

## Finding St Francis



We are previewing a film called 'Finding Saint Francis' at St Mary with St Alban on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30 pm (in the church itself). Paul Alexander, the director, is a regular at our 8am Holy Communion service, who performed his one man show 'Francis' in the church hall two years ago.

The film is a full length feature depicting the life of Saint Francis in the modern setting of a Franciscan friary in Dorset. Adam Woods, another member of the church, appears in the film and is currently working on a documentary of the film, to be seen later this year. Comments so far: 'It made me laugh and cry'; 'It is an extraordinary story of an extraordinary man.' A thirty second trailer can be viewed on YouTube and the film can be followed at [www.littleportionfilms.com](http://www.littleportionfilms.com).

It is suitable for all ages. Free entrance but with a retiring collection to help with the promotion of the film.

Paul will be speaking about the film at the 10am service on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Alexander

## Parish Registers

**Baptisms** – *We welcome into Christ's Church:*  
26th April: Darcey Mae, daughter of James & Tamsin Ashmore; Holly Elizabeth, daughter of Stuart & Kate Schofield; Helena Eleftheria, daughter of Blair and Grigoria Gray  
3rd May: Elizabeth Amy, daughter of Stuart & Danielle Evans  
17th May: Charles William and Rebecca Mary, son and daughter of Graham & Caroline Ledger  
24th May: Sebastian David, son of Tom & Lucy Houghton

**Weddings** – *We wish every blessing on the marriages of:*  
23rd May: Katherine Julie Parkinson and Thomas William Wood  
23rd May: Chanel Kalisha Nelson and Darren Earl Osborne

**Funerals** – *We remember with thanksgiving the life of:*  
15<sup>th</sup> May: Peter Midgley, aged 77

  
**Teddington in Flower**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**  
**2-5pm**  
*Church Open*  
Tea & cake in the churchyard  
Handbells at 2pm & 3pm  


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### StMARYwithStALBAN PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



#### Vicar's Viewpoint

Thomas Traherne, buried in our vaults 340 years ago, speaks clearly to our own times. I was very grateful to discover a lovely quote of his recently:

*We do not ignore maturity. Maturity consists in not losing the past, while fully living in the present, with a prudent awareness of the possibilities of the future.*

Our present reality is an exciting one, which we must enjoy to the full. Faith and friendship have been fostered through a wide range of activities, including:

- ◆ *Pilgrim* courses, involving over 50 people in small discussion groups to reflect on the Bible and the foundational beliefs of the Christian faith.
- ◆ A *Growing Leaders* course, involving 12 people in a full year of training for leadership roles within the church.
- ◆ The 9am *Morning Worship* service, coming up to its 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary, now attracting a regular weekly attendance of 70 adults and 50 children.
- ◆ *Church Mice*, our Toddler mid-week service, now seeing around 40 children with parents/carers on a regular basis.
- ◆ A weekly Sunday evening *Youth Group*, as well as a Sunday morning group for young people called *The Upper Room*.

As I see it, a prudent awareness of the possibilities of the future would include:

- ◆ Expanding our ministry team, by welcoming Gabby Thomas, our **new curate** who will be ordained in July. As we offer her the training

she needs, so she will bring new gifts and ideas, not least her considerable theological expertise. Her husband Matt who will also be a great blessing to us.

- ◆ Offering a **rolling programme of Pilgrim courses**, so that all in our congregations can be encouraged to attend and spend time with others in bible-study and prayerful discussion.
  - ◆ Enhancing our **youth ministry**, building on the excellent work Emily D'Silva has done, and growing a good volunteer team.
  - ◆ Building on recent shared services and courses with our neighbouring parishes and **collaborating across the five Teddington Anglican churches** (St John's – St Mark's – SMwSA – Ss Peter & Paul – St Michael's).
  - ◆ Pioneering a **community drama project** in partnership with other churches and local organisations, inspired by the recent Passion Play in Richmond.
  - ◆ Extending the **pastoral outreach** of our Parish Visiting Team to offer more provision for the elderly, the isolated and those living with dementia/mental illness.
- Most significantly, the next five years must, I believe, see us **build an extension** to our Grade 2\* listed church. This is a challenging and ambitious undertaking which will stretch our resources in every conceivable way. What is envisaged is an extension that augments our beautiful church with all the facilities that are required to foster faith and friendship. If we get this right, the extension will not only embody our vision, it will also expand it, opening up further possibilities for engaging with our wider community.

We pray for maturity!

Joe Moffatt

## St Mary's and St Peter's CE Primary School Admissions Policy 2016/17

The Governors of SMSP have recently decided to change the admissions policy for new entrants to the school from September 2016. It is an important part of our mission as a church school to serve the local community, and that is a key principle in governors' decision making. In recent years we have allocated just over half the available places to siblings, with the remaining allocation prioritising church places over distance. Over time the number of church-allocated places has grown, and so the number of distance places reduced. The governors felt this situation needed to be addressed and the revised policy seeks to ensure a fairer balance.

