-12.30PM & 2-4.30PM

CHURCH RECORD PRESENTATION

5PM, SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER
TALK AND FORMAL HANDOVER

DRINKS & NIBBLES TO FOLLOW
SMWSA CHURCH



CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

TO DESIGN A PICTURE FOR THE FRONT COVER OF THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

AGES 4-11 (KS1 & 2)
LAST ENTRIES:
6 NOVEMBER 2025
SCAN QR FOR INFO

or visit: www.teddingtonparish.org

HARVEST BOXES

Thank you for any support you can give to Surplus.2.U, a food stall run by Richmond AID. We are a Teddington charity run by and for disabled people in this borough, supporting people of all ages with all disabilities to live independent lives with the same opportunities as non-disabled people. The stall primarily runs in response to the cost-of-living crisis, but also wonderfully many who attend have made new friends and are now better connected to the community.

Items in most need are: pasta sauces, instant coffee, rice (microwave packs too), biscuits, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel and toilet roll. Any donations through are very gratefully received.

Christine Flemming, RichmondAID



Please bring your Harvest Boxes to any of the services on Sunday 21 September: 8, 9 or 10am.

PEMBA, MOZAMBIQUE

When a parish like ours supports a community in Africa, it might look like a charitable exchange of rich to poor. This is not the case. We are blessed with a friendship that is mutually supportive and where we learn much about a world often unseen. In a recent WhatsApp, our link priest Fr Francisco shared an insight from his daily routine:

Greetings in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! Hallelujah, the Lord is risen!

Last Saturday, I went on an evangelisation mission with my youngest son to Miezi, a resettlement area for people displaced by terrorism, mostly from the Makonde tribe. We were welcomed by Mr. Lucas, the first to accept our message and vision for forming a congregation. His wife, traumatised by witnessing her parents' murder, led us to an elderly woman suffering from severe headaches due to trauma.

She shared a heart-breaking story: while working in the fields, terrorists killed her husband and forced her to carry his remains. She later escaped to Pemba. This encounter deeply moved me and strengthened my resolve to support this community.

They urgently need humanitarian aid - food, shelter, medical and psychological care, hygiene items, and farming tools. Let us pray and act for their healing and restoration.

God bless you all, Fr. Francisco



We learn that the church, so comfortable in the West, is at the very edge of human existence in places like Mozambique. The support we send over to Fr Francisco is fundamental to the work in Christ that he carries out. Please keep them in your prayers, and the community they serve, living through such traumatic events taking place even as I type this article.

Rev'd. David Cloake

BUILDING ANEW PROJECT

Foreign Currency Donation Scheme



Are you just back from holiday, with some foreign notes or coins left over, or even gathering dust in a drawer (including old pre-Euro currencies)?

Please donate it to us, to convert into valuable cash, by dropping any currency into an envelope and into our letterbox: St Mary's Parish Hall, Langham Road, Teddington, TW11 9HF.

And grab your tickets now as Quiz Night is booking-up:



Saturday 4th October
7pm to 10:30pm
St Mary's Parish Hall
TW11 9HF

£20 ticket includes
fish & chip supper.
Book individually or
as a team of up to 8.

Scan to
book now



To find out more about this important local community project and ways to donate, visit our website at: www.teddingtonparish.org

Steven Randall

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: we welcome into Christ's Church:-

22 June: Edie and Theodore
29 June: Marnie

Funerals: we remember with thanksgiving:-

12 June: Christopher Whistler (66)
14 June: Alexandra Clarke (26)
30 June: Joan Hazell (92)
25 July: Elsie Brown (96)