TEDDINGTON PARISH

ST MARY WITH ST ALBAN

The Heart of Christ in the Heart of Teddington

VICAR'S VIEWPOINT

NOVEMBER 2026



I recently came across a folder of family photographs. It gave me a very happy few minutes flicking through them, bringing back many memories of my childhood. But there were some people in the photos that I didn't recognise.

I turned them over, but no names had been added. Who they are (or were) remains a mystery as there is no one left from my mother's generation to identify them.

They were important enough to be photographed in a time when photography involved sending your film away to be developed, but now their significance has faded. It made me sad that they are no longer remembered.

Being remembered is important. At Remembrance services across the country this month, Laurence Binyon's words 'At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them' will be heard as we honour those who have given their lives in war to secure the freedom of generations yet to come. We may not remember the individual names, but we remember the sacrifice they made.

Human memory fades, but Isaiah 49:15,16 tells us that we are always remembered and held safe by God. 'I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.'

This Remembrance time, let us give thanks that throughout the ages, each one of us is held safely in the love of God, who will never forget us.

Mary

WHILST ST MARY'S IS CLOSED

AND BUILDING WORKS CONTINUE

SUNDAY SERVICES

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH

THE PETER & PAUL CENTRE, BYCHURCH END, TEDDINGTON TW11 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

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THE KINGDOM SEASON

Some of you may know that the Church of England holds most of November as the 'Kingdom Season'. Within it, we celebrate the two feasts of All Saints and All Souls at the beginning and Christ the King at the end. The intention behind this theme is to focus our minds on the reign of Christ, the fulfilment of God's purposes and the hope of the coming Kingdom.

Last year I enjoyed a school performance of the 'Topsy Turvy King' which told the story of Jesus as a king ruling through weakness and not the usual strength and power we associate with ruling a people. The idea of the 'ruler' is, I fear, increasingly subverted and we are as likely to think of a dictator as a king, a tyrant as often as a just leader. Christians firmly hold to the idea that Jesus Christ is King, and that he achieves this through weakness, service to others, humiliation and eventual death. Helpfully, the Kingdom Season is also known by some as the Remembrance Season when we pray for those who have exhibited great power by making the ultimate sacrifice in war and conflict, together with those who have commanded some of the greatest love in our hearts, but have been taken from us.

The 'last laugh' of our Topsy Turvy King is that he conquered the death that is the only real weapon of earthly rulers. The weakling King is the one who will bring judgement to those on this earth who have judged poorly towards their fellow human. The King that Christians believe in is one who exhibits only love - love for anyone and everyone. By remembering the sacrifice of the few, and the lives of those who nourished ours, we are left with an abiding hope in the darkness that may otherwise overtake us.

Fr David

PARISH REGISTERS

MARRIAGE: ***we wish every blessing on:***

19 September: Lucy Rowden & Jake Peters

FUNERALS: ***we remember with thanksgiving:***

30 September: Majid Shafiee (67)

7 October: Melanie Curling (63)

REMEMBRANCE



Mon 2 Nov St Mary with St Alban Church

7.30pm COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

A quiet 'said' Eucharist Service where we will have the opportunity to remember those we have loved and lost.

Sun 8 Nov Ss Peter & Paul Church

8am HOLY COMMUNION
9am MORNING WORSHIP
10am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30pm SERVICE OF LIGHT

With hymns, music and readings to remember our loved-ones lost in recent years (non-eucharist). Candles will be lit in memory of those whose names we call. Go to ChurchSuite, the website or scan this QR to attend this Service and use the NOTES section to add a name to be called.

Sun 8 Nov opposite British Legion

10.30am ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

to process to the Cenotaph for 10.45am

Trained volunteer listeners will be available at the back of church after both evening services.

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

The Bereavement Café meets monthly, as a free drop-in space with no appointment necessary, and open to all in the community. It provides a safe, supportive space for people experiencing grief, whether their bereavement was recent or many years ago. In partnership with Princess Alice Hospice, we offer support, encouragement, and the opportunity to talk one-to-one with trained people who understand.



