

Lent Laments in Art and Words

Would you like to contribute reflective words and art through the period of Lent? The compassion of God expressed through Christ is what our faith is based on.

A number of themes arising from the story of Jesus's journey to the cross and beyond have been selected for this project. So we would love to hear from artists, writers, and photographers offering to choose a theme, or several themes, for a Lent compilation.

If you are interested and would like to see the list, or for more information, please email azariah@stpeterstpaulteddington.co.uk

Azariah France-Williams

Christingle Service

Everyone is welcome to attend this wonderful candlelit service in which all children receive a lighted Christingle.



There will be a collection in aid of The Children's Society.

Join us with oranges, sweets and candles at St. Mary with St. Alban

Sunday January 29th, 4.00pm

Parish Registers

Baptisms – *We welcome into Christ's Church:*
October 30th: Eben David MacMillan, son of Brian-Lee Trollip & Caroline MacMillan; Alexa May Parker, daughter of, and Max James Rafferty Parker, son of Brett & Rebecca Smith
November 20th: Patrick Leo George, son of Nicolas & Tania Shaw; Euan David Alexander, son of Max & Helen Harding; Crispin Ksawery, son of Stephen & Katarzyna Pearce
December 11th: Sophie Edith, daughter of Noel & Rachel Lavery; Joshua Benedict Ngai-Hei Kwong, son of Caleb & Cherry Cheung

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

October 19th: Amanda Wenham, aged 85
November 21st: June Warburton, aged 92
November 25th: Iain Duff, aged 80
November 30th: Mavis Hayward, aged 91
December 6th: Patricia Richards, aged 75

Exploring Admission to Communion & Preparation Course for Families

Sunday February 26th, 11.30am-12.30pm
Saturday March 11th, 9.30-11.00am
Saturday March 25th, 9.30-11.00am

Please speak to any of the clergy if interested.

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NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2017



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PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

Vicar's Viewpoint

As an optimist I am prone to positive thinking about the year ahead. But this year I have a particular reason to get excited. It's a reason, I believe, for us all to get excited. And it's called **Teddington800**. Let me explain...

In 1217 the Abbot of Westminster was asked to present to the Bishop of London 'a suitable chaplain, with maintenance, for Tudinton'. This was the point at which Teddington became a parish. So 2017 will see the 800th anniversary of the Parish of Teddington. It is proposed to celebrate this anniversary with a programme of events between June and November, that we are calling Teddington800.

This will include some big services in church to give thanks to God for 800 years of parish ministry and Christian worship. But we also want to make it a much wider celebration of Teddington as a local community. So we will have talks and displays that celebrate our local history; we will bring together local churches, schools, organisations and businesses in various events that focus on the river, on the arts and on science; we will aim to give an '800 boost' to annual events like the Village Fair; and we will encourage a season of street parties, and maybe even a Teddington Ball. In short, we wish to leave a lasting legacy of community engagement and goodwill.

We have already started the planning, forming a Steering Committee with a talented mix of people from both the church and wider community organisations. But we are still very much open to suggestions. We want people to adopt the theme and participate in as many ways as possible. So please drop us a line if you have a bright idea that might fit into Teddington800. Contact Anne McTear (Chair of the Steering Committee) on 800@stmarywithstalban.org

Watch this space for more details as they emerge. We plan to produce a full programme brochure by the beginning of May.

My hope for Teddington800 is that it will provide a time to look back, look up, look around and look forward; to explore our past, to celebrate our blessings, to enjoy each other and to imagine our future. Let's pull together to make this happen.

Best wishes

Joe Moffatt

Ambassadors 2017

Have you ever felt that to be a "good" Christian you need to do lots of church based activities? Or that the church does not recognise the role you play outside its doors? Or that it does not equip you to live out your faith in the wider world? If your answer to these is "yes," you are not alone.

For a while, many people have recognised the gap that can often occur between church and the rest of life. In response to this, the Diocese of London has pioneered a scheme called "Ambassadors." It is an initiative which aims to support people as they live out their faith in the wider world.

Here at St. Mary with St. Alban and St. Peter and St. Paul, we are joining in. January 22nd 2017 sees the launch of "Ambassadors" across our two churches. You will be glad to know that it does not involve any church based tasks which you will be asked to help out with! Our involvement will entail "This Time Tomorrow," which asks a member of the congregation where they will be this time tomorrow and then praying for their week. Also, we will be giving away booklets called "Right Where You Are" which explain the concept further, and we will be running Lent

courses entitled "Faith on the Frontline" which explore how we live out our faith from week to week.

The overall aim will be both to support people wherever they spend the majority of their time and to help cultivate habits which connect faith IN church to faith OUT OF church. We are looking forward to hearing more from you, joining some dots between faith and the rest of life, and learning a bit along the way.

