

daughter of Russ & Victoria Groombridge
8th June: Albert Seamus, son of Ian & Lesley Fullen; Lily Francesca, daughter of Gavin & Emma Donaldson

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

30th May: Sylvia Boker Price and Mark Murray Cooper

6th June: Lynsey Beth Varney and Daniel James Hudson

11th June: Elizabeth Jane Engel and Lee Salvadore Venanzio Greed

14th June: Kerishma Kitaruth and Mark Francis Perchard

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

5th June: Jane Cliff, aged 90

Thank You from the Church Urban Fund

Thank you so much for the kind donation of £937 raised by your Lent appeal. Set up by the Church of England, our aim is to tackle poverty in this country and to transform the lives of the poorest and most marginalised. We do this by supporting and strengthening church based social action projects in deprived communities all over this country, to ensure they are more effective and sustainable. This includes food banks, debt advice, homeless shelters, job clubs, lunch clubs for elderly isolated people, working with those with addiction problems and working with ex-offenders to integrate them into

society.

You can also see an example of how lives are being transformed in this short video www.cuf.org.uk/blog/st-andrews-community-network-liverpool. Without support from Church Urban Fund in this vital work, Jo and Craig would have seen their child taken into care and their situation would seem very hopeless. In the video you can see what a difference contributions like yours has made to their lives. Thank you for your support.

Kieran Kettleton



PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON
www.stmarywithstalban.org

WW1 Centenary
SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION
SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST
6.30PM
All are welcome

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StMARYwithStALBAN PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



Vicar's Viewpoint

It's a strange thing that there are no war memorials in our church. Quite simply, this is because St Alban's, (now The Landmark Arts Centre) was the parish church from 1889 to 1977. So that was where the memorials were placed, not the old St Mary's which was closed at the time of WW1 and not re-opened until 1930.

The WW1 memorial in St Alban's was inscribed into the altar that was reconstructed for this purpose. It had the names of 60 Teddington men who died. Sadly, the vandalism that happened after the closure of the church in 1977 badly damaged the altar, so that only the bottom row of 8 names is legible. But I'm pleased to say that Graham Watson, the Landmark archivist, has tracked down 48 of the names with further details for many of them, and is still trying to surmise the remaining 12.

I am keen that the lack of a memorial in the church doesn't mean that we shouldn't mark the Centenary of WW1. I shudder every time I hear the stories of what people went through, in the trenches, at sea and at home. We should surely remember and honour all those who lived and died during those momentous years.

This is why we're planning a Service of Commemoration on Sunday August 3rd at 6.30pm. I hope that lots of people from our community will be able to join us. I'm keen to include some of the famous poetry that was written by those who lived through it. My favourite is by Wilfred Owen (*see next column*).

Best wishes

Joe Moffatt

Anthem for Doomed Youth

*What passing-bells for these who die as cattle?
Only the monstrous anger of the guns.
Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle
Can patter out their hasty orisons.
No mockeries now for them; no prayers nor bells;
Nor any voice of mourning save the choirs, –
The shrill, demented choirs of wailing shells;
And bugles calling for them from sad shires.
What candles may be held to speed them all?
Not in the hands of boys but in their eyes
Shall shine the holy glimmers of goodbyes.
The pallor of girls' brows shall be their pall;
Their flowers the tenderness of patient minds,
And each slow dusk a drawing-down of blinds.*

Parish Ceilidh Evening

On the evening of 17th May, 70 people gathered in the parish hall for a fun and invigorating Ceilidh. After a welcome at the door from a professional bagpiper, it was straight down to dancing. The caller, Davinia, gave out the instructions, making sure we were put through our paces before the live band played the music. Then we tried to remember our steps. There were some familiar, and some more challenging dances which were tackled by dancers from the age of 7 to 70+.

During the brief interval from the dancing, there was time for a family quiz with a Scottish flavour, a game of "pound curling" to win a bottle of fine whiskey for the adults and chocolates for the children, and some welcome refreshments. The Ceilidh then resumed, finishing with everyone joining in with Auld Lang Syne.



Our thanks go to Anne McTear for organising such a thoroughly enjoyable evening, the caller, Davinia and the band, as well as to Anne's army of helpers behind the bar and in the kitchen.

