



# St MARY *with* St ALBAN

## PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

# NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2025

### 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](http://www.teddingtonparish.org)



### Vicar's Viewpoint

First, I want simply to acknowledge the sun which is shining. Wonderful. There is a greater sense of hope in a world increasingly shrouded in darkness (or so it seems), and for that I give thanks always.

Hope for Christians is witnessed most clearly in the resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter. As I write, I have just embarked upon Lent, have given up abstinence, and will almost certainly

emerge bleary-eyed from my many Lenten labours like some post-snooze tortoise just in time to greet the risen Christ. Whatever Lent brings us, we need hope. In his short story (and the excellent film), 'The Shawshank Redemption,' Stephen King tells a story of prison existence for a group of lifers. Within the story, one of the main characters refers to hope as a 'pipe dream', something to drive a person mad – to be avoided at all costs. While there are times when we can all have some sympathy with that sentiment, what would life be without hope?

One of the enduring characteristics of the Christian story and the church family is that component of hope. It is written into our DNA, even when we squabble over building extensions or moved furniture, or when the vicar picks a hymn with some ropery old words – there is hope, (and not just that the vicar might get it right next time). We endure Good Friday each and every year, and whilst it is right not to simply scan past its tragedy, our DNA tells us then – and through most of the rest of our time – that hope never fades and that our God is somehow in control. It doesn't remove pain when it is felt, and it doesn't automatically stop it raining or the sun to emerge, but it is there and we have to do nothing to bring it into being. Like God, hope simply is.

Whilst Christians have been busy with Lent, we get even busier with Holy Week and Easter. If you are unsure where this well of hope erupts through the surface, come to one or more of the services. The story may stick to you and convince you, but failing that – the welcome you will get at the door will assure you that hope is real. When the time comes – Happy Easter.

## VICAR'S PARACHUTE JUMP

Sponsor  
Fr David  
to descend from  
the skies of Kent

Friday 30th May 2025

All proceeds go to Building Anew

# WHAT'S ON - APRIL

<b>TUE 01</b>	<b>MEMORY CAFÉ</b> 13:30-15:00 Peter & Paul Centre	<b>WED 02</b>	<b>LENT COURSE</b> 11:00 Mina Hogan Room	<b>WED 02</b>	<b>PINTS OF VIEW FROM 20:00</b> unscripted fellowship In Tide End pub	<b>THU 03</b>	<b>PARISH SOCIAL: COFFEE</b> 10:30 Zoom
<b>SAT 05</b>	<b>PARISH PLOD</b> 09:30 continuing along the Middlesex Greenway	<b>SUN 06</b>	<b>APCM</b> 12-15 St Mary's Parish Hall	<b>MON 07</b>	<b>COMMUNITY CAFÉ</b> 13:30-16:30 Peter & Paul Centre	<b>TUE 08</b>	<b>PARISH SOCIAL: LUNCH</b> 12 NOON Piazza Firenze
<b>TUE 08</b>	<b>PLAIN &amp; PEARL CRAFT MATERIAL SWAP</b> 19:30 St Mary's Parish Hall	<b>WED 09</b>	<b>LENT COURSE</b> 11:00 Mina Hogan Room	<b>MON 14</b>	<b>COMMUNITY CAFÉ</b> 13:30-16:30 Peter & Paul Centre	<b>TUE 15</b>	<b>MEMORY CAFÉ</b> 13:30-15:00 Peter & Paul Centre
<b>MON 21</b>	<b>BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ</b> 10:00-11:30 Peter & Paul Centre	<b>MON 21</b>	<b>COMMUNITY CAFÉ</b> 13:30-16:30 Peter & Paul Centre	<b>TUE 22</b>	<b>PARISH SOCIAL: COFFEE</b> 10:30 Shambles Restaurant	<b>TUE 22</b>	<b>PLAIN &amp; PEARL</b> 19:30 Social crafting in Mina Hogan Room
<b>THU 24</b>	<b>CHURCHYARD GARDENING</b> 10:00 SMWSA Church	<b>SAT 26</b>	<b>CHURCHYARD GARDENING</b> 10:00 SMWSA Church	<b>MON 28</b>	<b>COMMUNITY CAFÉ</b> 13:30-16:30 Peter & Paul Centre	<b>SUN 18 MAY</b>	<b>LOOKING AHEAD TO TEDDINGTON IN FLOWER</b>



Full Calendar Plain & Pearl

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requires pre-booking

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 Peter & Paul Centre: Church Road, TW11 8PS



## Volunteer Evening

On February 25<sup>th</sup> volunteers from the SMwSA community gathered for a well-deserved celebration, hosted by Father David and his team. The event was a heartfelt thank you to those who give their time and talents to support the parish.

With a delicious spread of food and drink, more than 90 volunteers from 23 different groups mingled, shared stories, and got to know one another. The evening was not just about recognition but also about connection – encouraging people to meet someone new and appreciate the breadth of our volunteering family.



Father David expressed his gratitude, acknowledging the work done by our volunteers. He also extended an invitation to others to consider joining, highlighting how every role, big or small, makes a difference.

