

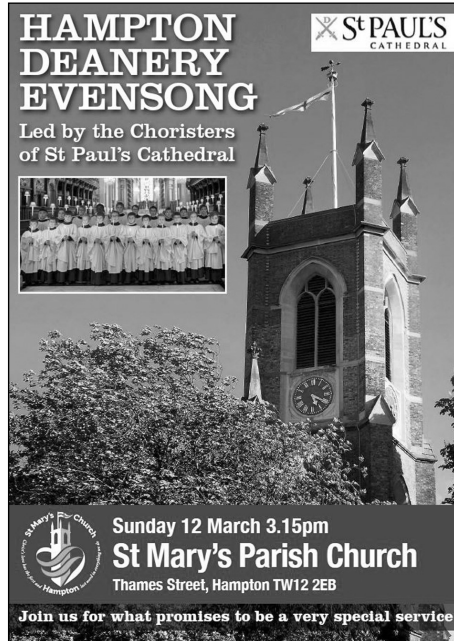
Cameron, son of Oliver and Fiona Wyatt
February 12th: Anya May, daughter of Joe and Dawn Stevens: Alexander Simon, son of Kostadin and Dominique Kolimechkov

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

February 2nd: Violet Slee, aged 80

February 3rd: John Tridgell, aged 43

February 17th: Tania Foley, aged 39



HAMPTON DEANERY EVENSONG
Led by the Choristers of St Paul's Cathedral

St PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

St Mary's Parish Church
Thames Street, Hampton TW12 2EB

Sunday 12 March 3.15pm
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Thames Street, Hampton TW12 2EB

Join us for what promises to be a very special service

Craft Materials Swap with Plain & Pearl

Spring clean your cupboards and bring along all those bolts of material, balls of wool and ribbons that you have never got around to using. Embroidery frames, upholstery tools, unwanted beads, patterns & books are all welcome. **Goods must be clean and fresh smelling.** Please bag up individual items in clear bags so they are easy to see. Then decide what to take home with you!

Please come along to the Parish Hall, Langham Road on Saturday 25 March between 2.30-4.30pm. The £1.00 entrance fee includes a free cup of tea. Refreshments will be available, and there will also be craft demonstrations & taster sessions during the afternoon. So come along, have afternoon tea and browse with like-minded people. At 4.30pm you can take any unswapped items back, or we will give them to charity. Everyone welcome, donation to charity can be made in lieu of swap items. Tickets on the door, but please register at www.craftsupplieswap.eventbrite.co.uk

Plain & Pearl is a voluntary social knitting and craft group. For more information contact josie.shantonas@stmarywithstalban.org

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2017

Vicar's Viewpoint

In January I visited Auschwitz, the Nazi death-camp in Poland. Never before have I been to a place which has seen so much horror. There is something particularly disturbing about how the killing was so clinical, efficient and industrial: a death factory that exterminated 1.1m people in the space of a few years. Most people went directly from the trains to the gas chambers, but those who were kept as prisoners suffered a much slower death, by starvation and hard labour.

In Auschwitz, human beings became numbers with no individuality. They became a work-force to be exploited, material for the pleasure of the SS, sources of raw materials even after death: hair, gold teeth, even their ashes were utilised further. Yet what they did retain was the individuality of their face, with all that a face expresses of a person's history, personality and emotion. It seems to me that the Nazis constructed a system whereby they rarely had need to look into a prisoner's face. Their dirty work was mainly done by *kapos*, prisoners given junior positions of authority due to their willingness to be brutal to fellow-prisoners. This removed the chances of the guards being confronted by the essential humanity of the person they were persecuting. Is this a reason why ordinary people were able to maintain such evil: avoid face-to-face encounter and it's much easier to deny the dignity and full humanity of the victim?

It's easy to assume that something like the Holocaust can never happen again. But there have been other terrible genocides since. We live in worrying times when there is rhetoric about erecting walls, deporting foreigners, banning refugees and denouncing those of other faiths. In such a climate, it seems imperative that we seek face-to-face encounters with those who are different from us, and that we learn to see in their faces the wonder and mystery of other human beings, all of whom are beloved children of God.

Best wishes,

Joe Moffatt



StMARYwithStALBAN PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

ALMA Lent Appeal

Lent Appeal 2017

Sowing Seeds for Tomorrow in Angola and Mozambique

Lent Appeal Lunch
Sunday 5 March
St Mary's Parish Hall
12 noon

No cost for lunch:
Donations please

ALMA, which means "soul" in Portuguese, helps develop friendships between Anglican churches and communities in Angola, London and Mozambique. It supports children, schools, training, link officers, community work (HIV/AIDS and malaria) and church development. In London it facilitates parish representatives, parish twinning. We, at SMWSA, are twinned with St Maria Madalena at Pemba/Chiure, which has a prayer house in Chiure, Chimoio and Naharunga. There are also 3 twin schools. This is a particularly poor area, constantly struggling with severe droughts, leading to crop failure and not enough food for people, or cattle.

ALMA facilitates skills-sharing in management, water, sewing, computers and training, and has led a campaign for debt reduction, trade justice and improved health care. This year the Bishop of London has chosen ALMA as his Lent Appeal 'Sowing Seeds for Tomorrow in Angola and Mozambique'.

Please come and join us for lunch to learn more about the projects, and to raise much needed funds to help in our link area; to build a church training hub with accommodation for the huge Lurio region, to be used for training locally ordained priests, lay readers, Mother's Union and fieldworkers.

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Lunch is at 12.00 noon, but all are welcome in the Parish Hall for a coffee first (following the 10.00am service) *Susie Gordon*

Iona

Iona, the site of St Columba's monastery, and place where the Book of Kells is believed to have been illustrated has been a site of pilgrimage for centuries. The island is described as a "thin place where only tissue paper separates the material from the spiritual". I like to think the barrier has been worn down by the prayers of all those pilgrims over the years!



