

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

Everything comes with an open invitation, and please bring a friend.

Things in green need pre-booking, please. Our website has all the details and links. We look forward to seeing you there: www.teddingtonparish.org/whats-on/, or scan this QR code:



- Sunday 3 **Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.** SMwSA. 6.00pm. A Eucharistic with candles lit in memory of those whose names we call.
- Monday 4 **Teddington Community Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-4.30pm. **Also 11, 18 & 25**
- Tuesday 5 **Memory Café.** Peter & Paul Centre. 1.30-3.00pm. **Also 19**
- Wednesday 6 **First Wednesday** discussion. Mina Hogan Rm. 12.45-2.15pm. Topic: *What and who is a funeral for?* Bring your packed lunch.
Pints of View: unscripted, agenda-free and committee-free fellowship. Tide End Pub. From 8.00pm.
- Thursday 7 **Parish Social: coffee.** On Zoom. 10.30am
- Saturday 9 **Parish Plod.** Radlett to St Albans Cathedral. 9.30am
- Sunday 10 **Remembrance Sunday Services.** SMwSA. 8, 9 & 10.00am
Act of Remembrance. RBL (High St). 10.30am To process to the Cenotaph for 10.50am service.
A Musical Journey with Thomas Traherne & Contemporaries. SMwSA. 6.30pm (*see page 3*)
- Monday 11 **Service of Light.** SMwSA. 7.00pm. Hymns, music and readings to remember our loved-ones lost in recent years. Candles will be lit in memory of the names called.
- Tuesday 12 **Parish Social: lunch.** Piazza Firenze Restaurant. 12noon
Plain & Pearl Social/Craft Group: Heirloom Tree Decoration Workshop. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm. Ticketed: scan QR code to book:
- Thursday 21 **Churchyard Gardening.** SMwSA. 10.00am. **Also Sat 23**
- Tuesday 26 **Pub Social: coffee.** Shambles Restaurant. 10.30am
Plain & Pearl Social Craft & Chat evening. Mina Hogan Rm. 7.30pm.
Sustainable Christmas Evening. St Mary's Parish Hall. 7.45pm (*see flyer*)
- Saturday 30 **Christmas Bazaar.** St Mary's Parish Hall. 11.00am-2.30pm. (*see flyer*)



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St MARY *with* St ALBAN
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



Vicar's Viewpoint

Remembrance has become – rightly – synonymous with shrinking queues of elder-veterans being pushed in wheelchairs at salient anniversaries. We are watching them become fewer in number, year by year, and it will not be long before the last combatant of the Second World War will go to their eternal rest. There is much consternation about the need (believe it or not) or the viability of Acts of Remembrance when there will soon be no-one who actually remembers.

We can fall into the trap of connecting November with the Great and Second World Wars whose memories are indeed fading fast, and at the same time forgetting the later conflicts – and indeed those that rage still. I was a primary-school child when the Falklands War occurred, and at college when the first Gulf War erupted, and there seem to have been so few years of peace since. The focus of our Remembrance must change and evolve. Veterans, as a result of the change in warfare, are far fewer in number – and are far younger than our heroes in wheelchairs. It is a hard and sad truth that many of those who are veterans of recent conflicts are currently among the armies of homeless, many consumed by an addiction to substance, many more victims to decimated mental-health or simply lost to our awareness.

In the act of the Eucharist (Holy Communion), Christians are called to remember Jesus's ultimate sacrifice and to act in remembrance of that. We do that by participation in the act of consuming bread and wine – modest to be sure, but an embodied act of remembrance. This month, when you are called to remember – you won't necessarily be able to claim a memory to hold on to. Instead, adjust your focus and see with new eyes who and what you seek to recall. The flames still burn, and those who fought and survived are still among us. *What* will your act of participation be?

We will remember them.

REGULAR SERVICES

- ~ Online service only;
- * In-person + livestreamed service

SUNDAYS:

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.00am Morning Worship
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist*

MONDAYS – SATURDAYS:

- 8.30am Morning Prayer, on Zoom (Mon-Fri and 9.00am Sat)~
- 9.00am-5.00pm Church open for Private Prayer
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer, on Zoom (Mon-Thur and 5.00pm Fri-Sat)~

WEDNESDAYS:

- 9.30am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Church Mice Toddler Service

Go to our website for further details:
www.teddingtonparish.org

Remembrance

Sunday 3 rd Nov	6.00PM	COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED*
Sunday 10 th Nov	8.00AM 9.00AM 10.00AM 10.30AM	HOLY COMMUNION MORNING WORSHIP PARISH EUCHARIST ACT OF REMEMBRANCE to process from British Legion to Cenotaph for 10.50AM
Monday 11 th Nov	7.00PM	SERVICE OF LIGHT*

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Harvest Festival

The call for donations for Harvest Festival on October 6th was answered enthusiastically. The church was adorned by some beautiful flower arrange-

Plain and Pearl

Plain & Pearl is a social crafting group who meet twice a month to craft, chat and raise money for charity. We have made an original hand crafted Advent Calendar with 24 unique felt decorations to hang on a Christmas tree. Use this QR code to make a donation (£3.00) or contact The Parish Hall suzanne@teddingtonparish.org.



