

## 60-second interview with new Churchwarden Anne McTear



Q: Who inspired you most to become a Christian?

A: My Mam

Q: What are your favourite books of the Old and New Testaments?

A: Psalms and Mark

Q: What attracted you most about St Mary's with St Alban's?

A: Openness, warmth of welcome, focus on community and absence of tutting.

Q: What is the best advice you've ever been given?

A: That anything is possible with hard work.

Q: Do you enjoy music?

A: I do, but probably not anything you could play in church.

Q: How do you like to spend your spare time?

A: I don't have any spare time! I like to play with my little boys as much as possible and when they're asleep I like to paint or play guitar.

Q: What is your favourite book, film or play?

A: 'Lucky Jim' by Kingsley Amis and then something black and white like 'School for Scoundrels' or 'I was Monty's Double'.

Q: What is your favourite service in the Christian calendar?

A: Well Christmas morning obviously – the one day I can let my boys go to church dressed as Batman. I do like Confirmation too and its feeling of renewal.

Q: What's your favourite drink?

A: Malt whisky or dandelion and burdock.

Q: How do you view the challenge of being elected churchwarden?

A: With a decent mix of relish and trepidation.

As told to Susan Jacobs

## Parish Registers

**Holy Baptisms** – We welcome into Christ's Church:

22<sup>nd</sup> April: Christiaan Willem and Thomas James, sons of Will and Jo Botha; Henry William, son of Stephen and Gemma Hayes; Molly Ruth, daughter of Robert and Jane Bates.

29<sup>th</sup> April: Luke Andreas Poaros, son of Kevin and Emma Elmore.

6<sup>th</sup> May: Daniel Joseph, son of Darren Reed and Amanda Bradley; Eleanor Charlotte, daughter of Simon and Katherine Butler.

**Funerals** – We remember with thanksgiving the lives of:

3<sup>rd</sup> May: Kath Bond, aged 70

10<sup>th</sup> May: Robert Tough, aged 85

**Our website** [www.stmarywithstalban.org](http://www.stmarywithstalban.org) is a mine of information and has full listings of all church related activities. One notable recent addition to the site is the full text of Canon Tom Moffatt's (Joe's father) stimulating and thought-provoking addresses that he gave here on Good Friday earlier this year.

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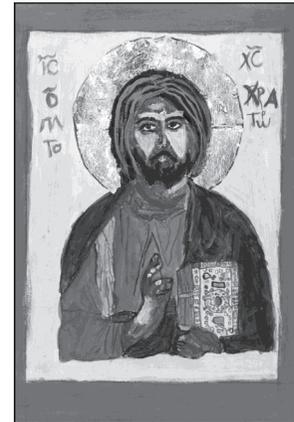
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# NEWSLETTER JUNE 2012



## StMARYwithStALBAN PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

### VICAR'S VIEWPOINT



#### Exhibition of icons

'Icon' is one of those religious words that have been hijacked by the media and the marketing world, almost to the point of devaluation. We can't escape icons

on our computers and phones, and almost every new building or image is described as 'iconic'. So it's good to be reminded of what a proper icon is: a depiction of a sacred person (saintly or divine) which draws us into an act of devotion. It is an invitation to pray and to go beyond the picture towards a relationship with God.

This invitation is what we've been offered by year 5 pupils (10 year olds) at St Mary's and St Peter's School. They've spent time with an expert icon artist and created their own ones, based on traditional Christian images. These have now been lent to us and are on display in our church until the end of the month. The photo on this page shows how impressive they are. I hope you get the chance to come into church to see them, to ponder and to pray.

#### Confirmation Courses

We're offering courses to prepare for confirmation, starting mid-June. There will be two groups, one for young people (minimum age 11) and one for adults. Both will involve eight sessions, four on each side of the

summer holidays. The young people's group will meet at 5.30pm on a weekday, adults at 8pm. The days will be chosen according to whatever suits the majority of the group. Please let me know if you're interested and what days would be best. The Confirmation Service will be here in church on Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am with the Bishop of Kensington.

#### Churchwardens

We continue to be served by a succession of outstanding churchwardens and I wish to express my deeply felt gratitude to Jerry Bryan who steps down this month as his four-year term comes to an end. I couldn't have wished for a more supportive warden in my first three years here and his wise and gentle counsel has been invaluable. He is utterly unflappable, a necessary quality given the exciting times we've had. He now deserves to relax in his pew, but we shall continue to call upon his wisdom and experience as we do with all our ex-wardens. Terry Brown now succeeds him as Senior Warden and I'm grateful for the huge amount of care and sensitivity that he brings to the role. Also, I'm delighted to announce that Anne McTear was elected as our other churchwarden. Anne is one of the Sunday School leaders and has recently been running the new Church Mice singing group. Please see the back page for more.

With best wishes for the Jubilee and beyond,

Joe Moffatt

PS – I am delighted to announce that our contribution to the Diocese of London's Lent Appeal: *Giving Ministry Wheels*, about which I wrote in the March newsletter, is the splendid sum of £2,025.

