

TEDDINGTON PARISH

ST MARY WITH ST ALBAN

THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF TEDDINGTON

VICAR'S VIEWPOINT



As I write, it has been nearly a month since St Mary's closed to allow builders to complete the extension project. At first glance, a newsletter centred on Resources and Thanksgiving might seem ironic. A closed church

surely suggests fewer resources and less reason for gratitude. A month ago, I might have agreed, but not now.

The Wednesday services in the Mina Hogan Room have been especially meaningful, reminding many who attend of the simplicity of the early Christian communities. While we are not worshipping in secret as they did, there is something powerful about gathering together in this simpler setting.

Worshipping at St Peter and St Paul has been particularly poignant. It was there that I first worshipped when I moved to Teddington many years ago. Seeing services take place there again, and being so well attended, has been very special.

Most importantly though, this month has reinforced for me that St Mary's is far more than a building. It is its people, those who lead and support parish life in countless ways. Everyone has adapted with such positivity and generosity. Although the church building is closed, our worship and community continue with remarkable energy and creativity.

I am reminded of Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 3:6: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." As we look beyond the practical demands of the extension project to the opportunities ahead, these words encourage us. We can plan and build, but true growth comes from God.

And for that, we give thanks.

Sarah

OCTOBER 2026

WHILST ST MARY'S IS CLOSED

AND BUILDING WORKS CONTINUE

SUNDAY SERVICES SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH

THE PETER & PAUL CENTRE, BYCHURCH END, TEDDINGTON TW18 8PS

8am	BCP Holy Communion
9am	Morning Worship
10am	Parish Eucharist (also livestreamed)
Third Sunday of each month:	
10am	All-Age Eucharist (also livestreamed)

WEDNESDAY SERVICES MINA HOGAN ROOM

ST MARY'S PARISH HALL, LANGHAM ROAD, TEDDINGTON TW11 9HF

9.30am	Said Eucharist
10.30am	Church Mice Toddler Service



Remembrance

Monday 2 Nov	7.30pm	COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED*
Sunday 8 Nov	8am	HOLY COMMUNION
	9am	MORNING WORSHIP
	10am	PARISH EUCHARIST
	10.30am	ACT OF REMEMBRANCE to process from British Legion to Cenotaph for 10.50am
	6.30pm	SERVICE OF LIGHT*

* add the names of your lost loved ones to the list at the back of church or go to the website

WHAT'S ON - OCTOBER

THURSDAY 1

FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL COFFEE
10.30am
On Zoom

THURSDAYS 1, 8, 15

TRAHERNE READING GROUP
1.30-3pm
Mina Hogan Room

SATURDAY 3

PARISH PLOD
9.30am
Wandle River Walk

MONDAYS 5, 12, 19, 26

COMMUNITY CAFÉ
1.30-4pm
Peter & Paul Centre

TUESDAYS 6, 20

MEMORY CAFÉ
1.30-3pm
Peter & Paul Centre

WEDNESDAY 7

FIRST WEDNESDAY DISCUSSION GROUP
12.45-2.15pm
Mina Hogan Room
Topic: 'Save the Parish' Campaign
challenging controversial Diocesan moves to save money.

WEDNESDAY 7

PINTS OF VIEW
from 8pm
unscripted fellowship
in the Tide End Pub

TUESDAY 13

FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL LUNCH
12 Noon
Piazza Firenze

TUESDAY 13, 27

PLAIN & PEARL SOCIAL CRAFTING
7.30pm
Mina Hogan Room

THU & SAT 15, 17

CHURCHYARD GARDENING
10am-12noon
SMWSA Churchyard

SUNDAY 18

ALL-AGE PARISH EUCHARIST
10am
SS Peter & Paul Church

MONDAY 19

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ
10-11.30am
Peter & Paul Centre

TUESDAY 27

FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL COFFEE
10.30am
Shambles Restaurant

THURSDAY 29

NEWSLETTER BUNDLING
2.30pm
St. Mary's Parish Hall

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER

QUIZ NIGHT
7pm
St. Mary's Parish Hall



requires pre-booking

church service

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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 / SS Peter & Paul Church: Church Road, TW11 8PS

CHURCHYARD INVITATION



Your local churchyard is a peaceful sanctuary which has been rewilded to support wildlife and is buzzing with life thanks to the two beehives. Benches invite neighbours to sit and chat, paths offer an alternative to busy roads.

