



Augustine of Canterbury in Whitton being confirmed, the church was full, generating a joyous and truly uplifting atmosphere.

The beautiful ceremony was a wonderful and fitting climax to the dedicated Confirmation course led by Joe and Emily. Challenging, thought-provoking and educational in turns, it made us all ask questions about ourselves generally and our relationship with God in particular, in a very supportive, inviting and understanding atmosphere.

I know that so much work went into this journey by many people at St Mary with St Alban and I'm sure that I echo the thoughts of all those that were confirmed that it was a wonderful and memorable experience for which we will be forever grateful.

Julien Cozens

Pilgrim Courses in Teddington

Pilgrim is a major new teaching and discipleship resource from the Church of England. It aims to help every local church create a place where people can explore the

Christian faith together and see how it can be lived out each day. Pilgrim approaches the great issues of faith not through persuasion, but participation in a pattern of contemplation and discussion with a group of fellow travellers.

The Commandments – Tuesdays

3rd Nov – 8th Dec 2015, 10.30-12noon
Led by Sarah Williams and Jo O'Hagan, hosted at home.

Contact: jo.ohagan@yahoo.co.uk or
gareth_sarah@btinternet.com

The Beatitudes – Wednesdays

4th Nov – 9th Dec 2015, 8-9.30pm
Led by Carla Maroussas and Adam Woods, hosted at home.

Contact: carla.maroussas@gmail.com or
adamswoods@gmail.com.

The Commandments – Mondays

11th Jan – 15 Feb 2016, 10.30-12noon
Led by Christabel and Colin Davies, hosted at home.

Contact: colinchris@blueyonder.co.uk.

Turning To Christ – Thursdays

14th Jan – 18th Feb 2016, 8-9.30pm
Led by Gabby and Matt Thomas, hosted at St Peter & St Paul Church.

Contact: curate@stmarywithstalban.org.

If you are interested in any of the courses, please contact the course organiser by email above. For any questions and further details please contact the Parish Office at parishhall@stmarywithstalban.org or Carla Maroussas at carla.maroussas@gmail.com.

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NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2015



Rugby World Cup Parish Fete – 27th September

Opened by former England and Harlequin player, Tony Diprose and the Bishop of Kensington, Graham Tomlin, the Rugby World Cup Parish Fete really brought home rugby to all in Teddington.

Fuelled by burger or hot dog, delicious homemade bakes, tea, coffee or wine and beer (the grown ups!), there was something for everyone of all ages, from bouncing on inflatables; to perfecting your rugby passes or playing tag; knocking the rugby ball off the coconut shy; hooking ducks; hulaing hoops; pony riding; face-painting; flag and cup making and much more! An amazing day, made all the more special because it was completely free, a gift from the church, including a free raffle to win a RWC ball signed by England players: Anthony Watson, Geoff Parling and Sam Burgess.



It really was an absolutely fabulous day; a day to celebrate Teddington, as well as rugby, and to highlight the wonderful community spirit we have here. The feedback says it all:
'Well done on an amazing achieve-



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ment. Just great! – Mary Field-Smith
'Many people were bowled over by it, so well done, thank you' – Anna Harrison

'From the moment the Bishop caught the high-ball kicked by the England international Tony Diprose I knew this was going to be wonderful occasion. And so it proved with hundreds of people coming along to enjoy the many fun activities laid on. The day created a wonderful community spirit and an uplifting dynamic of goodwill, generosity and gratitude' – Rev Joe Moffatt

Huge thanks must go to the brilliant organisers; Georgia Doran and Hannah O'Neill, to Ian Glover and everyone who helped to ensure we all had a fantastic, sporty, rugby-themed afternoon together.

Harvest Barn Dance, 3rd October

Lots and lots of people came to the Harvest Barn Dance because dancing is so much fun. There was lots of different food to eat too, because everyone shared what they had brought with everyone else.

It was jolly and fun, and on one of the dances I got swung around and around. My brother Archie did too, even though he was nearly as big as the lady he was dancing with, and she had to hold him very tightly. Mary did a good job of teaching us the dances and I would definitely like to go to a barn dance again. The best bit was staying to watch the England rugby match and shout when we wanted to. All the children got to stay up late and play in the garden, even though we didn't win!

Christopher Ayrn McTear (6)

Christmas Bazaar

28th November, 11am-2.30pm

It's not too late to volunteer to help!

If you are able to lend a hand on the day, please contact Tora Sykes at torakate@hotmail.com or Lisa Bailey at thomaslisamary@googlemail.com

Donations of jams, chutneys, baked goods, children's clothes or toys, books, DVDs and bric-a-brac are still needed and can be left in church or at the parish office between 9-3pm

Thank You

PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON
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All Souls' Service
with the choir singing *Requiem Mass* by Bob Chilcott
SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
6.30PM

The names of loved ones departed will be read out during this service. If you would like to add a name, please use the sheet at the back of church or contact the Parish Administrator.

