

Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday 2nd October in the Parish Hall. Tickets will be available from Josie Shantonas from the beginning of September – £6.50 for adults, £3.50 for children and £20.00 for a family of four.

Barbara Carthew

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

Barbecue

The 1st Teddington Scout group celebrated the end of the school year with a barbecue for all the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers on Wednesday 21st July.

The evening was an opportunity for all the boys and girls to get together with friends and parents, play games and eat burgers and hot dogs. Everyone enjoyed a game of football and rounders outside. There was also a challenge inside to see who could build the biggest model using the magnetic Geomag toys.

Ed Wilson, Group Scout Leader, presented badges to all the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers present and thanked all the Section leaders and helpers who had volunteered their time throughout the year. In addition, the Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts) presented Paul Mearman with the Chief Scout's Gold Award, the highest award available in the Scout Section.

The Scout Group is also looking for more

volunteers to help out – either on a Wednesday evening either as an Administrator or Helper – or as a Badge Administrator or Tester. If you feel you could give some of your time to the group please contact Ed Wilson by email at scouts@stmarywithstalban.org or by phone at 020 8941 1487.

Full report on website: stmarywithstalban.org

Parish Registers

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

25 July: Esme Beatrix, daughter of Rebecca Hanshaw and Thomas Gouldbourn; Charles Henry, son of Jane and Mark Lilleyman; Jack William, son of Kathryn and Stuart Ross

1 August: Jack Bobby, son of Helen and Brian Lee; Joanit Racheal, daughter of Anita Kamara and Jonathan Minah

8 August: Joseph James, son of Anna and Robert Ganley

15 August: Emma Grace and Olivia Rose, twin daughters of Katie and Simon Willis

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

24 July: Blessing of Marriage of Mirian Tome and Frank Forulger; Blessing of Marriage of Elizabeth Jubb and Brent Roth

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

10 August: Patrick Terence Keyes

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PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

Vicar's Viewpoint

A year has now passed since I arrived in the parish. It seems like a good time for a few reflections:

1. Teddington is a wonderful place to live with lots of friendly residents, small businesses and flourishing community groups. I couldn't ask for a nicer parish!
2. There are a lot of thoughtful, caring people keen to get involved with the church and with other community organisations.
3. There is an abundance of young families and I'm being happily inundated with requests for baptism.
4. There are plenty of busy teenagers but not very many places for them to hang out which makes me think our monthly youth group in the hall is something to be developed.
5. There are also plenty of older people who aren't so busy and who at times struggle with loneliness and grief.
6. The churches in Teddington all have good congregations, lovely people and lively fellowships. But I admit to being utterly biased in thinking that St Mary with St Alban has the best of them!

These reflections must now inform the way we develop the ministry of the church in this place. To this end the Parish Church Council is having an away day with the Bishop of Kensington on September 18th. This will begin a process of discerning a development plan for the next few years which will be reported in future newsletters. In the meantime, do come back to me with your reflections on life in Teddington and any bright ideas for the future.

Best wishes

Joe Moffatt

All change in the Parish Hall

This month sees a number of changes in the Hall.

- Playwam Nursery School has moved from the St John's Ambulance building in Park Road and now occupies the main hall every weekday morning in term-time. Playwam is a member of the Early Years Partnership and Playgroup Network. It is a non profit-making organisation which is run by a committee of parents whose children attend the school. All parents are encouraged to take an active role on the committee. Playwam takes children from 2½ years. It caters for their needs up to the age of entry into Infant Reception, thus providing a stable and very happy environment in which to play and develop. We're delighted that such a well-established school with an excellent local reputation is able to enjoy our facilities.
- Church Mice, the parent and toddler groups which met on Wednesday and Friday mornings, will now meet on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. The new groups will start on September 8th and 10th from 1.00-3.00pm, and will be run on a drop-in basis, costing £2.50 per session (50p per extra child). New parents with either babies, toddlers or pre-school children are all welcome to come along. There are lots of fun toys and equipment. For more information contact Zoe Eckford 07977 494963.
- The end of the Church Mice on Friday mornings brings with it the retirement of Margaret Coleman. She deserves a huge thank you for running the group for the

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past 13 years. Please see the article below for an appreciation from one of the mums.

- Finally, we also bid farewell to Gillian Burgess, our Parish Administrator, who is leaving us after 11 years. Gillian has dealt with everything to do with the hall incredibly efficiently ever since it was refurbished, liaising with a plethora of different user groups and generally running a very tight ship. She has also done a lot of parish administration from printing pewsheets to banking collections to dealing with everything that the vicar struggles to cope with. We are hugely grateful for all that she has done and wish her well for the future. We hope to appoint a new Parish Administrator very soon.

