

Curate's Comment

As our response to Archbishop Justin Welby's call to prayer in the week leading up to Pentecost, SMwSA, SPSP and SMSP CofE school got together to organise "Inspire: Three Days of Prayer." It consisted of prayer stations around SMwSA, one of which is entitled "Living Icons." This station was a video of people praying their favourite prayers; some new prayers and others which have been inspiring Christians for centuries. It proved to be so popular that we have uploaded the video to the SMwSA website. We hope that you will be inspired to pray when you listen to them.

Gabby Thomas


Teddington in Flower

This year something a little different!

Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday with Front Garden Displays

2 competition categories; Adult (18+) and children. Prizes will be awarded for the best in each category. Gardens will be judged from 6th to 11th June. Awards to be presented on the 12th June at the Queen's Tea Party

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Parish Registers

Baptisms – *We welcome into Christ's Church:*
24th April: Luke Matthew Cornelis, son of Matthew & Claire Crane; Thomas Alexander, son of Paul & Emma Scullion
1st May: Luca William Robert, son of Lee & Nicola Clatworthy; Cruz Michael Moore, son of Michael Moore & Chloe Hall
15th May: Alexander George Samuel, son of Christopher & Alison Gent

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

18th April: Alan Herdman, aged 80
19th April: Irene Ward, aged 92
26th April: Robert Ide, aged 68

Job Advert: Director of Music

We are looking to appoint a part-time Director of Music. The church's vision is to be an open and welcoming church, engaging with the wider community, fostering faith and friendship, and bringing people of all ages together for the glory of God.

The Director of Music will have responsibility for preparing music for worship and generally developing the musical life of the church, including directing the choir and other music groups.

Salary and fees as normal for parish churches. **Applications must be submitted by 10th June. Interviews/auditions will be held on 1st July.** If you are interested in this role please contact our Parish Administrator, Suzanne Parker.

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PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

Vicar's Viewpoint

It promises to be quite a month. Firstly, we have a weekend of celebration for the Queen's 90th birthday over 11th-12th June. I would like to give thanks in particular for the way the Queen articulated her Christian faith. In one of her Christmas messages the Queen wrote this:

I hope that, like me, you will be comforted by the example of Jesus of Nazareth who, often in circumstances of great adversity, managed to live an outgoing, unselfish and sacrificial life. He makes it clear that genuine human happiness and satisfaction lie more in giving than receiving; more in serving than in being served. We can surely be grateful that so many of us are able to draw inspiration from his life and message, and to find in him a source of strength and courage.

Amen to that. Secondly, we have a 'home' parish pilgrimage on the 18th June which is open to anyone who likes a good riverside walk. Full details provided overleaf.

Thirdly, there is the EU Referendum on the 23rd June. I don't think there is one obvious Christian perspective on which way to vote. Both sides make various claims about social justice. But I have been disappointed that most of the debate has been cast in terms of



StMARYwithStALBAN

Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday

at St Mary with St Alban Teddington

FLORAL DISPLAYS IN CHURCH
June 11th - 12th 2-6pm
Created by local children's groups

CHURCHYARD TEAS AND HANDBELLS
June 12th 2-6pm
served by Teddington 2nd A Guides celebrating 90th anniversary

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
June 12th 6.30pm
with choir and orchestra performing Vivaldi Gloria
www.stmarywithstalban.org



'what's in it for us'. I'd like to hear more about 'what can we do for others'. Let's take a lead from our monarch and ask ourselves how we, as a very affluent nation, can serve the greater good for all of Europe and the wider world.

Best wishes

Joe Moffatt

Welcoming our new Associate Priest



The Reverend Azariah France-Williams has been appointed Associate Priest to the Parishes of Ss Peter & Paul and St Mary with Alban. He will live in the Vicarage at Ss Peter & Paul and primarily minister from that church, but will work with Joe and the clergy team at St Mary's in developing mission and ministry across both parishes. He will be licensed at a special service at Ss Peter & Paul on Wednesday 20th July at 7.30pm. Here he introduces himself and his family:

I believe in the liberative power of the gospel to restore that which is lost. For the past six years I have served as Curate then Priest in Charge at St Francis on the Dalgarno housing estates, North Kensington. This showed me how the incredible abundance within a community can be suppressed by society. My message to the Dalgarno community was to access their own God-given agency to affect change for the collective good.

I grew up in a tough urban setting in Leeds, West Yorkshire and have been in ministry my whole working life, in a variety of contexts. The resilience and faith I witnessed in my mother enabled me to achieve three theological degrees. It has also supported my journey as a part-time lecturer and developed my hobby of creating podcasts which are fuelled by my love of storytelling and writing.