Carol Morey

June Flower Festival

When we entered St Mary's for the Flower Festival, the most wonderful scent welcomed us. The Favourite Songs chosen varied considerably from "Swing low, sweet chariot" and "My love is like a red red rose" to "There is a green hill far away". The contributions



from the Brownies, the Rainbows (see photo) and Playwam were all imaginative. The standard of the flower arranging was incredible, and the exhibits included lovely roses, lilies, carnations and delphiniums to name a few, as well as some more exotic blooms. St Marys provided a perfect setting, not only for the flowers, but for the most enjoyable and happy concert on Sunday evening, incorporating all the chosen songs, hymns and choral music. Many thanks are due to Kathy Gold, and her helpers.

Tricia Rawson

Website Manager

Many of you will be regular visitors to our church website www.stmarywithstalban.org which contains a wealth of information about the church and our activities. We are hugely grateful to Anna Ganley who has managed the website as a volunteer for the last 3 years. Not only has she updated the site regularly with new information but Anna was instrumental on moving the whole site onto a content management system platform which took literally hundreds of hours of her time. We are truly appreciative of what Anna has achieved and what a tremendous resource our website is.

Anna is now moving away from the parish and we are looking for a new website manager. Thankfully much of the hard work has been done and we need someone who can take overall responsibility for the website and keep an eye on the content. Ideally the person should have experience of working with a CMS and preferably Drupal. If you are interested in helping out please contact Joe at vicar@stmarywithstalban.org. It is an important role as thousands of people regularly visit our website.

We would like to wish Anna, Rob and their family all the best for their move to the Midlands.

Joe Moffat

60-second interview with Peter Stevens, Churchwarden

What attracted you most about St. Mary with St. Alban Church?

Very friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

Who inspired you most to become a Christian?

My parents.

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

Genesis and St. Mark's Gospel.

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

It is better to try and not succeed, rather than not to try at all.

With whom would you most like to be locked in a church?

Mary Magdalene...if I would be allowed her?

Do you enjoy music?

Yes very much so, but it must be the right kind of music.

How do you like to spend your time?

Golf, tennis, walking; travel and exploration, theatre, Scottish Country Dancing, and meeting interesting people with whom one can have lively discussions.

What is your favourite book, film or play?

Dad's Army.

What is your best/worst childhood memory?

Worst was an encounter with a poltergeist: best was growing up exploring the beaches and countryside of post War Jersey.

How do you view the challenge of becoming Churchwarden?

A BIG challenge, but an opportunity to be of real help.

As told to Sue Stevens, Editor

Parish Registers

Baptisms – We welcome into Christ's Church:

18th May: Ruben Edward, son of Andrew & Emma Turner

25th May: Rose Emily, daughter of Russell & Katie Toon; Edward James Charles Marren, son of Nicholas & Philippa Harris

1st June: Hugo George, son of Eric & Nicola Anderson; Maximilian MacGregor, son of Andrew & Elizabeth Hardie; Hannah Emily,

Diary for July

SERVICES –	Sundays:	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 12 noon
	Wednesdays:	Holy Communion at 9.30am Church Mice Toddler Service, 10.30am
	Monday-Friday:	Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm
Wednesday 2 nd		First Wednesday Club, Mina Hogan Room, 1.00-2.30pm. Topic- <i>Can sport be a unifying force?</i>
Thursday 3 rd		Contemplative prayer in Church, 8.00 pm followed by Compline 8.30pm
Saturday 5 th		St. Mary & St. Peter School Fete from 12noon Collis Singers Concert, Church, 7.30pm
Sunday 6 th		Third Sunday after Trinity Choral Evensong, 6.30pm
Tuesday 8 th		Plain and Pearl Knitting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30pm,
Thursday 10 th		Parish Lunch at The Royal Oak, 12.30pm
Friday 11 th		Wedding 3.00pm
Saturday 12 th		Time to Talk, 10.30-12noon, St. Peter & St. Paul
Sunday 13 th		Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sea Sunday Parade Service, 10.00am Youth Group, Parish Hall, 6.30pm
Tuesday 15 th		PCC meeting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.45pm
Thursday 17 th		Service of Wholeness and Healing 8.00pm
Saturday 19 th		Memorial Service for Mike Shand, 11.00am
Sunday 20 th		Fifth Sunday after Trinity
Tuesday 22 nd		Plain and Pearl Flower Arranging, Main Hall, 7.30pm
Sunday 27 th		Sixth Sunday after Trinity
Looking ahead		
Sunday August 3 rd		World War I Commemoration Service 6.30pm