

NOVEMBER 2025

REGULAR SERVICES

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

9.30am: Said Eucharist
10.30am: Church Mice Toddler Service

MONDAY to SATURDAY (on Zoom)

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

THIRD SUNDAY EACH MONTH

10am: All-age Eucharist (+ livestreamed)
6.30pm: Evensong

EVERYDAY (daylight hours)

Church open for private prayer



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Also livestreamed on our YouTube Channel

6.30PM, SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER

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Vicar's Viewpoint

November – A Time to Remember



November is traditionally a month of remembrance – a time to pause and reflect on those who have died and the legacy they leave behind. Benjamin Franklin famously said, *"In this world nothing is certain but death and*

taxes," yet death is a subject many of us avoid talking about. We often hand it over to professionals – hospitals, hospices, funeral directors – because it feels sad, frightening, and unpredictable.

Despite this, many people find comfort in the belief that death is not the end. As a hospital chaplain, I have sat with many who are dying, and I am always moved by the peace they find in the hope of being reunited with loved ones. The promise of eternal life is central to the Christian faith. When my own mother died earlier this year, I found great solace in this promise. Though she is no longer physically present, her love and influence remain in the lives of those she touched. Her memory lives on in our hearts.

As a church, we are called to support people pastorally, practically, and spiritually as they face death. We have our funeral ministry and the Bereavement Café – held on the third Monday of each month – which offers a gentle space for those who are grieving, as many have already discovered.

If you have ideas, though, for how we can better support people in their final days, please contact us. We are always open to new suggestions.

This month at St Mary with St Alban, we will hold two special services to remember loved ones. The details are in Father David's piece inside. You are warmly invited to join us.

Rev. Sarah

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WHAT'S ON - NOVEMBER

THIS MONTH'S EDITOR: SUE STEVENS

church service

requires pre-booking

SATURDAY 1
PARISH PLOD
9.30am
Virginia Waters

TUESDAYS 4,18
MEMORY CAFE
1.30-3pm
Peter & Paul Centre

SUNDAY 9
SERVICE OF LIGHT
6.30pm
SMWSA Church

SUNDAY 16
CHORAL EVENSONG
6.30pm
SMWSA Church

THURSDAY 27
NEWSLETTER BUNDLING
2.30pm
St Mary's Parish Hall

SUNDAY 2
BUILDING ANEW UPDATE
11.30am
Open to everyone
SMWSA Church

WEDNESDAY 5
FIRST WEDNESDAY Discussion Group
12.45-2.15pm
Topic: Genetic Engineering
Mina Hogan Room

TUESDAY 11
FELLOWSHIP LUNCH
12noon
Piazza Firenze

MONDAY 17
BEREAVEMENT CAFE
10-11.30am
Peter & Paul Centre

SATURDAY 29
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
11am-2.30pm
St Mary's Parish Hall

MONDAYS 3,10,17,24
COMMUNITY CAFE
1.30-4.30pm
Peter & Paul Centre

WEDNESDAY 5
PINTS OF VIEW
From 8pm
Unscripted fellowship in The Tide End Pub

TUESDAYS 11,25
PLAIN & PEARL SOCIAL CRAFTING
7.30pm
Mina Hogan Room

THU & SAT 20,22
CHURCHYARD GARDENING
10am-12noon
SMWSA Churchyard

SUNDAY 30
ADVENT CAROLS
6.30pm
SMWSA Church

MONDAY 3
COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
7.30pm
SMWSA Church

THURSDAY 6
FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL: COFFEE
10.30am
Zoom

SUNDAY 16
ALL-AGE PARISH EUCHARIST
10am
SMWSA Church

TUESDAY 25
FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL: COFFEE
10.30am
Shambles Restaurant



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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

Church Record of Furnishings

Some years ago, on the initiative of the then Church Warden Robin Field-Smith, the decision was taken to make an accurate and complete recording of St Mary with St Alban's fabric and contents, with particular attention to items donated in remembrance and thanks over the years. A recording group was recruited, under the auspices of Arts Society Richmond, experts consulted, hours spent, dust raised and brushed away, surprises unveiled and finally the task finished.

The complete record in book form was formally handed over to the Church Wardens at a recent event. Many intriguing exhibits were on display around the church, some of which had not seen the light of day for many years; there was a slide show with commentary



(available on YouTube), interspersed with organ interludes, an appreciative word from the Deputy Mayor, a Blessing given by the vicar (wearing a splendid golden cope, one of many donations) and followed by a glass of "bubbly", a crisp or two and a chance to engage with others.

There have been many items of all sorts donated in remembrance of loved ones, examples being the St. Mary window, the lectern and the chancel lighting. Reading the many brass inscriptions, and looking at the wooden carvings and embroidered kneelers all humanises this need for remembrance. When you pass the church, open all day every day, take a look inside.