## 2012 Olympics

On the evening of 24<sup>th</sup> April, I accompanied Emily D'Silva, her father and Alice Jacobs, to a Commissioning Service for the 2012 Ambassadors, of whom Emily is one, at St Paul's Cathedral. Emily had told us beforehand that the service would be loud, and indeed it was. One could say that we almost raised the roof, singing along to the accompaniment of drums and guitars. The Cathedral was packed with the ambassadors, supported by their families and friends. The Bishop of London opened the prayers, telling us that, although 2,012 volunteers had been hoped for, in the event some 2,700 had applied. The service continued with singing by the Twyford Church of England High School Gospel Choir and a sermon by The Reverend Rico Tice. Then the Bishop commissioned the ambassadors who stood while white petals fluttered down on them from the Whispering Gallery. It was a service full of liveliness, enthusiasm and hope. We all wish Emily well for her time as a 2012 Ambassador.

Anne Johnson

## Quiz Night

Emily's first Olympic themed event was last month's parish Sports Quiz Night which she and Julia (assisted by Nikki) organised on 12 May in the Hall. Nine teams battled it out, with *the Olympic Flames* winning the gold medal (no coincidence, probably, that their team featured a certain Joe 'the mole' Moffatt...) and young Julia beat everyone in the Heads or Tails competition. With tricky questions set by Fiona Auty, superb curry supplied by nearby **Teddington Tandoori**, super-efficient marshals, Masters Gabriel and William, a brilliant kitchen crew, a super speedy scorer and a fantastic compère Nick Luck – his announcement of the half time scores as if he were Peter O'Sullivan commentating on the final furlongs of the Grand National was one of the evening's highlights – all present had a brilliant evening. And it raised £730.

Susan Jacobs

## **TEDDINGTON IN FLOWER**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2.00 – 6.00 pm**

Entrance: 50p per person per garden

21 Teddington Park; 18 Teddington Park;  
20 Teddington Park;  
The Royal British Legion\*,  
135 High Street;  
St Mary with St Alban Church\*,  
Ferry Road  
(inc. handbell ringers 2pm & 3pm);  
27 Holmesdale Road; 40 Udney Park Road;  
80 Railway Road;  
Elleray Hall\*, Elleray Road; The White  
Bungalow, 23A Hampton Road.

\* Refreshments available.

## Plain & Pearl

**Ke A Leboga (Thank you)**



We have heard via "the bush telegraph" (literally) that our parcel of homemade knitted blankets and teddies has arrived safely in Limpopo. I had the opportunity to work in this region in 2010 and visited the local orphanage and crèche. I have maintained my links with the children, villagers and people who kindly hosted my stay. Hence, as part of the project work which Plain & Pearl conducts I felt that our gifts of blankets and teddies would be gratefully received by the children in Limpopo. The photographs say it all. We continue to appreciate any donations of balls of wool.

Joy Power

## Rainbows

Following my anxious appeal recently for new Rainbow Leaders, I am pleased to report that the crisis has been averted. We have had several offers of help and may even have enough to start a much needed new Rainbow unit at Collis School, to complement their existing Brownie and Guide Units. Thank you very much to all those who have come to the rescue. It is wonderful to know that there are volunteers out there, willing to devote time and effort to a worthy cause.

Elizabeth Leydon

## Recycle and raise funds

Traidcraft's fundraising arm, *Traidcraft Exchange*, which supports vital projects in the developing world, has launched a project asking for any unwanted jewellery, watches, gold, silver or gemstones, even if broken or incomplete. Everything we send will be sold on or recycled to generate funds. Freepost envelopes are at the back of church, or post items to Freepost Licence RSKJ-AJAB-GSYA, Fundraising, Sutton Coldfield B75 5BH.

More details from Susan Jacobs 8943-0503

## Diary for June

**SERVICES – Sundays: Please note changes to Regular Sunday Services**

*Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am*

*Morning Worship (30 minutes) at 9.00am*

*Parish Communion (with Sunday School) at 10.00am*

*Wednesdays: Holy Communion at 9.30am*

*Monday-Friday: Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm*

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| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | Trinity Sunday<br>Diamond Jubilee Service (mini Sunday school only) at 10am followed by drinks in churchyard<br>Baptism 12 noon   |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>      | Jubilee Evensong at 6.30pm followed by soirée in Vicarage garden at 7.30pm  |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>   | First Wednesday Club, Mina Hogan Room, 12.30-2pm. Topic: <i>Gay Marriage, Blessing or Civil Partnership?</i>  |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>    | Silent Prayer in Church, 8.30pm   |
| Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>     | 1st Sunday after Trinity<br>Parish Communion with Baptisms, 10am<br>Baptism at 12 noon<br>Teddington in Flower 2-6pm, Churchyard teas, Handbell Ringers perform 2pm & 3pm<br>Youth group, Parish Hall, 6.30-8pm |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>    | Plain & Pearl Knitting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm<br>PCC Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.45pm  |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Parish Lunch, The Anglers, 12.30pm  |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>     | 2nd Sunday after Trinity<br>Parish Communion with Baptism, 10am<br>Baptism at 12 noon<br>Teddington Fair  |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | Tea Club, Mina Hogan Room, 3-5pm  |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>   | Strawberry Tea, 57 St Winifred's Road, 3-5pm  |
| Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>     | Patronal Festival for St Alban<br>Baptisms at 12 noon   |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>    | Plain & Pearl Craft, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm   |
| Sunday July 1 <sup>st</sup> | 4th Sunday after Trinity<br>Sunday School Play: <i>St Alban</i> , in Church at 4pm<br>Playwam Summer Fair, Homestead Care Home, Park Rd. 11am-1pm   |