

his hands to the plough, or rather the handlebars, lost weight and got very fit. 41 riders and support staff left Blackheath Common very early to avoid the dawn traffic. They sped through the Kent countryside, over the Downs to Dover, onto the ferry and the first night stop.

Day 2 took them through beautiful countryside to Arras, passing small cemeteries, a poignant reminder of the devastation of WW1. A detour to the huge Thiepval Memorial was particularly moving. There Ben found the grave of a Welsh Guardsman B. Davies, aged 23, killed in November 1918, and buried alongside Christians, Jews and Hindus.

Day 3 saw 80 miles in the saddle, legs aching and feeling very saddle sore. Ben did a spectacular commando roll over his handlebars, cracking two ribs, but he would not give up. Day 4 was just 60 miles to the Centre of Paris, and was achieved despite two punctures and cobbles. He has already signed up for Ride London 2017!

*Christabel Davies*

## Parish Registers

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

31<sup>st</sup> July: Connie Ethel, daughter of Lee & Hannah Harding

7<sup>th</sup> August: Maxwell Alexander Kane, son of Gary & Samantha Hanley; Taya Wendy Sylvie, daughter of Richard & Zara Simmonds

14<sup>th</sup> August: Pandora Fleur, daughter of Scott & Caroline Helyer

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

29<sup>th</sup> July: Daniella Abberley & Stephen Taylor

4<sup>th</sup> August: Hayley Loretta Smith & Carlos Arturo Russi

6<sup>th</sup> August: Claudette Allerdyce & Robert Shepherd

20<sup>th</sup> August: Alison McDonald & Graham Keene



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# NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2016



## StMARYwithStALBAN PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

### Clergy Comments

My recent big birthday celebrations lasted nearly a week, and mostly involved food. All were shared with family and friends, brunch, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner-and a few cocktails. I loved it! Food is central to our lives. Even though it is getting harder to find the time to do it, sitting round a table with family and friends offers the opportunity to listen, laugh, learn and share life.

A meal is central to our life at St Mary with St Alban. Every week we share bread and wine, and remember the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Holy Communion reminds us that it is about coming together as guests, not observers, at the Lord's Table. Sometimes we call it The Eucharist, which means Thanksgiving, and this prompts us to give thanks for all that God has given us in Christ. It links us to the very first Christians who would break bread together in their homes.

Growing up in the Roman Catholic Church, I first received Holy Communion at the age of 7. Since then, it has been part of my life, an important part of my worship, reminding me constantly of what Jesus has done.

But, to be honest, there have been times when I have not thought about it as much as I should. There have been times when I have almost taken it for granted and gone through the motions. Yet I know that I can never fully understand what is happening, because the mystery of the Eucharist takes us to a place where words alone are not enough.

That is why I am glad that, this autumn, we are going to think about Holy Communion. Earlier this year, the PCC agreed to ask the Bishop to allow us to admit baptised children to Holy Communion. In order to explore what it means for children to receive the Eucharist, children

and their families are therefore invited to 3 sessions: Part 1: 11.30am-12.30pm **2nd Oct** at SMwSA: Part 2: 9.30-11.30am **15th October** at SMwSA: Part 3: 9.30-11.30am **5th November** SMwSA. Please contact vicar@stmarywithstalban for further details.

As well as our Pilgrim Courses there is an Adult Learning morning on *The Eucharist in Six Objects* on Saturday October 1st at St. Paul's Cathedral. It is a ticketed event, costing £10, so booking is required. Tickets available on <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/learning-faith/adult-learning/eucharist-six-objects>

Big birthdays come rarely (thank goodness!), but we spend time and effort to celebrate them. The celebration of Holy Communion happens frequently, and we need to prepare for it each time. So this autumn as a congregation we have the chance to:

### Post Vacant: 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 30th September. Interviews/auditions will be held on 14th October.** If you are interested in this role please contact our Parish Administrator, Suzanne Parker –

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

And we will be able to do it as all ages together, gathered around the table of our Lord.

Mary Hawes

### The Licensing of Azariah France-Williams: Wednesday July 20th

On the evening of Wednesday July 20th, St. Peter and St. Paul's was filled to capacity to share in the licensing of Azariah as our Associate Priest. There were representatives of all the churches in Teddington. The Mayor attended to join in our welcome on behalf of the Borough, and the Right Reverend Dr. Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington, gave a very relevant sermon, stressing that the church should never focus on simply surviving, but on praising God through worship, prayer and living out Christ's message in the service of the whole community.

The success of the reception afterwards was made possible by a faithful team who prepared & organised the refreshments. Susan, Jenny, Sarah, Debbie, Louisa, Anne & Judith all carried out sterling work behind the scenes to make the evening so welcoming, and others, unable to attend, generously contributed food and drink.

Denis made sure the church preparation did us credit and also helped us improvise when the power partially failed just before the service! We are grateful to Lisa and to Elizabeth for serving.

### Pilgrim Courses

To support our focus on **The Eucharist** this autumn, we are running Pilgrim courses. Do try one, they are a great way to explore faith together.

Pilgrim takes a different approach to other Christian programmes. It 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 course is designed to help you discover the Christian way of life. It unpacks the basic message and teaching of the Christian faith. It shows you how to pray and how to live like Jesus. It does this in a way that is conversational. No one will force the pace and all are welcome.

Each course on **The Eucharist** runs for 6 weeks. Each session lasts 90 minutes and includes prayer, Bible readings, discussion and reflection.

i) Wednesday 28th September-2nd November: 10.30-noon.