A task like this is never truly finished, but Chapter 2 will have to wait until after the impending Building Anew project is completed; meanwhile congratulations and thanks to all those who contributed to this splendid "Complete Record".

Susan Jacobs

Please note that the **Bazaar invitation** you have received with this newsletter, has a list of **Christmas services** on the reverse, so please keep it for reference.

Festive Fun for all

The **Christmas Bazaar** on **Saturday 29 November** will be a joyful event with Santa's magical grotto, live music from Teddington School Singers and St Mary's H a n d b e l l Ringers. Ted-



dington's best raffle (thanks to amazing support from local shops and businesses), and delicious hog roast and mulled wine will also be there. Browse stalls for gifts and treats, enjoy children's crafts and games, and discover a range of handcrafted goods, gifts, food and children's stalls. See the flyer for further details.

We're still collecting good quality/nearly new donations: soft toys, children's games/toys, houseplants, small homeware items, and unwanted/unused gifts. Drop off at the back of church (Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm) or knock at the Parish Hall. Thank you.

Suzanne Parker and Gareth Miller

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

The third Monday of every month
10-11.30am
One-to-One Active Listening

Peter & Paul Centre
Church Road
Teddington

Get in touch at bereavement@teddingtonparish.org

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We Remember

The Remembrance Season (*four weeks between All Saints and Advent*) starts soon, when we offer two additional services:

MONDAY 3

7.30pm – Commemoration of the Faithful Departed: a quiet 'said' Eucharistic Service where we remember those we have loved and lost. This service is tailored to the worshipping community of the parish, but all are welcome.

SUNDAY 9

6.30pm – Service of Light: with hymns,

music and readings to remember our loved-ones. This is distinct from the Monday service in that it is non-eucharistic. Again, all are welcome – candles will be lit in memory of those whose names we call. Sign-up on the website to attend, and use the NOTES section to add a name to be called. Refreshments will be offered after the service.

Trained volunteer listeners will be available at both services. *Fr David*

60 Sec Interview with Joy Beauchamp

Q. Where was the first church where you worshipped?

St Paul's, Truro, where I was baptised), followed by St. Saviour's, Shepherds' Bush.

Q. Do you have a favourite spiritual building?

The Edward King Chapel at Ripon College Cuddesdon

Q. Favourite hymn?

I love hymns, amongst my favourites: *Oh the Love of My Lord is the Essence, When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, Just as I Am.*

Q. Favourite book (not the Bible) and why?

The Name of the Wind, by Patrick Rothfuss; a magical tale which provides unadulterated escapism.

Q. How do you rate yourself as a cook?

Competent, everyday cook.

Q. Favourite style of food?

Good roast dinner with all the trimmings (preferably that someone else has cooked).



Q. Are you a cat or dog person? Or neither?

I'm not a big animal person, but we have a 'foster' cat, Karma, who has been with us for about 16 months, and looks like staying.

Q. Favourite subject at school and why?

Science and maths.

Q. Recommend a good local walk or place to visit?

A shady spot near running water, maybe Crane Park, a wonderful nature reserve.

Q. Best advice you've been given?

My mum advised that before speaking ask yourself "is it kind, is it necessary, is it true?"

Q. With whom would you liked to be locked in church and why?

My godfather, Bishop Colin Winter, exiled from Namibia for confronting apartheid.

Q. What word would friends use to describe you?

Two friends said 'kind' and 'wise.' The other word I would like to grow into is 'joyful!' *Rev Joy*

Parish Registers

BAPTISMS

We welcome into Christ's Church:

5 October: Finlay

FUNERALS

We remember with thanksgiving:

15 September: Hugh Dickie (87)

19 September: Steven Weeks (68)

24 September: Edwin Doran (79)

26 September: Lindy-Louisa Penycates (61)

30 September: Philip Grover (91)

2 October: Joan Ramsay (87)

2 October: Valerie Hele (76)

Building Anew Project Update

Quiz Night made a triumphant return on 4 October with another evening of head-scratching fun. Resident quizmaster Mark challenged 111 budding local masterminds with eight rounds of general knowledge questions, while his wife Debby and the wonderful team of volunteers in the kitchen kept everyone refreshed and fuelled with a well-stocked bar and delicious fish and chip supper.

The event was not only a huge social success but also raised an incredible £2,213. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took part and volunteered.

In another fabulous development, the **Benefact Trust** has awarded a generous

£86,000 grant to the project. This is hugely appreciated and has taken us a significant step closer to delivering the vital facilities needed.

To hear the latest progress on fundraising and the next steps for the project, you're invited to join the team at our next **Project Update event on Sunday 2 November at 11:30am in the church** (following the 10am service). We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information about the project and how you can support it, visit our parish website at: www.teddingtonparish.org/facilities-for-all/

Steven Randall