This summary is not intended to replace the published criteria, but I hope it will help the church community understand the implications for admission. Anyone seeking a place for their child needs to refer to the full policy.

Key changes include:

◆ **Foundation and Open Places.** Once the special circumstances and sibling categories have been allocated, remaining places will be divided between **Foundation Places** (church places) and **Open Places** (solely measured by distance). Up to 60% will be Foundation Places and the remainder will be Open Places. If Foundation places are oversubscribed, geographical proximity will be used to give preference.

◆ **Church attendance.** The governors have increased the requirement for parents/carers to attend church for two years prior to application from once to twice a month. Clergy will, as previously, be asked to certify that applications for a Foundation Place meet this criteria.

◆ **St Michael and St George Church.** The recently reopened St Michael and St George is part of the sponsoring parish of St Peter and St Paul, so attendance there also counts towards the application for a Foundation Place.

Governors review admissions policy annually and will be monitoring the impact of the new

policy, and will revise it accordingly. If anyone has queries about the policy, please contact the school. The full policy is on the school website: [www.smsp.richmond.sch.uk](http://www.smsp.richmond.sch.uk).

*John Logan, Headteacher*

## Bishop Paul's Retirement



On April 23rd members of the Growing Leaders course, with others from the Parish, said goodbye to Bishop Paul. Reflecting on his personal experiences of church leadership, he believed four main ingredients were necessary: trust, vision, value, and joy. We were sorry to see him go, but wish him and his family all the best on their journey in the See of Southwell and Nottingham.

*Emily D'Silva*

## **Teddington Village Fair & Pram Race**

*Organised by*

The Landmark Arts Centre, St. Mary's Parish Church & The Teddington Society

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 12pm to 5pm  
Udney Hall Gardens, Langham Road**

The Pram Race involves teams in costumes pushing decorated prams through the town raising money for charity and to win prizes.

Details at [www.teddpramrace.org.uk](http://www.teddpramrace.org.uk)

Entertainment at the Village Fair will include *The Wonderful World of Mr E*, juggling or plate spinning at Juggling Jake's Circus Workshop, as well as live bands, food & drink and many other stalls.

## Traidcraft Campaign

Traidcraft's latest Jewellery and Banknote Recycling Collection has raised £21,000 since it began in 2012, towards helping people in East Africa and Asia work their way out of poverty. Any old or unwanted gold, silver, costume jewellery, watches, old/new foreign/UK banknotes, even broken or damaged items, snapped chains and single earrings are gratefully received. There are Freepost

envelopes at the back of the church, or ask Susan Jacobs. If you wish to make up your own parcel, the address is: Traidcraft, FREEPOST – Licence RSXA-GJBY-ARRZ, Tamworth B77 4RP. It is surprising what there is lurking in the bottom of one's drawers, and how 10 minutes sorting can transform useless oddments into someone else's secure future. For further information please visit [www.recyclingforgoodcauses.org](http://www.recyclingforgoodcauses.org).

*Susan Jacobs (8943 0503)*

## Diary for June

<b>SERVICES – Sundays:</b>	<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>
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	<i>Holy Communion at 9.30am Church Mice Toddler Service, 10.30am (weekly during term)</i>
<b>Monday-Friday:</b>	<i>Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm</i>
Wednesday 3rd	First Wednesday club, Topic: Inter-church and Interfaith – why and how?, Mina Hogan Room, 1pm
Thursday 4th	Wedding at 11.30am Traherne Study Group, Mina Hogan Room, 2pm Contemplative prayer, 8pm, followed by Compline, 8.30pm
Sunday 7th	1st after Trinity Film Preview: <i>Finding St Francis</i> , Church, 6.30pm
Tuesday 9th	Plain & Pearl Knit, Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Thursday 11th	Parish Lunch, The Anglers, 12.30pm Traherne Study Group, Mina Hogan Room, 2pm
Sunday 14th	2nd after Trinity Teddington in Flower, Church open 2-5pm, including cake and teas; handbells at 2pm & 3pm
Thursday 18th	Traherne Study Group, Mina Hogan Room, 2pm PCC meeting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.45pm
Sunday 21st	<b>St Alban Patronal Festival</b> Concordia Voices Concert, Church, 5-7.30pm
Tuesday 23rd	World War 1 Memorial Service, Teddington Cemetery, 11am-12noon Plain & Pearl Craft, Parish Hall, 7.30-9.30pm (£5, booking required via <a href="mailto:josieshantonas@stmarywithstalban.org">josieshantonas@stmarywithstalban.org</a> )
Thursday 25th	Traherne Study Group, Mina Hogan Room, 2-3.30pm
Sunday 28th	4th after Trinity Teddington Village Fair, Udney Hall Gardens, Langham Road, 12-5pm
Tuesday 30th	Baptism Preparation Evening, Parish Hall, 8-9.30pm
<b><u>Looking ahead</u></b>	
Saturday July 4th	Ordination of Gabby Thomas, St Paul's Cathedral, 3pm
Sunday July 5th	Welcome drinks for Gabby Thomas, Churchyard, 11.30am