

Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral

When The Right Reverend Michael Colclough, the former Bishop of Kensington, came to St Mary with St Alban in February this year to take the service of confirmation, he quietly invited all the confirmees to join him at his Collation and Installation as a Residentiary Canon – Canon Pastor at St Paul's Cathedral on the 20th April.

Although we are sure most people have visited St Paul's Cathedral, actually to sit under the dome and to observe the ceremony with several hundred other supporters was memorable. Banners from local churches and organisations were presented as part of the procession leading a substantial representation from the local clergy. The Dean presented Michael to the Bishop of London and the Canon Designate read the Declaration of Assent, together with the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, the Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop and the Oath to Uphold the Constitution and Statutes of the Cathedral. The Dean presented a scarlet embroidered cope to the new Canon.

The dignity of the service was interspersed with well intentioned humour – the Bishop of London gently joshed the Bishop of Southwark regarding his recent comments

about the singing of *Jerusalem*.

The Choir of St Paul's was, as ever, magical and the service concluded with Bach's inspiring *Prelude and Fugue in G minor*.

Nina and Roger Avins

An exhibition: *Treasures of the English Church* at the Goldsmiths' Hall, London continues until 12th July. Admission is free.

Parish Registers

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

9 March: Jessica May, daughter of Mark and Sarah Stone; Benedict James, son of Richard and Hannah Dempsey.

16 March: Charlotte Frances, daughter of Jonathan and Emma Puzey.

4 May: William Skipper, son of Jack and Nicola Harrison; James Mark, son of John and Ruth Russell.

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

17 May: Alex Howarth and Holly Venables.

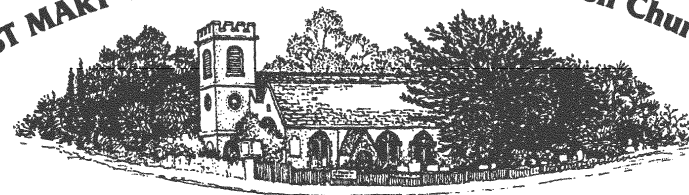
24 May: Paul Cowper and Vanessa Gaylor.

Memorial Service – *We remember with thanks-giving the life of:*

21 April: Monica Morrison.

SERVICES:	SUNDAYS: Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am Family Communion (Common Worship) and Sunday School at 9.45am WEDNESDAYS & SAINTS DAYS: Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 9.30am
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VICAR'S VIEWPOINT

This month....

We celebrate our Patronal Festival that this year falls on a Sunday. St Alban's Day is June 22nd. We shall welcome once again Alex Walter as our preacher at the Family Communion service.

It is good too that we are to be involved again with the Teddington Society's Teddington in Flower on Sunday 8th. This is always one of the highlights of the year in our town. No flower festival this year but our church building is always worth a visit and teas will be available in the churchyard. For a list of the many beautiful gardens that are worth your time see below.

Then on Sunday 15th at 4pm we are hosting the United Communion service sponsored by Churches Together in Teddington. It is good that Christians locally can worship together in this way and you are all most welcome to join us.

In April....

We had our Annual Meeting with a greater turnout than we have had of late. We bade farewell to David Power as our Churchwarden (not an actual farewell as he is still on the PCC) and grateful thanks were expressed for all he has done in the past 4 years. We welcome Jeremy Bryan as his successor to work with our new Senior Warden, Sheila Cooper. We have already had the first meeting of the new Church Council whom I want to thank for all that they do. I am among the most fortunate of Vicars to have such an excellent team

alongside me promoting the work and mission of the Church in our parish.

Dangerous Driving

I was interested to read in the national press recently that the number of prosecutions for driving while speaking into a hand-held mobile phone has risen. Well the prosecutions don't seem to have reached Teddington yet. As I drive around the parish I see at least six people every day doing this – in both commercial and domestic vehicles. Teddington is busy enough on its roads without adding this hazard to the problems. This practice is both dangerous and of course illegal. I'm afraid I have no sympathy for anyone caught and prosecuted.

From my Scrapbook

St Alban was the first Christian martyr in our own land (C3rd). Two comments about martyrdom:

“The tyrant dies and his rule is over,
The martyr dies and his rule begins.”

Kierkegaard

“The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.”

Tertullian

With best wishes to you all

John Cleaver

Teddington in Flower

The following gardens will be open on Sunday 8th June – 2.00-6.00pm. Entrance 50p per person per garden.

Collis School Nature Trail, Fairfax Road;
40 Udney Park Road;
20 Cloister Close, Langham Road (through
archway next to St Mary's Church Hall);
St Mary with St Alban Church, Ferry Road;
22 Cambridge Road;
18 Teddington Park;
20 Teddington Park;
21 Teddington Park;
Teddington Library, Waldegrave Road;
The White Bungalow, 23A Hampton Road.