Led by: Sarah Williams and Ann Dix  
Contact: a.dix@icloud.com or  
gareth\_sarah@btinternet.com

ii) Wednesday 5th October-9th November: Time: 8.00-9.30pm

Led by: Carla Maroussas and Adam Woods  
Contact: carla.maroussas@gmail.com or  
adamwoods@gmail.com.

iii) Thursday 29th September -3rd November: 8.00-9.30pm.

Led by: Revd. Azariah France-Williams  
Contact: azariah@stpeterstpaulteddington.co.uk  
Carla Maroussas

**'Plain & Pearl' 5th Anniversary**



**Crafternoon**  
Concert

**Saturday, 24th September**  
from 2pm-5pm

Drop in during the afternoon to take part in an activity – knitting, crochet, rag rug making and more – bring your own if you prefer.

Or take part in the 'open stage' concert: sing, play an instrument or recite. Everyone welcome.

Enjoy tea or fizz with a slice of delicious cake (available to purchase) while you listen and craft.

Entry is free but places limited & must be pre-booked through <http://www.crafternoonconcert.eventbrite.co.uk>  
or contact [josie.shantonas@stmarywithstalban.org](mailto:josie.shantonas@stmarywithstalban.org) T:07787 523197

Venue: St Mary with St Alban Church, Ferry Road, TW11 9NN

Plain & Pearl - Social Knitting and Craft Group [www.stmarywithstalban.org/plainandpearl](http://www.stmarywithstalban.org/plainandpearl)

### A Ride for Glass Door



Ben Davies works for Glass Door, 155A King's Road, London SW3 5TX. [Once West London Churches Homeless Concern] He manages

their winter Direct Access night shelters for rough sleepers, for which 21 churches around

West London provide shelter, supper and sleeping space, plus cooked breakfast. All this requires financing, hence an annual programme of fundraising events. This year, six riders participated in the London-Paris Bike Ride, supporting Glass Door by raising over £12,000. Ben's contribution, with the help of friends, family and the congregation of SMWSA was £3,600.

Ben began training after Christmas, some task never having been "very sporty". But he kept

### Diary for September

<p>SERVICES –</p> <p>Sundays:</p> <p>Tuesday:</p> <p>Wednesday:</p> <p>Thursday:</p> <p>Tuesday-Friday:</p> <p>Thursday 1st</p> <p>Sunday 4th</p> <p>Wednesday 7th</p> <p>Thursday 8th</p> <p>Sunday 11th</p> <p>Tuesday 13th</p> <p>Thursday 15th</p> <p>Sunday 18th</p> <p>Tuesday 20th</p> <p>Thursday 22nd</p> <p>Saturday 24th</p> <p>Sunday 25th</p> <p>Tuesday 27th</p> <p>Wednesday 28th</p> <p>Thursday 29th</p> <p>Friday 30th</p> <p><u>Looking ahead</u></p> <p>Saturday 1st Oct</p> <p>Sunday 2nd Oct</p> <p>Wednesday 5th Oct</p>	<p><i>Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am</i></p> <p><i>Morning Worship (30 minutes) at 9.00am</i></p> <p><i>Parish Communion (with Children's Groups) at 10.00am</i></p> <p><i>Holy Baptism (most Sundays) at 12.00noon</i></p> <p><i>Morning Prayer at 9.00am</i></p> <p><i>Morning Prayer at 9.00am; Holy Communion at 9.30am</i></p> <p><i>Church Mice Toddlers Service at 10.30am</i></p> <p><i>Morning Prayer at 9.00am, St. Peter &amp; St. Paul</i></p> <p><i>Evening Prayer at 5.00pm</i></p> <p>Holy Communion, Fullerton Court, 11.30am</p> <p><b>15th after Trinity</b></p> <p>Youth Group, St. Peter &amp; St. Paul, 6.30pm</p> <p>First Wednesday Club, <i>An Illustrated Talk on the Coptic Churches of Ethiopia</i>, by Tom &amp; Emma Moffatt, Mina Hogan, 12.45-2.15pm</p> <p>Parish Lunch, The Anglers, 12.30pm</p> <p>Traherne Reading Group, Mina Hogan, 2.30-4.00pm</p> <p><b>16th after Trinity</b></p> <p>Plain and Pearl Knit, Mina Hogan, 7.30pm</p> <p>Traherne Reading Group, Mina Hogan, 2.30-4.00pm</p> <p>Service of Wholeness and Healing, 8.00pm</p> <p><b>17th after Trinity</b></p> <p>Youth Group, St. Peter &amp; St. Paul, 6.30pm</p> <p>Churches Together in Teddington AGM, Baptist Church, 8.00-9.30pm</p> <p>Traherne Reading Group, Mina Hogan, 2.30-4.00pm</p> <p>Crafternoon Concert (Plain and Pearl's 5th Anniversary), Church, 2.00-5.00pm</p> <p><b>18th after Trinity</b></p> <p>Plain and Pearl Craft, Mina Hogan, 7.30pm</p> <p>Pilgrim Course starts (6 weeks), <i>venue tbc</i>, 10.30-12.00am</p> <p>Worship and Nurture meeting, <i>venue tbc</i>, 8.00pm</p> <p>Traherne Reading Group, Mina Hogan, 2.30-4.00pm</p> <p>Pilgrim Course starts (6 weeks), St. Peter and St. Paul, 8.00-9.30 pm</p> <p>Newland House Harvest Festival, 10.00-11.00am</p> <p>Harvest Barn Dance, Parish Hall, 6.00-9.00 pm</p> <p>1st Children's Eucharist Session, Church, 11.30am-12.30pm</p> <p>Pilgrim Course starts (6 weeks), Stevens' house , 8.00-9.30 pm</p>
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