This vital space is supported by the council and a team of dedicated volunteer gardeners. There are new challenges ahead and we are looking for new recruits. No experience is needed. We meet on the third Thursday and Saturday of the month from 10am to noon. If you feel that this is something you could help with, come to one of the sessions, you'll be most welcome. *Sally Stones*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Young people are at the heart of our community. Jesus himself tells us to look to children as examples of faith and humility. Each Sunday, children gather together for worship that is centred on them and their experiences. We explore God, the Bible and life's big questions through games, drama, crafts, prayer and conversation. It is a welcoming and joyful space where children can grow in faith, learn more about Jesus and build friendships within the parish community.

We would love to welcome more school aged children, and are also looking for volunteers and helpers to support this rewarding ministry. If you would like to get involved, please come along and learn more. We hope to see you soon. *Harry Dixon*

BAZAAR DONATIONS PLEASE



We are looking forward to this annual, fun-filled, festive, family and community event, and you're invited. Doors open on Saturday 28 November, at St Mary's Parish Hall, Langham Road, from 11am to 3pm, for the amazing Santa's Grotto, delicious Hog Roast, Raffle, Handmade Crafts, Plants, Cakes & Preserves, Gifts, Bric-a-Brac and Children's Stalls. There will be something for everyone.

We're collecting good quality/nearly new donations: soft toys, children's games/toys, houseplants & outdoor plants, small homeware items, and unwanted/unused gifts. All donations can be dropped off at the Parish Hall. Thank you. No books please, as there will be no book stall, and if you would like to volunteer on the day, that would be wonderful! Please email: hello@teddingtonparish.org



**Saturday 14 November
from 7pm**

**£20 ticket
for fish & chip supper
and 8-round quiz
Book individually
or book a team of 8**

**Scan to
book now**



St Mary's Parish Hall, Langham Road
Teddington, TW11 9HF



THANK YOU

This season and indeed this newsletter lean into the theme of giving thanks. We will see evidence of Harvest in schools and churches and even this very morning I enjoyed the company of toddlers as we gave thanks for the food that we enjoy so plentifully.

Almost every edition of this newsletter, during my three years as your vicar, has carried an article about Building Anew, our project to redevelop the St Mary's into a suitably equipped and purposed resource for all of us - you included, dear reader. One of my mum's favoured sayings is: "God will provide, but we have to do our own hustling", and so it has also been three years of fundraising. Barring three grants, every single penny raised has come from you. Ninety percent of over a million-and-a-half pounds has been given voluntarily and so it is that the redeveloped of church building itself becomes the fruit of a considerable harvest.

Scripture teaches us that the gift and the scale of sacrifice to the donor is how we regard donations, and I have been touched by the arrival of both very significant donations in the many tens of thousands, ranging through and to a child's last 36p. All have been noticed and all will be recorded, but for now I want - simply and inadequately - to thank you for your donation and support towards this particular harvest of generosity. God has indeed provided, by placing a call upon your hearts. Thank you for listening; thank you for hearing and thank you for responding. It will be a career highlight for me to see the place re-opened and, as constantly promised, given back to you. Thank you. *Fr David*

BUILDING ANEW

The final phase of the Building Anew project is progressing well, with completion expected by the end of October.

The opening linking the north aisle to the extension has been created, and the upper section of the original leaded-glass window has been carefully restored and repositioned

above the new doorway. The extension now includes underfloor heating, installed windows, a kitchenette and storage cupboards.

Inside the church, a mezzanine storage floor has been added to the former organ chamber, with a new sacristy and platform for the digital organ being created below. Outside, the connection to the Thames Water sewer has been completed beneath the bus stop.

In the coming weeks, the restored stained-glass window will be installed in its new position, while doors, fixtures, electrical wiring, plumbing and decoration are completed in preparation for reopening.

For the first time in its history, the church will provide toilets, baby-changing facilities, refreshment amenities and welcoming social spaces. These improvements will make the building more accessible and enable the parish to offer greater support, companionship, learning and wellbeing opportunities for the whole community.

This has only been possible thanks to your wonderful generosity. Further donations are still needed and greatly appreciated. Please scan the QR code to donate or visit the parish website www.teddingtonparish.org/facilities-for-all/ for more information. Thank you. *Steven Randall*



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now**

PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS: we welcome into Christ's Church:

9 August: Isabella

16 August: Arthur

FUNERALS: we remember with thanksgiving:

18 August: Marion West (87)

25 August: Gervase Buxton (87)