Joe Moffatt

Young people (aged 11-15)

Alexandra Clarke
Grace Ramsey
Emma Jackson
Lydia Cozens
Olivia Worth
Katherine Sayer
Naomi Darling
Angus Smith

Adults

Laura Garnham
Amanda Rymel
Nicola Harrison
Matthew Morey
Philip Whittingham
Stella Smith
Sally Rideout
Sarah Hallett

Margaret Coleman

Margaret Coleman started running "Church Mice" in 1997 when her daughter, who had set up the group, found herself back at work and too busy to keep it going. Margaret stepped in and every week on a Friday morning from 9.30-11.30 opened up the hall and her heart to hundreds of Teddington mums and children. She has soldiered on even when her own grandchildren got too old to come and continued her tireless service to our community for the last 13 years.

It is with great sadness I know that she hangs up her hat at "Mice" but a change of venue, and the move and organisation that that entails, was just one step too much for



Pub Lunches

Several parishioners have expressed an interest in enjoying a pub lunch together, so we thought we'd give it a try. Wednesday September 8th seemed like a good day since it is the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. No further excuse needed! A few of us will meet for lunch at Sammy's (formerly the Royal Oak) on the High Street., where they do a lunch deal for £5. For those who are keen to get a dose of religion beforehand there will be a short Holy Communion at 12 noon in the church (replacing the usual 9.30am service), but this is entirely optional. Anyone is welcome – simply join us at the pub at 12.30pm. To book a seat, please ring Margaret Squire on 8977 3362 by Sept 5th.

Confirmation Service

We're delighted that we have 16 candidates to present to the Bishop of Kensington for confirmation on Tuesday September 26th at 7.30pm. Please come along to join us for this special occasion. And please keep the following in your prayers:

Margaret to orchestrate. Margaret turned 80 last year and part of her celebration was spent with her group – she knows all their names and they all know hers and I know I can speak for many of the mums whom she has helped with support, a smile and a hot cup of tea or coffee.

I hope that she will spend her "retirement" having a well deserved rest, putting her feet up (not really her style) and enjoying her garden and ever increasing family.

We will miss her dearly.

*Charlotte Fryer
(Jonny, Ben and Elsbeth Fryer)*

Come and join us!

Fresh from their successful show in May, the St Mary's Singers will be starting rehearsals for their next performance on Saturday 6th November. This time we are doing songs from the 1940s, English and American. We are still looking for more singers – all ages and abilities welcome – there are no auditions to join. From 14th September we will meet every Tuesday at 7.45pm in the Parish Hall, Langham Road. It's great fun – put a slot in your diaries and come along! Call Esther Hammond on 8977 5844 for more information.

Diary for September

<i>SERVICES –</i>	<i>Sundays:</i>	<i>Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am Family Communion and Sunday School at 9.45am</i>
	<i>Wednesdays:</i>	<i>Holy Communion at 9.30am</i>
	<i>Weekdays (except Mondays):</i>	<i>Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm</i>
Wednesday 1 st		First Wednesday Club in Mina Hogan Room, 12.30-2.00pm. Topic: Morality Young people's Confirmation Course in Parish Hall, 5.30-6.30pm
Saturday 4 th		Wedding at 2.00pm
Sunday 5 th		Fourteenth after Trinity
Wednesday 8 th		Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Communion at 12 noon Pub Lunch at Sammy's, 12.30pm Young people's Confirmation Course in Parish Hall, 5.30-6.30pm
Sunday 12 th		Fifteenth after Trinity 9.45am Guest Preacher: John Logan, Headteacher St Mary and St Peter's School Holy Baptisms at 12 noon
Wednesday 15 th		Young people's Confirmation Course in Parish Hall, 5.30-6.30pm
Saturday 18 th		PCC Away Day
Sunday 19 th		Sixteenth after Trinity Holy Baptisms at 12 noon
Saturday 25 th		Wedding at 3.00pm
Sunday 26 th		Seventeenth after Trinity Family Communion with Holy Baptism at 9.45am Holy Baptisms at 12 noon
Tuesday 28 th		Confirmation Service with the Bishop of Kensington at 7.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd		Young people's Confirmation Course in Parish Hall, 5.30-6.30pm

And looking ahead

Saturday 2 nd October	Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm
Sunday 3 rd October	Harvest Festival Parade Service at 9.45am