TEDDINGTON LIGHTS UP



With autumn fading and this year's Teddington Lights Up planned for Thursday 26 November, it is a pleasure to recall last year's carol singing with Churches Together Teddington. Numerous passers-by paused to listen and many joined in, as together we enjoyed the timeless pleasure of singing some of our best-loved Christmas carols. The simple joy of raising our voices together brought a wonderful sense of festive community.

We will gather again this year, at 6pm, on the High Street, near the junction with Cambridge Road. Come and join in, for what promises to be another joyful evening. After all, what better way to build anticipation for the Christmas season?

Rev Joy

GRAB YOUR TICKETS!

QUIZ NIGHT

BOOK NOW

Use the QR code to book your tickets now for a night of friendly competition at St Mary's Parish Hall at 7pm on Saturday 14 November.

£20 ticket for fish & chip supper and 8-round quiz

Book individually or book a team of 8

Scan to book now

NEW YOUTH CAFÉ

Youth Café launches this month! It intends to be a welcoming, inclusive environment for all (of faith and none), where young people can build friendships, have fun, explore life's big questions, and encounter the Christian faith in an accessible and authentic way. In summary: Belong. Explore. Grow. It's a great place to hang out for School Years 6-9.

Rev Joy



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



See the enclosed flyer for your invitation to this year's Bazaar: doors open 11am-3pm at St Mary's Parish Hall. What a fabulous way to spend the last Saturday of autumn as all the popular stalls return, with something for everyone!

Also, we are dependent on your generous donations, and are collecting good quality/nearly new donations: soft toys, children's games/toys, house & outdoor plants, small homeware items, and unwanted/unused gifts. Please drop off any donations at St Mary's Parish Hall. Thank you.

And your help on the day would be wonderful too, if you are around and keen to be involved, please email hello@teddingtonparish.org

WHAT'S ON - NOVEMBER

church service | Reserve requires pre-booking

MONDAYS 2, 9,16 23,30
COMMUNITY CAFÉ
1.30-4pm
Peter & Paul Centre

MONDAY 2
COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
7.30pm
SMwSA Church

TUESDAYS 3,17
MEMORY CAFÉ
1.30-3pm
Peter & Paul Centre

WEDNESDAY 4
FIRST WEDNESDAY Discussion Group
12.45-2.15pm
Topic: *The Importance of Obituaries*
Mina Hogan Room

WEDNESDAY 4
PINTS OF VIEW
From 8pm
unscripted fellowship in The Tide End Pub

THURSDAY 5
FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL COFFEE
10.30am
Zoom

SATURDAY 7
PARISH PLOD
9.30am
Windsor Great Park

NEW
SATURDAYS 7,14 21,28
YOUTH CAFÉ
5-6.30pm
Peter & Paul Centre

SUNDAY 8
SERVICE OF LIGHT
6.30pm
Ss Peter & Paul Church

TUESDAY 10 Reserve
FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL LUNCH
12noon
Piazza Firenze

TUESDAYS 10,24 Reserve
PLAIN & PEARL SOCIAL CRAFTING
7.30pm
Mina Hogan Room

SATURDAY 14 BOOK NOW
QUIZ NIGHT
7pm
St. Mary's Parish Hall

SUNDAY 15
ALL-AGE PARISH EUCHARIST
10am
Ss Peter & Paul Church

MONDAY 16
BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ
10-11.30am
Peter & Paul Centre

THU & SAT 19,21
CHURCHYARD GARDENING
10am-12noon
SMwSA Churchyard

TUESDAY 24 Reserve
FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL COFFEE
10.30am
Shambles Restaurant

THURSDAY 26
NEWSLETTER BUNDLING
2.30pm
St Mary's Parish Hall

SATURDAY 28
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
11am-3pm
St Mary's Parish Hall

SUNDAY 29
ADVENT CAROLS
6.30pm
SMwSA Church

Full Calendar | Youth Café | Plain & Pearl

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Peter & Paul Centre / Ss Peter & Paul Church: Church Road, TW11 8PS