Today, the Abbey's spiritual life is cared for by the Iona Community, an ecumenical Christian community of people all over the world committed to working and praying for justice and peace, building community, and renewing worship. This year I am working there as part of the Community. The island, and the views over the Isle of Mull, are astonishingly beautiful; I don't think I'll ever get used to it! It is also an incredible privilege to be a part of a worshipping community that is so diverse, yet puts aside differences and celebrates together. On Sunday 5th March I am returning to SMWSA to lead a service at 5.00pm using liturgy and music from the Community. Join me in bringing a little bit of Iona to Teddington.

Emily D'Silva

Help Required

Do you have an interest in textiles, carvings, glass or silver? You could help us make a record of all that is in St. Mary with St. Alban.

Contact Robin Field- Smith
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for further information.

The Bishop of London's Farewell.

On February 2nd we assembled outside St Paul's Cathedral for the 6.00 o'clock Sung Eucharist and Farewell Service for Richard Chartres, the Bishop of London. We were lucky to get good seats, with a fine view of the full cathedral. I have never seen such a long line of clergy and other dignitaries, including our smiling Joe and Mary, who processed in at a galloping pace. The Bishop gave his farewell sermon in his usual thundering tones, at the end of which the congregation broke into spontaneous applause. The organ played loudly and we all sang lustily to create a wonderful atmosphere, and a great sense of occasion for a man who will be much missed. The two hour service was long, but it was time very well spent and it was indeed a privilege to have been present.

Peter Stevens

Lent Courses: Life on the Frontline

Our Lent Courses this year follow the series *Life on the Frontline*, designed by the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity. The aim is to develop our Christian witness wherever we spend most of our time. We are running them in conjunction with Ambassadors, which I wrote about in January's newsletter: see www.ambassadors2020.org. Each course runs for 6 weeks. For more details, see www.licc.org.uk/resources/life-on-the-frontline. We are running three courses in order to make these as accessible as possible. Do come along and join in!

Location: Mina Hogan Room, St Mary's Parish Hall. Dates: Wednesdays 1st March – 5th April: 10.30am-noon

Led by: Sarah Williams, Joe Moffatt and Gabby Thomas

Contact: gareth_sarah@btinternet.com or curate@stmarywithstalban.org

Location: Home. Time: 8-9.30pm. Dates: Tuesday 28th Feb, then Wednesdays – 5th April: 8.00-9.30pm

Led by: Carla Maroussas and Adam Woods

Contact: carla.maroussas@gmail.com

Location: St Peter and St Paul

Dates: Thursdays 2nd March–6th April: 8.00-9.30pm

Led by: Revd Azariah France-Williams and Caroline Halmshaw

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Gabby Thomas

Parish Registers

Baptisms – *We welcome into Christ's Church:*

January 29th: Seren Grace and Jemima Rose, daughters of Lee and Amy Hughes

February 5th: Felix Samuel Ian, son of Andrew and Elizabeth Hardie: Henry Charles

Diary for March

SERVICES – **Sundays:** 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

Tuesdays: Morning Prayer at 9.00am

Wednesdays: Morning Prayer at 9.00am: Holy Communion at 9.30am
Church Mice Toddlers Service, 10.30am

Thursdays: Morning Prayer at 9.00am, St. Peter & St. Paul

Tuesday-Friday: Evening Prayer at 5pm

Wednesday 1st

Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion with Ashing, 9.30am
Lent Course, Mina Hogan, 10.30am-noon, also 8th, 15th, 22th, 29th
Sung Eucharist with Ashing, 7.30pm

Thursday 2nd

Holy Communion, Fullerton Court, 11.30am

Friday 3rd

Women's World Day of Prayer, Sacred Heart Church, 8.00pm

Sunday 5th

1st of Lent

ALMA Lent Appeal Lunch, Parish Hall, 12noon-3.00pm
Iona Service, led by Emily D'Silva, 5.00pm
Youth Meeting, St. Peter and St. Paul, 6.30-8.00pm

Tuesday 7th

Baptism Preparation, Parish Hall, 8.00pm

Thursday 9th

Parish Lunch, The Anglers, 12.30pm

Saturday 11th

Admission to Communion, 2nd session, Church, 9.30-11.00am

Sunday 12th

2nd of Lent

Hampton Deanery Evensong, St Mary's Hampton, 3.15pm

Tuesday 14th

Plain and Pearl Knitting, Mina Hogan, 7.30pm

Thursday 16th

Welcare Lent Lunch, 57 St. Winifred's Road, 12.30-2.30pm

Sunday 19th

Service of Wholeness and Healing, Church, 8.00pm

Sunday 19th

3rd of Lent

Youth Meeting, St. Peter and St. Paul, 6.30-8.00pm

Tuesday 21st

Marriage Preparation, Parish Hall, 8.00-9.30pm

Saturday 25th

Admission to Communion, 3rd session, Church, 9.30-11.00am
Daffodil Dads, Mina Hogan, 2.00pm

Sunday 26th

Mothering Sunday

Family Parade Service, 10.00am

Tuesday 28th

Plain & Pearl Craft, Mina Hogan, 7.30pm

Thursday 30th

PCC meeting, Mina Hogan, 7.45pm

Looking ahead to April

Sunday 9th

Joint Service, 10.00am, with donkey led Palm Procession, from St. Peter & St. Paul

Sunday 9-16th

Holy Week Services with daily talks by Bishop Martin Wharton

Sunday 16th

Easter Sunday Dawn Eucharist, 6.30am, followed by Parish Breakfast

Tuesday 25th

Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30pm