For more information contact Gabby Thomas at curate@stmarywithstalban.org and/or see: www.ambassadors2020.org

Christmas Bazaar



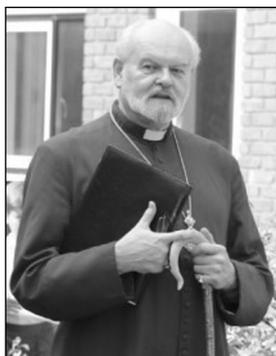
The Christmas Bazaar was again a highlight of Teddington's pre-Christmas period. It was



expertly organised again by Lisa Mary Bailey and Tora Sykes, who did a wonderful job of finding volunteers, planning the layout, and encouraging the making of cakes and jams to name a few of their tasks. The Bazaar successfully raised just over £5,000.



The Bishop of London's Retirement



The Bishop of London, the Rt. Revd. Richard Chartres, is retiring at the end of this month after 20 years in post. He has overseen a remarkable season of church growth in a time when every other

diocese has reported decline. He will be greatly missed.

On **Thursday February 2nd** there will be a **Farewell Service at St Paul's Cathedral at 6pm**. It promises to be a wonderful occasion, when the whole diocese will come together to give thanks for Bishop Richard's ministry, and all that has been achieved over the past two decades. All are welcome to attend, either in the Cathedral (unallocated seats available from 5pm) or outside in Paternoster Square (where part of the service will take place as an act of witness to those outside). Please let the parish office know if you intend to come, as it would be good to give the Cathedral an indication of numbers.

The diocese is also setting up a fund – *The Richard Chartres Fund for London* - to mark his many years as Bishop of London, and before that, of Stepney. The Fund will be managed by the London College of Bishops and will invest in initiatives that will grow the church, provide buildings that are fit for purpose for communities, support young people and invest in education and innovation; aligned with the Diocese of London's Capital Vision 2020 objectives.

If you would like to contribute to the parish donation to this fund, please send a cheque (to Church of St Mary with Alban) or cash to the parish office, with a yellow gift aid envelope from church, and indicate 'Richard Chartres Fund' on the envelope. Alternatively, you can pay the money directly to the Diocese of London bank account - Sort code 20-06-05,

account number 00107123 and ask your bank to include our parish number, 0912, and RCFL17 as the reference. You will also be able to donate online via the Diocesan website.

We are truly grateful to God for the leadership and vision Bishop Richard has given us over the years. It would be good to mark his departure with generosity and style!

Diary for January

SERVICES – Sunday: Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am
Morning Worship (30 minutes) at 9.00am
Parish Communion (with Children's Groups) at 10.00am
Holy Baptism (most Sundays) at 12.00noon

Tuesday: Morning Prayer at 9.00am

Wednesday: Morning Prayer at 9.00am; Holy Communion at 9.30am
Church Mice Toddlers Service at 10.30am

Thursday: Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Ss Peter & Paul

Tuesday-Friday: Evening Prayer at 5.00pm

Sunday 1st Naming of Jesus

Tuesday 3rd Baptism Preparation evening, Parish Hall, 8.00-9.30pm

Wednesday 4th First Wednesday Group, "Understanding Islam" – Sue Stevens, Mina Hogan Room, 1.00-2.30pm

Thursday 5th Holy Communion, Fullerton Court, 11.30am

Sunday 8th Epiphany

Tuesday 10th Plain and Pearl Knitting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30pm

Thursday 12th Parish Lunch, The Anglers, 12.30pm
Traherne Reading Group, Mina Hogan Room, 2.30-4.00pm

Sunday 15th 2nd of Epiphany
Youth Meeting, St. Peter & St. Paul, 6.30-8.00pm

Wednesday 18th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Services around the churches

Wednesday 18th Sacred Heart, 7.30pm

Thursday 19th St. Peter & St. Paul, 9.00pm

Friday 20th Teddington Baptist, 12.00noon

Saturday 21st Teddington Methodist, 10.45am

Sunday 22nd St. Mary with St. Alban, 4.00pm

Monday 23rd St. Mark's, 9.00am

Tuesday 24th St. John's, 9.30am

Wednesday 18 St. Mary with St. Alban PCC, Newland House, 7.30-10.00pm

Thursday 19th Traherne Reading Group, Mina Hogan Room, 2.30-4.00pm
Service of Wholeness and Healing, St. Mary with St. Alban, 8.00pm

Sunday 22nd 3rd of Epiphany
Youth Meeting, St. Peter & St. Paul, 6.30-8.00pm

Tuesday 24th Plain & Pearl Craft, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30pm

Thursday 26th Traherne Reading Group, Mina Hogan Room, 2.30-4.00pm

Sunday 29th Candlemas
Christingle Service, 4.00-5.00pm
Youth Meeting, St. Peter & St. Paul, 6.30-8.00pm

Looking ahead in December

Thursday 2nd Bishop of London's farewell service, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.00pm