

Anglers' Annual Carol Singing



Carol singing at the Anglers has become an annual event. Led by our vicar, Joe, accompanied by our organist, Jonathan and we definitely raised the roof, and nearly everyone in the packed pub joined in the singing. This year we were raising money for Welcare, which is a local Christian Charity that supports children and families in need, working to prevent the children of today from becoming the troubled families of tomorrow. We were fortunate that Anna Khan, the CEO of Welcare, was able to join us, and we were also helped by Julian, a student who is working as a volunteer for Welcare. We raised £187.22 for the charity. Many thanks to all who contributed. For further information on Welcare, visit www.welcare.org.

Margaret Squire

Parish Registers

Baptisms – *We welcome into Christ's Church:*
23rd December: Isla Louise and Jessica Lily, daughters of Julian & Alex Holmes
28th December: Oliver Richard and Isabelle Rose, son and daughter of Neil & Julie Syers
4th January: Charlotte Emilia, daughter of James & Louise Coupe; Poppy Arabella, daughter of Paul & Melanie Coupe
18th January: Tabitha Charlotte Gittos Leader, daughter of Timothy Gittos & Frances Leader

St Mary with St Alban

Musical Theatre Holiday Club

Performing The Peace Child

*by Mark & Helen Johnson and
Sue Langwade*

Friday 20th February, 7.30pm

St Mary with St Alban's Church,
Ferry Road, Teddington

Tickets £5 per adult, under 16s Free.

*For tickets please contact the parish office:
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The Lord's Prayer for Lent

The Lord's Prayer is one of the most important prayers in the Christian faith. It has been said that the whole of the Christian gospel – the whole of the good news – is in this prayer if we truly understand it.

Our Lent Courses this year will focus on the Lord's Prayer, using the format of the CofE's new *Pilgrim* set of courses. It has often been said that this prayer is able to unite all Christians. So it seems like a very good thing to share this course with our neighbours at St Mark's in South Teddington. Another reason for this is that St Mark's is currently without a vicar. But people from any church are most welcome, as is anyone who simply wants to find out more about the Christian faith.

The courses will last for 6 weeks, from **February 25th to April 1st** inclusive. The same course will be offered at two different times:

Morning Course: Wednesdays 10.30-12 noon at St Mark's

Evening Course: Wednesdays 8.00-9.30pm at St Mary with St Alban

People are free to come to any session without prior booking. But it would be helpful to have an indication of numbers, so kindly contact St Mary's Parish Office if you intend to come. Course booklets will be available at each session, at a cost of £5.

Vicar's Viewpoint

In my role as Area Dean, I have recently started to attend the Richmond Borough Inter-Faith Forum. Even though we only have one non-Christian place of worship in the Borough (Richmond Synagogue), it was good to meet representatives of all the major faiths from places of worship in neighbouring boroughs. I was very impressed with the friendly and informed nature of the dialogue.

I believe that friendship and dialogue between people of different faiths is essential for a good society. This is most evident whenever we have a major terrorist incident linked to religious fanaticism, as has recently happened in Paris. It is vital to stand together with people of all faiths in order to oppose such atrocities. We can only do this if we have already established good relationships.

I was most impressed with the comments of the one humanist on the Forum:

"It seems to me that we must fight two evils at the same time: radical Jihadist ideology and anti-Muslim bigotry. As the terrorists are well aware, they feed off each other. Not only should innocent Muslims not be tarred with the brush of the Jihadis, but as far as I can see, their ideology – and the crude literalist theology that props it up – will only be overcome by other Muslims brave enough to challenge it in the context of Islam in the 21st century. They need our support."

I couldn't agree more, and I hope that we can grow in our understanding of Islam and offer support to our Muslim friends, neighbours and colleagues. And I will continue to make the Inter-Faith Forum a key event in the diary.

Best wishes

Joe Moffatt



West London Big Brass Band Concert, December 2014

A Concert to Remember



It will be good to be able to reassure the Diocesan Architect when he next comes to survey our ancient and beloved church building that foundations, walls, windows and roof are all in perfect order. How do we know? Because they survived intact the fabulously loud and entertaining concert given by the West London Big Band Brass just before Christmas. Seventeen players – 4 horns, 4 trumpets, 4 trombones (of which 2 bass), 1 tuba, 1 guitar, 1 keyboard/percussion, 1 drum kit and 1 piano – were all masterfully kept in order by Jonathan Spencer, a military bandsman from Kneller Hall and local trumpet teacher, who had swapped his instrument for conductor's baton, as they romped through a wonderfully jazzed up medley of a dozen Christmas carols, interspersed with 4 calming readings of seasonal poems and prose. The editor of the OED might consider amending the definition of "silent" after the band's rendition of *Silent Night*, but at least "merry" was the right word to describe the audience as we went happily out into the night with *God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen* ringing loudly in our ears. It was certainly an evening to remember.