**Brief notes on Annual Vestry
Meeting and Annual Parochial
Meeting held on 22 April 2008**

Dr Jeremy Bryan was appointed churchwarden to replace David Power who has reached the end of his term of office. Sheila Cooper became Senior Churchwarden. Mary Green stood down from the PCC, Veronica Baker, Amanda Rymel and David Power were elected as members, and Richard Sleight, Margaret Squire, Hugo Studholme and Penny Thompson were re-elected. Fred and Margaret Squire and June Demont have joined Hilary Adamson and Malcolm Eady as members of the Deanery Synod. A sincere vote of thanks was given to Joy Power who has decided to stand down as a Sunday School teacher. Her contribution as a teacher, enthuser of children, singer and actor has been outstanding. Sean Rodley and Sarah Strike were welcomed to the team which leads the thriving Sunday School. Street Child Africa is now the chosen charity for St Mary's, replacing ALMA and Penny Munkenbeck has taken on Mary Green's former role as charity representative. The current sidesmen were re-elected en bloc.

Reports from all the church organisations, which had been on display for several weeks, were received. June Hill reported that the Electoral Roll has gained 9 new members giving a total of 275 of whom 113 live outside the parish. The Diocesan quota has been increased to £65,000 and Veronica Baker, our Stewardship Officer, is

promoting a stewardship campaign.

The three main projects undertaken in 2007-2008 were the replacement of lead stolen from the church and hall roofs; removal of a dead copper beech tree from the church grounds and service of the boiler. The quinquennial inspection by the church architect in September 2007 raised no major issues. The floods in July 2007 damaged the hall floor. This will be replaced in August 2008 once all necessary work is completed to improve drainage at the side of the hall. Gillian Burgess received grateful thanks for her contribution towards the smooth running of the hall and the church activities and her work in the office.

The Vicar expressed grateful thanks to his wife Diane for supporting his work in the parish; to the churchwardens for their support; to all the church groups who keep the church looking beautiful and running smoothly; to Rev Alex Walter for his help with services; to Cyril Shaw who prepares the church for regular services, weddings and funerals and keeps the churchyard looking beautiful and to those responsible for the newsletter and the website which together bring new people into church via weddings and baptisms. He remarked that having Parade services for the Scouts and Guides was also important and candidates for confirmation often come forward from these. One of the quotations with which he ended his report was: "There is little good in filling churches with people who go out exactly the same way as they came in. The call of the Church is not to fill churches but to fill Heaven" (*Father Andrew*)

Barbara Carthew, PCC Secretary

Strawberry Tea....

...on Tuesday, June 24th at 3.00pm.
57 St Winifred's Road, tickets from:
Margaret Squire
(8977 3362) and
Mary Green
(8977 5616).



Girlguiding

2nd A Teddington Brownies will be celebrating its 80th anniversary on 13th

June 2008. Any former Brownies, particularly those from 2nd A Teddington are welcome to join us for an evening of nostalgia.

St Mary's Parish Hall, Langham Road, Teddington. Friday 13th June 2008. 7pm until 8.30pm.

Alison Painter, Unit Guider

Diary for June

Sunday 1st	Trinity 1. Holy Communion at 8.00am. Family Communion & Sunday School at 9.45am. Holy Baptism at 2.45pm.
Wednesday 4th	Holy Communion at 9.30am. First Wednesday Club in Mina Hogan room at 12.30pm. Topic: Embryo Research (postponed from last month).
Thursday 5th	Deanery Synod at St Richard's, Hanworth at 8.00pm.
Sunday 8th	Trinity 2. Holy Communion at 8.00am. Family Communion with Baptism & Sunday School at 9.45am. Teddington in Flower – Church open from 2.00pm.
Wednesday 11th	Feast of St Barnabas. Holy Communion at 9.30am. Church School Governors' Meeting at 7.30pm.
Saturday 14th	Wedding of David England and Fiona Gillard at 2.00pm.
Sunday 15th	Trinity 3. Holy Communion at 8.00am. Family Communion & Sunday School at 9.45am. United Communion service here at 4.00pm followed by tea.
16-19th	The Vicar is away on the Kensington Clergy Conference at Swanwick.
Wednesday 18th	No service.
Saturday 21st	Wedding of John Miller and Rosemary Moss at 3.00pm.
Sunday 22nd	Feast of St Alban and our Patronal Festival. Holy Communion at 8.00am. Family Communion & Sunday School at 9.45am. Preacher: The Rev Alex Walter. Holy Baptism at 2.45pm.
Tuesday 24th	Strawberry Tea at 57 St Winifred's Road at 3.00pm.
Wednesday 25th	Observance of Feast of St John the Baptist. Holy Communion at 9.30am.
Thursday 26th	The Vicar is on duty at St Paul's Cathedral from noon. Church School Arts Evening from 5.00pm.
Sunday 29th	Feast of St Peter. Holy Communion at 8.00am. Family Communion & Sunday School at 9.45am.