

## Brand New Lunch Club

On Wednesday 8th September 28 people enjoyed the first pub lunch get-together. It was held at Shambles Restaurant in the High Street, and we had an excellent time with great company and delicious food. We hope that this will be the first of many such occasions and we plan another Lunch Club event on Thursday 11th November, at The Anglers, Broom Road, at 12.30pm. The cost will be £5 for one course. If you are interested please let me know.

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Vicar presenting a farewell gift to Gillian Burgess (centre), our Parish Administrator for 11 years, along with June Demont, Chairman of our Hall Committee

## St Mary with St Alban 2011 Calendar

The St Mary with St Alban calendar for 2011 is now available to purchase. This includes beautiful views of the Church, the Landmark Centre, Teddington Lock, Bushy Park and the surrounding area. It costs £9 each, 3 for £24 or 5 for £36 from the Parish Office, after church on Sundays, at the Harvest Supper and at the Church Bazaar.

Amanda Rymel

## Parish Registers

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

12 September: Holden Shrapnel, son of Anna Gregory and Joe Shrapnel;

Eleonore Mighall, daughter of Julia Mighall and Andreas Chrysopoulos

19 September: Amelia Fink, daughter of Lucy and Chris Fink

**Wedding** – We wish every blessing on the marriage of:

4 September: Marriage of Grace Coward and John Williams

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

24 August: Diana Wooding

8 September: John Jeffrey

9 September: Margaret Summers

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## Vicar's Viewpoint

When a new window above the high altar was designed to replace the old one blown out during World War Two, two figures were given pride of place. One is Stephen Hale, vicar of St Mary's for much of the eighteenth century and an eminent scientist. The other is Thomas Traherne, priest, poet and spiritual writer of the seventeenth century.

Traherne's connection with St Mary's was much more short-lived than Hale's. He only came to Teddington as chaplain to Sir Orlando Bridgeman a year before his death at the age of thirty seven. (Since I happen to be the same age and have been in Teddington for just one year I'm hoping I don't suffer the same fate!) Previously, he was incumbent of a parish in Herefordshire, the county of his birth.

So why is he celebrated in Teddington? Partly because this is where he died and was buried (reportedly, under the 'reading desk' in the church). Partly also, because in his short life he wrote a remarkable amount of poetry and prose that is only just being fully appreciated. Very few of his works were published in his lifetime. The recent discovery of two manuscripts has sparked renewed interest and a reappraisal of his significance, not only as a poet but as a theologian and philosopher.

Traherne is best known for his poetry of innocence, nature and joy. Creation is described as a love-letter composed by God to humanity which brings happiness and holiness to all who meditate upon it. What I find most remarkable is that someone who lived through the terrors of the Civil War can remain so positive and optimistic about humankind and about God's desire for humankind.

Here is a short excerpt that seems most appropriate at this time of Harvest Thanksgiving:

*The wonders which our God hath done  
The glories of his attributes,  
Like dangling apples or like golden fruits  
Angelick joys become.  
His wisdom shines, on earth his love doth flow,  
Like myrrh or incense even here below.*

*And shall not we such joys possess  
Which God for man did chiefly make?  
The angels have them only for our sake!  
And yet they all confess  
His glory here on earth to be divine,  
And that his Godhead in his works doth shine.*

Traherne is commemorated in the Church of England on October 10th, the date of his death. Since this falls on a Sunday this year, I have invited the Rev Richard Birt to preach. He founded the Thomas Traherne Association a few years ago. We plan to include some Traherne poetry in the service.

Then on Saturday March 12th 2011 we are hosting a Traherne Conference at which the Bishop of London will be giving the key address. There will also be seminars at St Mary's University College, Twickenham, and a concert back in church in the evening.

Finally, the Friends of Hereford Cathedral are visiting us because of our Traherne connection on Thursday, August 25th 2011.

With best wishes,

Joe Moffatt

## Join the Tea Club

June & Josie invite you to *Afternoon Tea* with homemade cakes on Tuesday 26th October with a view to forming a monthly Tea Club meeting in the Mina Hogan Room from 2.30-4.30pm. All are welcome.