Susan Jacobs

Lent Appeal: No Child Taken



A child is trafficked every 30 seconds. That's around 3,000 children a day – more than 1 million children a year. This Lent, we are supporting Tearfund's 'No Child Taken' campaign. Tearfund

are working through local partners globally to protect vulnerable children – those at risk of being trafficked, as well as those vulnerable to disease and disaster. Tearfund are seeking to raise £1 million to help protect 50,000 children from being trafficked through education, awareness, and livelihood training for parents.

Please join us during Lent to pray for, raise awareness and engage with this grave injustice and help make a real difference to children at risk. If we raise £900 we could pay for enough training sessions and support to empower 100 people with livelihood skills to keep children safe from traffickers.

Donation envelopes will be available in church and the parish office. For more information visit: www.tearfund.org/en/nochildtaken

Jamie Fyleman, a member of our congregation working at Tearfund, will be preaching at our 9am and 10am services on Feb 22nd. Come and hear about this hugely important campaign.

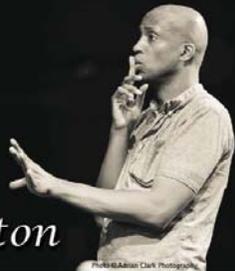
Nikki Harrison



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Sing Gospel

with Ken Burton



SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2015
10am ~ 4.15pm

Britains leading gospel composer, conductor, performer and judge.

Tickets £20 to include refreshments and music hire.
Please bring a packed lunch.

St Mary with St Alban Hall, Langham Road, Teddington

For tickets please contact Anne McTear on Anne@stmarywithstalban.org
or 07973 911 820 or pick up a booking form from the Parish Office.

Craft Materials Swap with Plain & Pearl

Spring clean your cupboards and bring along all those bolts of material, balls of wool and ribbons that you have never got around to using. Embroidery frames, upholstery tools, unwanted beads, patterns & books. Goods must be clean and fresh smelling. Please bag up individual items so they are easy to see and swap. All are welcome, a donation to charity can be made in lieu of swap items.

Saturday 21st March, 2.30-4.30pm in the parish hall. Refreshments available. Craft demonstrations and taster sessions during the afternoon. Entrance £1.00, includes cup of tea. So come along, have afternoon tea and browse with like-minded people.

Plain & Pearl is a voluntary social knitting and craft group. For more information contact josie.shantonas@stmarywithstalban.org or visit the church website.

Josie Shantonas

Diary for February

<i>SERVICES – Sundays:</i>	<i>Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am Morning Worship (30 minutes) at 9.00am Parish Communion (with Sunday School) at 10.00am Holy Baptism (most Sundays) at 12noon Youth Group, Parish Hall, 6.30-8.00pm</i>
<i>Wednesdays:</i>	<i>Holy Communion at 9.30am Church Mice Toddler Service, 10.30am (weekly during term)</i>
<i>Monday-Friday:</i>	<i>Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm</i>
Sunday 1 st	Candlemas (& Education Sunday) Parish Communion at 10am Guest Preacher: Rev Natalie Garrett, Chaplain at The Green School Christingle Service, in church, 4pm
Wednesday 4 th	First Wednesday Club, Mina Hogan Room, 1-2.30pm, Topic: <i>Satire and religion – what limits?</i>
Thursday 5 th	Traherne Reading Group, Mina Hogan Room, 2-3.30pm Contemplative Prayer in church, 8pm followed by Compline, 8.30pm
Sunday 8 th	2nd Before Lent
Tuesday 10 th	Plain & Pearl Knitting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm
Thursday 12 th	Parish Lunch, The Anglers, 12.30-2pm Traherne Reading Group, Mina Hogan Room, 2-3.30pm
Sunday 15 th	Next Before Lent
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th	<i>The Peace Child</i> Musical Theatre Holiday Club, in Parish Hall
Wednesday 18 th	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with Ashing, 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Ashing, 7.30pm
Friday 20 th	<i>The Peace Child</i> performance, in church, 7.30pm
Sunday 22 nd	1st of Lent Parish Communion, 10am. Guest Preacher: Jamie Fyleman (Tearfund)
Tuesday 24 th	Plain & Pearl Craft, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm
Wednesday 25 th	Morning Lent Course: The Lord's Prayer, St Mark's Church, 10.30am-12noon Evening Lent Course: The Lord's Prayer, St Mary with St Alban Church, 8.00-9.30pm
Friday 27 th	Memorial Service for Douglas Rowland, in church, 12.30pm
<u>Looking ahead</u>	
Sunday 1 st March	Choral Evensong, 6.30pm