All are welcome

SMWSA Youth



St Mary with St Alban Youth (ages 11-16) kicked off to a great start with 16 young people in the parish hall, eating pizza and educating the curate about current music trends! Before Christmas we'll be engaging with local script writers and attempting our own bake-off, amongst other activities. If you are interested in coming along or supporting our work with young people, do contact the curate.

Gabby Thomas

Children's Ministry at St Mary's with St Alban's



My own journey as a Christian began as a child in a small rural village in Sussex. Early memories of church life begin with éclairs being thrown to children who had correct answers on bible quizzes at a Baptist 'Tuesday' club, together with

evenings on the beach at Climping cooking sausages! Little did I know that these early experiences would provide the seeds of what my new role as Children's Champion means, which is a strong sense of wanting to engage with children and to be guided by their ideas of how to make church relevant to them.

With this in mind, the Children's Team have started this term with four ideas: a survey for parents and carers; a new cosy corner in church with books, games and drawing materials; elections for a new YOUTH COUNCIL (please see posters in church) and a new group at the 10 o'clock service for 7 to 10 year-olds that started in October.

On a practical note, please bring in any Christian big-pieced jigsaw puzzles (eg., Noah's Ark) or bibles for the cosy corner. If you have a child aged 6 to 16, encourage them to go for the Youth Council and do spread the word about the new group for 7 to 10 year-olds. Any adult helpers always welcome. We have an emerging team but do need more helpers.

Anna Harrison

Planned Giving

We launched our Planned Giving Appeal on Sunday 18th October, and already the response has been fantastic. Planned Giving is our largest income source, and it underpins much of the good work that St Mary with St Alban is able to do, on a day-to-day basis. The purpose of the appeal is to ask everyone who is a member of our congregation to consider giving on a regular basis.

A Leaflet giving more details of the appeal and a response form are available at the back of the Church. They are also available on our website. We are grateful to everyone for their consideration of this appeal and continued support. There will be regular updates in church on the appeal and on progress towards our targets.

David England

Parish Registers

Baptisms – We welcome into Christ's Church.
11th October: Lily Grace, daughter of Thomas & Chloe Hopwood

18th October: Jemima Rachel, daughter of Anthony & Nadia Day

Funeral – We remember with thanksgiving the life of:

12th October: Robert Hunt (83)

Confirmation

Sunday 20th September saw the culmination of an enlightening, informative and emotional

journey for twenty people as we were confirmed by The Right Reverend Martin Wharton, the former Bishop of Newcastle.

For me, along with a number of other adults, it was not just a day of Confirmation but of Baptism as well, in front of a congregation of family, friends and loved ones. With twelve adults and eight young people from St Mary with St Alban, St Peter and St Paul and St

Diary for November

SERVICES – Sundays: Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am
Morning Worship (30 minutes) at 9.00am
Parish Communion at 10.00am
Holy Baptism (most Sundays) at 12noon
Youth, Parish Hall, 6.30-8.00pm (NB: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the month)

Wednesdays: Holy Communion at 9.30am
Church Mice Toddler Service, 10.30am (weekly during term)

Monday-Friday: Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm

Sunday 1st

All Saints Day

Baptism Preparation Evening, Church Hall, 8.00-10.00pm

Tuesday 3rd

First Wednesday Club, Topic: *The work of the Children's Society*, Speaker – Jonathan Mann, Mina Hogan Room, 12.45-2.15pm

Wednesday 4th

Thursday 5th

Sunday 8th

Remembrance Sunday

NB: Service of Remembrance replaces Parish Communion Service
Procession from Royal British Legion, 10.00am
Cenotaph (Memorial Hospital), 10.50am
All Souls' Service in Church, 6.30pm

Tuesday 10th

Thursday 12th

Friday 13th

Sunday 15th

Tuesday 17th

Thursday 19th

Saturday 21st

2nd before Advent

Christmas Cake Icing, Church Hall, 7.30-10.00pm
Service of Wholeness and Healing in Church, 8.00-9.00pm
Vicar's Tour of the Church for Young Children (all welcome) 10.00-11.00am
Centenary Thanksgiving Service for 1st Teddington Scouts in Church, 2.00-3.00pm, followed by tea & coffee in the Parish Hall

Sunday 22nd

Tuesday 24th

Thursday 26th

Saturday 28th

Sunday 29th

Christ the King

Plain & Pearl Knit, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm

Teddington Lights Up

Christmas Church Bazaar, Parish Hall, 11.00-2.30pm

Advent Sunday

Advent Carol Service in Church, 6.30pm

Looking ahead

Saturday 5th Dec

St Mary with St Peter's School Christmas Fair, SMSP School, Somerset Road, 12.00-3.00pm

MUSIC REVIEW

Help shape the future of the music we sing and play in our services - please feedback via the whiteboard in church or via Facebook and Twitter