Josie Shantonas



## Harvest and Traidcraft

October is the month when we celebrate Harvest Festival and is a good opportunity for us to think about how we value having fully stocked supermarket shelves and, for some of us, productive allotments. When we shop, we are influenced by many different things: price, convenience, availability, style, impulse – it would be good if we could add into these considerations whether or not the product is fairly traded. If, by buying this or that fairly traded bunch of bananas, cotton T shirt, packet of tea or bag of rice, we knew we were contributing to a better standard of living for a family at subsistence level, how much more meaningful would harvest festival become? The more people who request fair-trade drinks in cafes and restaurants, who look for the fair-trade foundation logo on chocolate bars or who support third world marketing organisations like Traidcraft, the better life will become for more hard working, but exploited, farmers.

There will be a Traidcraft stall in the Hall after church on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Susan Jacobs (8943 0503)

## The St Mary's Singers

The St Mary's Singers are busy rehearsing for the next production, which has been postponed until after Christmas as the original date of November 6th proved to be inconvenient for too many people.



Rehearsals are on Tuesday nights starting at 7.45pm in the Mina Hogan Room. There is still time to become involved. This time we are presenting *The 40's Favourites Show*.

We are still looking out for singers, and also people to help with administration and refreshments, so do call me if you are interested.

Margaret Squire (8977 3362)

## SPEAR – Working with Homeless People

SPEAR is the largest charity working with homeless people all throughout the borough of Richmond. Last year we took 76 people off the streets and provided accommodation for 325 in total. But we are about more than just finding accommodation; our aim for everyone we work with is to reintegrate them fully into mainstream society so we also run activities such as a job club, IT workshops, training in life skills like cooking, managing a tenancy, budgeting and managing your money and much, much more.

On October 30th this year we are running our biggest ever fundraising event. **The Big SPEAR Snooze** at Ham Polo Club on Petersham Road in Richmond is a sponsored sleepout under the stars. We're challenging people to sleep rough for the night and raise thousands of pounds to help local homeless people - we need to spend a night under the stars so others don't have to!

There will be live bands, dancers, games and

competitions providing the entertainment until 10pm when the serious business of sleeping rough will begin. You just need to be over 11 years old to take part, and we ask that there will be an adult to supervise every three 11-15 year olds.

You can register at [www.spearlondon.org/snooze](http://www.spearlondon.org/snooze) and we'll send you everything you need like directions to the event, what to expect on the night and lots of fundraising tips. See you there!



Vicky Crompton, The SPEAR team  
[www.spearlondon.org](http://www.spearlondon.org) 0208 288 6506

## Could YOU teach our children a thing or two?

Our successful 1<sup>st</sup> Teddington Cub Scout pack, which meets in our Parish Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm until 7.45pm, is looking for adults young and old to help our new team.

- Do you have a skill?
- Do you enjoy sharing your hobby?
- Could you teach children?

If so, we would love to hear from you.

Please call Ed Wilson, our Group Scout Leader on (8941 1487) for more information.

Jenny Greed

## Diary for October

SERVICES – Sundays: Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am  
Family Communion and Sunday School at 9.45am  
Wednesdays: Holy Communion at 9.30am  
Weekdays (except Mondays): Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm

Friday 1st	Newland House Harvest Service at 9am
Saturday 2nd	Harvest Supper in Parish Hall at 6.30pm
Sunday 3rd	Harvest Festival Parade Service at 9.45am
Wednesday 6th	First Wednesday Club in Mina Hogan Room, 12.30-2pm Topic: What's the point of Harvest in suburbia?
Saturday 9th	Area Study Morning for PCC at St Stephen's Twickenham at 9.30am
Sunday 10th	Commemoration of Thomas Traherne during Family Communion at 9.45am Holy Baptisms at 12pm Youth Group in Parish Hall, 6.30-8pm
Tuesday 12th	Wives' Fellowship Service at 7.30pm
Wednesday 13th	PCC Meeting in Church at 7.45pm
Sunday 17th	20th after Trinity
Sunday 24th	Last after Trinity One World Week Service at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church at 4pm
Tuesday 26th	Tea Club in the Mina Hogan Room, 2.30-4.30pm
Sunday 31st	All Saints' Sunday

### And looking ahead

Tuesday Nov 2nd All Souls' Service at 7.30pm  
Wednesday Nov 3rd First Wednesday Club in Mina Hogan Room, 12.30-2pm  
Topic: Ways to pray – what works for you?