It was a great evening, with a shared appreciation for the spirit of service that makes our community so special. If you've ever thought about volunteering, now is a good time to get involved. *Will Powell*

## Pemba..our Lent Appeal

Father David, Daphne Jowit and I recently had a WhatsApp call with Father Francis Bulaki from our link church in Pemba. It is hard for us here to fully appreciate all the hardships they have to suffer. Firstly, they have to contend with appalling weather conditions and as I write they are battling with yet another cyclone. As a result, many of their buildings, homes and churches get destroyed because they cannot afford to build houses with good foundations. The crops they rely on all suffer. The cost of living has increased so that many are now going hungry. As a result of the poor conditions they now have cholera which seems particularly to affect people aged 20-35 years, the main working population. Around 75% of women cannot read or



*Pemba Mothers' Union*

a problem, followed by devastating cyclones and the insurgency.

Deaths caused by extremist groups increased 36% in 2024 – at least 349 people were killed. All the refugees living in the camps on the beaches about 18 months ago, have been found accommodation.

Father Bulaki has told us he has to walk everywhere so we would like to buy him a motorbike. He would also love to have a printer and could do with a better mobile phone if not a laptop. Sadly, it is not possible for us to visit Pemba at the moment so assessing priorities is difficult, but I know that he would be extremely grateful for anything that we can offer so PLEASE give generously to this very deserving cause. *Suzie Gordon*



## Parish Registers

### BAPTISMS

*We welcome into Christ's Church:*

26<sup>th</sup> January: Mylee, Ruby, Zachary  
23<sup>rd</sup> February: Mila, Lucas and Oscar

### WEDDINGS

*We wish every blessing on the marriage of:*

9<sup>th</sup> March: Jessica Taylor and Daniel Alarms

### FUNERALS

*We remember with thanksgiving:*

24<sup>th</sup> January Barbara Johnstone (98)  
25<sup>th</sup> January Anthony Stiles (92)  
26<sup>th</sup> February Aline Greenwood (92)  
26<sup>th</sup> February Olive Casey (91)  
13<sup>th</sup> March Lydia Spurrier (97)  
14<sup>th</sup> March Tricia Rawson (88)

write. This will not be helped by the fact that the school, which we helped to build is now closed. This is as a result of a number of issues: the school was being built when Covid struck, then getting building materials was

## Messy Cathedral at St. Paul's

At Messy Cathedral I learned about the Blitz and where the bombs hit the cathedral. I made a keyring that represented a famous photo of St. Paul's Cathedral in the Blitz. I also made a cross with some coloured paper. There was a dove of peace, and I drew around my hand as well as making a paper dove. I also made a badge with a picture of St Paul's I had coloured in and a decorated heart which they said to give to someone that you love. I went downstairs to the crypt and did some singing with Mr Bruce. There was a service, and I sang in the choir for it with Mr Bruce and had Holy Communion too. *Ilanthe Miller*



## Pints of View

Pints of View has now been running for some months with a rag-bag collection of a number of us from both St Mary with St Alban, and our local community. It has been a wonderful opportunity to meet over a drink or two each month and spend time with people whom you never get more than a chance to say hello to each Sunday, as well as having time to connect and chat with members of our local community too.

We meet in the Tide End Pub near the river, with Fr David pretty much always first at the bar, if you want to come and join us too! Whether discussing the

## Building Anew Project Update

Our intrepid vicar is taking to the skies in a May to raise money for the Building Anew project. Please sponsor him via the QR code in the banner alongside. This is not a challenge Father David takes lightly! (*See poster on page 1.*)

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May, suitably inspired by the wonder of Ascension, Father David will travel to Headcorn in Kent, climb to a

ongoing repairs to the foot-bridge, local sporting events, America and Russia or the process for selecting a new archbishop, the conversation is eclectic and wide-ranging and the open welcome is always warm and friendly.



*Gareth Miller*

 indicates both in-person and live-streamed on our YouTube channel

## HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday: 13 April**  
08:00 - Said Eucharist BCP  
09:00 - Morning Worship with Palms  
10:00 - Liturgy of Palm Sunday with Procession 

**Monday to Wednesday: 14-16 April**  
19:30 - Said Eucharist with Meditation

**Maudy Thursday: 17 April**  
10:30 - Chrism Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral  
19:30 - Liturgy of Maudy Thursday with Washing of Feet   
20:30 - Prayer Vigil until Midnight at the Garden of Repose

**Good Friday: 18 April**  
09:00 - Family Service  
10:00 - Walk of Witness to 10:30 Churches Together Service  
12:00 - Stations of the Cross at Ss. Peter & Paul  
12:00 - Prayer Vigil until 14:30  
14:30 - Liturgy of Good Friday 

**Holy Saturday: 19 April**  
19:30 - Vigil & Paschal Mass at Ss. Peter & Paul

**Easter Sunday: 20 April**  
06:00 - Dawn Vigil & Paschal Eucharist  
09:00 - Morning Worship of Easter  
10:00 - Parish Eucharist of Easter 

**St. Mary with St. Alban Church**

height of 12,000 ft and jump out of a perfectly functioning plane. Every penny of sponsorship goes to building vital facilities for the community in Teddington's parish church.

To find out more about the project and fundraising activities, visit the parish website at: [www.teddingtonparish.org/facilities-for-all/](http://www.teddingtonparish.org/facilities-for-all/) *Steven Randall*