All money raised goes to St Mary's. You can find *P&P* at the Christmas Bazaar at St Mary's Parish Hall, Teddington where we will be selling lots of hand crafted gifts. The raffle will be drawn at the Bazaar on Saturday 30 November 2pm

Josie Shanotas

Bereavement Training

"Informative", "enjoyable," "practical", words used to describe the two-day bereavement training a few of us had recently at The Princess Alice Hospice. The Hospice helps local communities provide bereavement support; possibly via bereavement cafés. Although every person experiences bereavement in their own way, many find it helps to talk with others who are grieving – this is where the cafés come in.

The Hospice provides training to those hosting. We learnt that as café hosts our role in supporting someone bereaved is just to be with them, to listen actively to them and acknowledge their feelings. We are not there to offer counselling; if needed, we should signpost people to professional help. What was emphasized was how important it is not to try to bury memories of the person who has died, but to find ways to remember them in the new life.

Our monthly café will reopen at the Peter and Paul Centre in the New Year. If you would like to get involved, as a trained host or to help with refreshments or baking cakes, please contact sarah@teddingtonparish.org. The Hospice will be running more training sessions early in the New Year for those interested. *Sarah Rae*

ments. All goods donated went to Richmond-Aid for distribution as shown



Disco Fundraiser

We'd like to thank everyone who supported the recent School Disco. The epic outfits (including a showstopping sequin trouser costume change), daring dance moves (from a good few church-going regulars who shall remain nameless) and admirable dedication to the bar did not go unnoticed. Over 80 revellers were there for a nostalgic night of 80s and 90s classics. After a scrumptious selection of souped-up school food dishes were served (Posh Sausages and Mash were a big hit), we enjoyed a live singer and an endless set of irresistible 80s and 90s dance classics...

Thanks to all, we raised over £2,850, and certainly put the fun in Fundraising! Every penny went to our Building Anew Project. Anyone who feels they have missed out, please email bookings@teddingtonparish.org for the link to the epic soundtrack playlist for a £5 donation, (requires Spotify account).

Sophie Edgington



Advent Carol Service
~ also livestreamed on our YouTube Channel
SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER
6.30PM
All are welcome
www.teddingtonparish.org

People to remember

There will be a list at the back of the church for the names of your lost loved ones you wish to be remembered at the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed and the Service of Light (see poster on page 1) or go to the website.

Parish Registers

BAPTISMS

We welcome into Christ's Church:

22 September: Matthew, Sam

FUNERALS

We remember with thanksgiving:

16 September: Philip Flindall (94)

19 September: Susan Watts (99)

Sustainable Christmas Evening
TUESDAY · 26 · NOVEMBER
at St Mary's Parish Hall, from 7.45PM
Langham Rd, Teddington TW11 9HF

Fairtrade Gifts
Local Produce
Snacks and Drinks
Recycle and Gift Ideas

Teddington Churches' Singers
& Teddington Consort present



A Musical Journey with
Thomas Traherne &
Contemporaries
Sunday 10 November 6.30pm

Musical settings of texts by Traherne, Herbert, Vaughan and others.
Music by Purcell, Handel, Locke, Parry, Finzi and more.

'Buy' your tickets with a donation to the Church Building Project.

For tickets scan the QR code to donate

or go to the website:

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Building Anew Project Fundraising

Please keep your leftover currency coming in! We are still collecting any current or old notes and coins you are willing to donate, including pre-Euro currencies. All currencies are valuable to us.

Just pop them into an envelope and drop it into the Parish Hall letterbox in Langham Road, Teddington, TW11 9HF.

Thank you to everyone who has already done just that. This initiative has so far raised over £1,500 towards building vital facilities at your parish church.

The 'Buy-a-Brick' appeal, however, is now closed. A huge thank you to everyone who bought one of the 100 commemorative bricks available. You are part of the legacy of this historic project.

St Mary with St Alban Church
Foreign Currency Donation Scheme



Steven Randall