

-in" to give fathers a chance to meet others in the area and on Wednesdays "Arts and Crafts". Contact parish office for more details.

Margaret Squire

Graham Hornsby runs Edinburgh marathon

– to quote Graham, "injuries permitting, I'm aiming to do a time of approximately 3.5 hours. After my two previous experiences of 'hitting the wall' I'm hoping that on this occasion it will be a case of third time lucky. I'm very keen to run for a well deserving cause and none seems to fit the bill better than Welcare".

For those who wish to support him, please go to www.bmycharity.com/grahamforwelcare.

Plain & Pearl



Would you like to learn to knit? Can you knit and would like to socialise with like-minded people? Open to all, from total beginners to experienced knitters. We will operate a buddy system and will provide needles, patterns and ideas. Our first meeting is on Tuesday 10 May 7.30pm at St Mary's Parish Hall, refreshments will be provided. For more details contact josie.shantonas@stmarywithstalban.org or tel: 07787 523 197.

Josie Shantonas & Joy Power

Parish Registers

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

20 March: Leo, son of Joanna and Henry Piatek-Stewart; Emma, daughter of Jennifer and Richard Murasko; Dexter James, son of Maxine and David Wright; Frederick William, son of Laura and Darran Garnham; Ella Grace, daughter of Catharine and Nick Tallantyre

27 March: Noah James, son of Emma and Andrew Turner; James Douglas, son of Caroline & Mark Doughty Smith

Holy Matrimony – *We wish every blessing on the marriage of:*

16 Apr: Jessica Michell and Jake Fisher

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

12 Apr: John Drew, aged 97

24 Mar: Martin Cornell, aged 65

Supper Talk

Biblical Heroes: "Be not afraid, saith God the Lord" recalling Elijah, the gifted prophet and troubled man

Tuesday 17th May 7.30-9.30pm

In the Parish Hall

Talk by the Rev Rosamond McDowell

Followed by discussion on tables over a hearty supper

£8 per head – pay on the night

Contact parish office to reserve a place.

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NEWSLETTER MAY 2011



StMARYwithStALBAN PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

Vicar's Viewpoint

Help people in poverty out of poverty: Christian Aid Week 15-21 May 2011

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus challenges us to love our neighbours as ourselves with a practical love that takes action to transform the lives of those in need.

For over half a century, Christian Aid Week has been a time when the churches in the UK and Ireland have come together in a week of prayer, action and giving. This united expression of love for our neighbours living in poverty around the world has transformed countless lives for the better. It exposes the scandal of poverty and tackles its root causes in order to bring it to an end.

In India, Christian Aid's partner the United Church of North India works with tribal communities on education and community development, while also advocating together for justice to recover their land rights, vital to sustaining their livelihoods. This is a powerful example of Christian Aid's work enabling churches and other local partners to support the aspirations of the poorest and most vulnerable communities.

On Sunday 15 May 2011 we will be joining churches across the UK and Ireland in prayer at the start of Christian Aid Week. We will pray for our neighbours in need around the world, and for those members of our church who will be taking the message of justice out into our own communities that week as part of the house-to-house collection.

We ask for your continued generosity as our dedicated band of collectors come round with the iconic red envelope.

Many thanks,

Joe Moffatt

New Parish Report, April 2011



A parish report was produced in time for the APCM held on Tuesday 5th April. Its aim is to review the key developments and activities that have taken place during 2010. It also summarises the church's finances and sets out our vision for the future.

The report includes the vicar's review and identifies three significant factors: a noticeable growth in numbers; a number of people who were inspired to start new initiatives; and a sense that church matters and can make a difference.

For a copy, please telephone the parish office on 020 8943 2262 or email us on parishhall@stmarywithstalban.org.

Confirmation Classes

We will be starting confirmation classes for both adults and young people in the second week of June. These will involve eight sessions leading up to a Confirmation Service on September 18th.

Adult classes will take place on Thursdays 8-9pm.

Young People (aged 10-15) on Wednesdays 5.30-6.30pm.

For more details or to discuss, please contact the vicar.

Mothering Sunday

Members of the Youth Group, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all took part in the Mothering Sunday Parade service on 3rd April. It was a wonderfully inclusive, all-age celebration. Joe reminded us that Mothering

Sunday was originally named because it was the day when people returned home to their 'mother' church, and families were reunited.



"Compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience and love"

In his sermon, Joe linked the theme of mothers to St Paul's words about the spiritual qualities with which we need to clothe ourselves, pointing out that mothers often need to tell us what to wear, and generally know best. St Paul was talking about the virtues of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience and love.

The service ended with the children distributing beautiful bunches of daffodils to all mothers, aunts and grannies. Many thanks to the posey-making team.

The sun shone brightly as we left the church, clutching our yellow daffodils – a perfect ending to an uplifting service.