I have Citizenship of both the UK and the Island Federation of St Kitts and Nevis. One of the common images of Caribbean culture is the limbo bar where the competitor gets progressively lower and lower by leaning backwards under a bar without falling.

The limbo bar was instituted after the abolition of slavery so the symbolism is rich and the message is powerful: whatever challenges threaten to lower our moods, our motivation or sense of meaning, we will not fall but will stand back up. This theme of resilience under pressure, powered by faith has been a core theme of my parents' lives. It is a message I seek to embody to those I minister to in a variety of contexts.

This September my wife, Anna, and I celebrate our tenth wedding anniversary. Over that time we have welcomed three children into the world. Eliana (6) a deep thinker and energetic sportsperson, Micah (4) a playful, social, lover of diggers and motorbikes, and Rafael (1) a foodie who is both affectionate and a lover of soft materials.

Rev Azariah France-Williams

Lent Appeal Update

Thank you for the wonderful response to this year's Lent Appeal. We raised £8,436.50 (inc. Gift Aid).

This year the Bishop for London asked the Lent Appeal to support persecuted Christians in Iraq and Syria, via two different charities.

Open Doors is providing emergency food supplies and hygiene kits to almost 10,000 families every month in Syria. Whilst in Iraq, Aid to the Church in Need is focusing on the urgent need for housing, medicine and education which will enable the Church to maintain its Christian presence.

Joe Moffat

Parish Pilgrimage 'At Home'

The Parish Pilgrimage will be 'At Home' this year with some of our friends from Winterborne Stickland joining us. The Pilgrimage Walk will take place on Saturday 18th June. Our plan is to start from St Mary with St Alban Church at 10.00a.m. with a short service. We then head off over the river by Teddington Lock and walk all the way down the towpath to All Saint's Church, Kingston where we will have a second short service. Please bring a

packed lunch. We then come back over Kingston Bridge and walk the whole length of the towpath to Hampton Court for a third service in the Royal Chapel. Finally in the afternoon we will walk across Bushy Path to end up at the lovely Water Feature close to the National Physical Laboratory, where Robin and Mary Field-Smith will have a sumptuous tea waiting for us. (To be booked for in advance.) The total distance is expected to be around 7 miles. The following day, after the Sunday Patronal Festival Service, we are

planning a lunch (£6 adult/£3 children) in the Parish Hall before we say goodbye to our visitors. Sign-up sheets for both days are in church. Bookings to be made via the Parish Office.

A few from the congregation have kindly offered a spare room to help accommodate our visitors. If there is anyone else who is able to help host please contact Peter Stevens at peter.stevens@dsl.pipex.com or call the Parish Office.

Peter Stevens

Diary for June

<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, 6.30pm (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)</i>
<i>Wednesdays:</i>	<i>Holy Communion and Morning Prayer at 9.30am Church Mice Toddlers Service, 10.30am</i>
<i>Monday-Friday:</i>	<i>Evening Prayer at 5pm</i>
Wednesday 1 st	First Wednesday Club, Topic: <i>How Important is it to know one's genetic father?</i> , Mina Hogan Room, 12.45-2.15pm
Thursday 2 nd	Contemplative Prayer in Church, 8pm, followed by Compline 8.30pm
Sunday 5th	2nd After Trinity Parish Communion with Baptism, 10.00am
Tuesday 7 th	PCC Meeting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.45pm
Wednesday 8 th	Youth Confirmation Course, Parish Office, 5.30-7.00pm (also 15th, 22nd & 29th)
Thursday 9 th	Parish Lunch, The Anglers, 12.30-2pm
Friday 10 th	Holy Communion Service, Fullerton Court, 11.30am
Saturday 11th	Flower Displays Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday, 2.00-6.00pm
Sunday 12th	3rd After Trinity Churchyard Teas for the Queen's 90th Birthday, 2.00-6.00pm Handbell Concert in Church, 2.00pm Service of Thanksgiving in celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday, 6.30pm
Tuesday 14 th	Plain & Pearl Knit, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.00pm Adult Confirmation Service, Parish Office, 8.00-9.30pm (also 21st & 28th)
Saturday 18th	Stay-at-Home Parish Pilgrimage, 10.00am-4.00pm (ALL WELCOME, contact the parish office for further info)
Sunday 19th	Patronal Festival Parish Pilgrimage Lunch, Parish Hall, 12.30pm
Sunday 26th	5th After Trinity Parish Communion with Baptism Teddington Village Fair, 12.00-5.00pm Ordination of Priests (inc. Rev Gabby Thomas), St Mary Abbots, Kingston, 3.00pm
<u>Looking ahead</u>	
Sunday 3rd July	Gabby's First Eucharist in church, 10.00am followed by Parish Lunch 12.30pm