



# NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2016

## StMARYwithStALBAN PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

& Kate Swindin

22<sup>nd</sup> November: Matthew Willem, son of Daniel & Chantine Davey; Tyler, son of Steven & Nadine Way

29<sup>th</sup> November: Mia Paige, daughter of Anthony & Moira Diprose; Thomas William & George James, sons of Gary & Hannah Okey

13<sup>th</sup> December: Poppy Robin, daughter of Timothy & Emma Dixon

20<sup>th</sup>December: Jacob Alfie, son of Samuel & Lindsey Ellis (at St. Peter & St. Paul).

**Weddings** – *We wish every blessing on the marriage of:*

12<sup>th</sup> December: Ellen Crisell and Benjamin Moore

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

20<sup>th</sup> October: Edmund Bruen, aged 70

18<sup>th</sup> November: David Carpenter, aged 64

17<sup>th</sup> December: Richard Kember, aged 68.

21<sup>st</sup> December: Frances Powell, aged 93.

### Richmond Street Pastors and the Rugby World Cup

Although some time ago now the Rugby World Cup was a major success for Richmond Street Pastors. We saw God's goodness, grace and kindness at every game. Twickenham's Chief Inspector of Police is recommending a commendation for our "outstanding commitment to policing the World Cup"!

Most noticeable was the heavenly peace which descended as both Street and Prayer Pastors prayed. Even the police, who were out

in force and expecting incidents, were amazed! The 'air' changed and it was a miracle, PRAISE THE LORD! On one occasion a handcuffed man was calmed with a lollipop by one of our Street Pastors, and was able to prevent an arrest as the man apologised. The police were astonished, but were happy to let him go! Here are some of the things we were able to do:

- ◆ charge phones for people who had lost friends in the crowds,
- ◆ offer tea to folk who were waiting for stations to re-open (twice),
- ◆ give directions to help people find their way home,
- ◆ provide food and drinks to the homeless,
- ◆ make refreshments for road cleaners, police and cycling paramedics,
- ◆ administer first aid for minor injuries, and assist when people had drunk too much,
- ◆ hand out flip flops, space blankets and bottles of water when needed.

A great many conversations were had whilst fans were queuing for face painting in their teams' colours! We also gave out over 20,000 lollipops and many boxes of chocolates which were greatly enjoyed.

We hope we were able to share Jesus' love as we blessed people. Many individuals also took the free Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts, specially produced for the RWC. Folk were open for prayer and appreciated it, the harvest is truly there.

*Gary Flynn, Bob Kimmerling, Nigel Edwards, and Suzie Sargent, Co-ordinator and Trustees*



### Curate's Comments

For me, 2015 was a year of great change: I moved from Nottingham to Teddington, I started wearing a dog collar and I left behind lecturing at a university in order to embrace the new challenge of learning to communicate with toddlers at our weekly mid-week service "Church Mice."

Looking outward, we've seen changes in our country over the past year too: a Conservative government, Jeremy Corbyn leading the Labour party, and fresh questions being raised about how we respond to the refugee crisis and the onslaught of terrorist attacks around the world.

Whether we like it or not, a New Year often heralds change. Sometimes we might instigate the changes, for example, through making New Year's Resolutions, but sometimes changes are forced upon us, like the death of a loved one, or the breakdown of a relationship. Whatever the nature of the change, the Christian message speaks hope into every situation. Through the various Christmas services at St Mary with St Alban and St. Peter with St. Paul, we welcomed hundreds of people through our doors. We did this in order to celebrate the God who came into the world to bring transformation, hope to the hopeless and love to the unloved. The good news is that God's love for us does not change. Jesus Christ cares about this world as much now as when he walked upon the earth; a New Year means that there is more to discover about his love for us and how we live as his followers. This is why Christians are

often referred to as pilgrims, because we are life-long learners on a journey of faith together. At St Mary with St Alban, January sees the start of more Pilgrim courses; these involve a small number of people gathering together to consider questions of faith for which Sundays are often too busy. The courses work for people who have been Christians for years right through to those who would not even want to identify with being a Christian, but who are simply curious about what faith might mean for them. Details of the courses are available from the Parish Office – we'd love you to come along, whatever your stage of faith.

In the meantime, all of God's blessings to you for 2016.

*Gabby Thomas*

### Christmas Bazaar



Lisa Thomas and Victoria Sykes were the masterminds of this year's Christmas Bazaar, and their hard work and enthusiasm produced a happy and memorable day. Their thank you email to a huge list of volunteers, over 100, summed things up nicely. "Everyone put in such a lot of effort – from the setting up, lifting and carrying, unloading of boxes and bags, and sorting out a huge volume of wonderful donations, to the tremendous work that went

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into producing the delicious cakes, jams, chutneys, wine, soup, pork and the gorgeous knitted items, and securing wonderful raffle prizes. Thank you also for present wrapping, bell ringing, raffle ticket selling, book, toy and bric-a-brac selling, manning of all the stalls, face painting, festive grotto and elf (including adult ones) welcoming, tea and coffee serving, sandwich making, angel making, and biscuit decorating. Also crucial were the printing, laminating, tweeting, leaflet delivering, washing and tidying, and clearing away". Lastly there was the MONEY COUNTING with a total amount of £5,942.31 to put towards the running costs of the church and hall.