Cathy Randall

Lenten Quiet Day

The glorious spring day of 6th April saw 18 parishioners gather in the contemplative surroundings of St Michael's Retreat House on Ham Common for this year's Lenten Quiet Day.

Joe led us in a searching study of the parable of the Prodigal Son including the use of Rembrandt's moving portrait of this story. Our subsequent discussions greatly stimulated our understanding of the parable's deeper meaning.

At midday we joined the sisters and other members of the community for a solemn Eucharist and were then free to relax and meditate in the peace and quiet of their beautiful garden. A truly spiritual day.

Christobel Davies

Church Mice

By the end of the week, most people with tiny children want relaxation and most tiny children want yet more fun. That's just what is on offer in the Parish Hall on Fridays where the new Church Mice playgroup meet to enjoy the mix of tea, toys and biscuits in a friendly atmosphere.

After a wonderful start in March, we have 30 different families taking part and look forward to more fantastic Friday afternoons and even sunny playtimes in the garden.

Church Mice is for all preschool children, 1-3pm during term time. The cost is £2.50 per family. For more information or to get involved, please contact Anne McTear 07973 911 820 or email: churchmice@stmarywithstalban.org.

Parish trip to St Paul's Cathedral

on Saturday 14th May. Meet on the steps at *1.00 pm for a guided tour including climbing the Dome to the Whispering Gallery and visiting the multimedia Oculus exhibition. The afternoon will end with tea in the crypt. To book, please contact: Julia Hornsby 07425 137 988 or julia@stmarywithstalban.org.

** please note change of time.*

Harold's Harpsichord Concert

Congratulations to Harold Lester for raising £336 for the Red Cross Japan Tsunami Appeal. Members of the parish were treated to a very enjoyable hour of music played on his exquisite Harpsichord.

Christian Aid Collectors Needed

Our parish is an extremely good place to be a collector for Christian Aid. Awareness is very high, generosity is great and the reception on the doorstep is friendly. Last year we raised £3,211 by house-to-house collections and I hope to exceed that this year.

The main challenge is to actually find people at home which is why we need plenty of collectors. Catching them in is our challenge and opportunity!

I should like to thank our volunteers for their efforts in previous years and for their

continuing support in 2011. Thank you also to those who are stepping down this year. We always welcome new people to help collect donations from a maximum of one local road, so please contact: Simon 07973 883 673 or email: simonlamb27@btinternet.com.

Our thanks go to Mary Green as Christian Aid representative co-ordinator for her guidance and diligence over a 20 year period. Mary has laid strong foundations for our future success.

Christian Aid exists to translate hope into action. Please help us to achieve this high ambition.

Simon Lamb

Teddington in Flower

We will be celebrating Teddington in Flower this year with a flower festival the weekend of 11/12 June. The theme is Bible Stories. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to be involved; flower arrangers, gofers and stewards. Please contact Kathy Gold on 8977 8668. Details about sponsorship are available in church.

Kathy Gold

Welcare

A 'Community Reach programme' has started at St Mary's Parish Hall. On Mondays there will be "Stay and Play" for two hours, a "Dads Drop

Diary for May

<i>SERVICES – Sundays:</i>	<i>Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am Family Communion and Sunday School at 9.45am</i>
	<i>Wednesdays: Holy Communion at 9.30am</i>
<i>Weekdays (except Mondays):</i>	<i>Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm</i>
Sunday 1 st	2 nd Sunday of Easter
Wednesday 4 th	First Wednesday Club, Mina Hogan room 12.30-2pm. Topic: The 400 th Anniversary of the King James Bible
Friday 6 th	Church Mice, Parish Hall, 1-3pm
Saturday 7 th	Wedding 1pm
Sunday 8 th	3 rd Sunday of Easter Baptisms at 12 noon Youth Group in Parish Hall, 6.30 – 8pm
Tuesday 10 th	Knitting Group, 7.30 -9.30pm
Thursday 12 th	Parish pub lunch at The Kings Head, 12.30pm
Friday 13 th	Church Mice, Parish Hall, 1-3pm
Saturday 14 th	Parish Trip to St Paul's Cathedral, 1.00pm
Sunday 15 th	Christian Aid Family Parade Service Baptisms at 12 noon
Tuesday 17 th	Tea Club, Mina Hogan Room, 3-5pm Supper Talk: Biblical Heroes by Rosamond McDowell
Friday 20 th	Church Mice, Parish Hall, 1-3pm
Saturday 21 st	RNLI Boat Naming Ceremony, 10.30am Weddings 1pm and 3.30pm
Sunday 22 nd	4 th Sunday of Easter Baptisms at 12.00 noon
Thursday 26 th	PCC Meeting, Mina Hogan Room at 7.45pm
Friday 27 th	Church Mice, Parish Hall, 1-3pm
Saturday 28 th	Wedding 2.30pm
Sunday 29 th	5 th Sunday of Easter Baptisms at 12.00 noon.