Jo O'Hagan

## Christingle Service

Everyone is welcome to attend this lovely 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 31st, 4pm**

## Week of Christian Unity 2016: January 18-25th 2016

The 2016 week of prayer for Christian Unity is based around the text in 1 Peter 2:9-10, which is an encouragement to the newly baptised to live holy lives and to answer the calling shared by all the baptised to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord. The material has been prepared by Latvian Christians, who are of many different traditions. They were led by the Archbishop of Riga.

The main service, inspired by the verses from Peter's letter, uses Jesus' metaphors of salt and light which are important cultural themes for Latvia. Each day's service has been prepared by one of the Church communities. The 8 Days are linked principally by the experience of being a Christian in Latvia.

The main service for Churches in Teddington is at St. Peter and St Paul on Sunday 24th January at 4pm, but all are welcome to any or each of the daily services listed in the Diary.

## Classical Guitar Concert: Saturday January 23rd

Classical music fans and guitar lovers are in for a treat as one of the country's most exciting young virtuoso classical guitarists comes to St Mary with Alban for a not-to-be-missed one off recital.

Jonathan Parkin has astounded audiences across Europe and the U.K with his performances and won a host of competitions and awards. He is currently studying for his master's degree in performance at Trinity Laban Conservatoire under the tutorship of Graham Anthony Devine on a full scholarship.

For this very special concert, Jonathan has teamed up with Teddington's own composer-in-residence Alex Corlett to perform two works written specially for solo guitar, giving the London premiere of 'Espejitos' (2013) and the world premiere of 'Five Ukrainian Preludes' (2015). The program will also include lute works by John Dowland, Bach and will conclude seminal work 'Sonata para guitarra' by the Spaniard, Antonio Jose.

This concert is at 7:30 pm, Saturday 23rd January. Tickets £8 on the door, under 16's are free. Pre-booked tickets can be purchased at a discount rate of £6 by contacting alexander.corlett@gmail.com.

## Parish Registers

**Baptisms – We welcome into Christ's Church:**  
1st November: Annabel Frances, daughter of Ian & Lisa Bailey; James Joseph Bo Retter,

son of Ashley & Emily Croft-Baker  
15th November: Lily Rose, daughter of Alexander & Catherine Shrine; Jessica Lily, daughter of James & Sarah Harman; Lucy Grace & Sophie Alice Bell, daughters of Stuart

## Diary for January

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| SERVICES – Sundays:  | Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am<br>Morning Worship (30 minutes) at 9.00am<br>Parish Communion at 10.00am<br>Holy Baptism (most Sundays) at 12noon<br>Youth, Parish Hall, 6.30-8.00pm (NB: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the month) |
| Wednesdays:          | Holy Communion at 9.30am<br>Church Mice Toddler Service, 10.30am (weekly during term)  |
| Monday-Friday:       | Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm  |
| Saturday 2nd         | Concert "New Year in Old Vienna", Church, 7.30pm   |
| Sunday 3rd           | <b>Epiphany</b>  |
| Wednesday 6th        | First Wednesday Club "The most special gift you have ever given or received", Mina Hogan, 12.45-2.15pm ( <b>Please bring gifts with you if appropriate</b> )   |
| Thursday 7th         | Contemplative Prayer followed by Compline, 8.00-8.45pm   |
| Friday 8th           | Holy Communion, Fullerton Court, 10.30am   |
| Sunday 10th          | <b>Baptism of Christ</b>   |
| Tuesday 12th         | Plain and Pearl Knit, Mina Hogan, 7.30pm   |
| Thursday 14th        | Parish Lunch at The Anglers, 12.30pm<br>Pilgrim Course, "Turning to Christ", St. Peter and St. Paul, 8.00pm (and the following 5 Thursdays)  |
| Sunday 17th          | <b>2nd of Epiphany</b>   |
| Monday 18th          | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity<br><b>Services around the churches</b>  |
| Monday 18th          | St. Johns, 12.00noon   |
| Tuesday 19th         | St. Marks, 10.00am   |
| Wednesday 20th       | Sacred Heart, 7.30pm   |
| Thursday 21st        | St. Mary with St. Alban, 5.00pm  |
| Friday 22nd          | Teddington Baptist, 12.00 noon   |
| Saturday 23rd        | Teddington Methodist, 10.45 am   |
| Sunday 24th          | St. Peter and St. Paul, 4.00 pm  |
| Thursday 21st        | Service of Wholeness and Healing, 8.00pm   |
| Saturday 23rd        | Classical Guitar Concert with Jonathan Parkin, Church, 7.30pm  |
| Sunday 24th          | <b>Conversion of St. Paul</b>  |
| Tuesday 26th         | Plain and Pearl Craft, Mina Hogan, 7.30pm  |
| Sunday 31st          | <b>Candlemas</b><br><u>Christingle Service, 4.00pm</u>   |
| <b>Looking ahead</b> |  |
| Saturday 6th         | Choral Workshop with Bob Chilcott  |
| Wednesday 10th       | Ash Wednesday: 9.30am Holy Communion with Ashing<br>7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Ashing (Bishop of Kensington)   |
| Sunday 21st          | Ishirini Choir Concert, Church   |