

13th August: Michelle Joanne Greef and Simon Charles Pinnell.

21st August: Emma Mary Sandle and Justin Joseph Leclair.

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

July 27th – Evelyn Fletcher, aged 88; Donna Rogers, aged 66.

Walk for CHASE

I recently completed a walk over the 4 mountains over 3,000ft high in England. It's about 45 miles with about 10,000ft of ascent, the challenge being to complete it within 24 hours. I did it in support of Shooting Star CHASE, a charity that runs two children's hospices which provide care and support to families of children and young people who are not expected to live into adulthood.

The support team – Sarah (my wife) and my parents – saw me to the start of the path up Skiddaw (the first mountain) at just after 8pm on Sunday 31 July (my birthday). I was back down at 12.30am to meet the support team who walked with me to the start of the road to Seathwaite before very sensibly retiring to bed.

I arrived in Seathwaite in the rain at 4.15am, had a brief rest, and set off again as it was



getting light. The rain had stopped, which was very welcome as walking in the wet was losing its appeal after the first 19 miles. However, I didn't have to ascend too far before the mist and drizzle returned, and navigating in visibility of about 50ft inevitably slowed me down. I ended up meeting the support team again 3 hours later than planned; with 12 miles and 2,500ft of ascent still to go (and yet more mist to contend with) and just 4½ hours left, it was always going to be tight.

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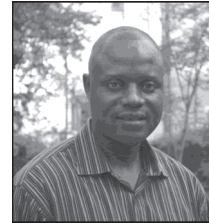
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NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2011



Our new church musicians

Jonathan Minah became our organist in the summer. He was born and grew up in Sierra Leone where he received his Higher Teacher's Certificate in Music, and later a B.Ed., and where he taught music in college, was a secondary school bandmaster, and Cathedral organist and choir director. He is a low brass player – tuba, trombone and euphonium - and has excellent keyboard skills. Jonathan came to the UK in 2009 and joined our choir as a bass. He lives in Mortlake with his wife and 2 children and is enjoying expanding his musical knowledge as he familiarises himself with our two manual pipe organ with stops and pedals.

Also in the summer we welcomed **Laura Luck** as choir director. Laura was born in Kent and brought up in Somerset. She comes from a long line of *Cambridge* choral scholars, but in her case Kings College *London*, where she gained a B.Mus. She completed her musical studies with a PGDip from the Royal Academy of Music. Laura combines a busy family life with solo mezzo-soprano oratorio work, private singing teaching and now regular (Friday evening) choir practices and services with us at St Mary's. She is looking forward to building up the choir (especially lower voices), expanding its repertoire and making choral singing enjoyable and a joyful part of our weekly worship. Anyone keen to join, either on a weekly basis or for our irregular extra services, would be most welcome – 07779 297 980, luck.laura@yahoo.co.uk

Susan Jacobs



StMARYwithStALBAN
PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

Vicar's Viewpoint

September is always a month for getting back into the swing of things. Let me give you a flavour of what's going on:

Confirmation

On **Sunday September 18th** the Bishop of Kensington is coming to confirm 6 young people and 3 adults from our parish at a special service at 5pm. Please come along if you can and keep them in your prayers:

Peter Rae; Fred Cornwell; Aoife Mulcahy; Kate Randall; Joanna Bell; Rachel Bell; Susan Lewis; Chris Lewis; Zoe Millington Jones.

Sunday School

Recent practice has been for our Sunday School groups to process out of church during the second hymn and across to the hall. With increasing numbers of children, this is quite a sight as they cross Ferry Road. To make the procession more formal and liturgical we will be **dedicating a new cross and banner for them to carry when the groups resume on September 11th**.

A Young Child's Guide to the Church

Our Mini-Sunday School group for 0-5's, known as the Scuttlers, continues to meet throughout the holidays as well as term time and regularly attracts 20 or more children. Many of these children are among the 60 or so baptisms we do each year. As a way of introducing them to the church we are offering a **Vicar's Guide to the Church on Saturday September 3rd 10-11am**. This is an opportunity for them to explore the building as much as they want, be shown all our vestments and silver and ask those tricky questions that arise in a child's enquiring mind. It is also a chance for parents to chat

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www.stmarywithstalban.org

about how best to help their children when they come to church. In attendance will be myself and Mary Hawes, our assistant priest and the C. of E.'s National Children's Advisor. This is an open invitation to all families with young children.

A new day for Church Mice

Church Mice, our parents and toddlers group which previously met on a Friday afternoon, is changing to a **Thursday afternoon 1-3pm, starting on September 8th**. This is a relaxed drop-in group which welcomes all pre-school children and their parents/carers. The cost per session is £2.50 per family. Refreshments are provided, as are fabulous play activities in our spacious hall. Details from Anne McTear, 07973 911 820.

Accessing support from Social Services

Are you involved in supporting anyone in need of help? It can be a difficult and confusing experience. That's why we're hosting a presentation by RUILS (Richmond Users Independent Living Scheme), a local charity that specialises in helping people access Social Services and get the support they need to stay at home. The presentation on **Tuesday, 20th Sept, 2-4pm in the Hall** is open to anyone in our community, as well as members of local churches involved in pastoral visiting. For more information or to book a place, call 8831 6083 or visit www.ruils.co.uk

Quiet Evening Services

Midweek evening worship can have a very different feel to Sunday mornings. It can offer more tranquillity and time for quiet reflection. That's why we're introducing occasional services on major saints' days, beginning with **Holy Communion on the Feast of St Michael & All Angels, Thursday 29th Sept. at 7pm**. We're also introducing a monthly time of silent prayer on the first Thursday of each month 8.30-9pm, followed by the short service of compline (night-prayer). This begins on October 6th. Do come along to whatever appeals.

Best wishes

Joe

Blooming Great Tea Party

This was a Blooming Great Success. It raised nearly £700 for the Marie Curie Cancer Nurses to help with their invaluable work and many, many people were involved in helping to make it such a wonderful day. The bunting and gazebo went up and tables groaned with passion cake, chocolate cake, ginger cake, brownies, flapjacks, you name it, we had it, made with ingredients kindly donated by Tesco in Teddington. Cakes



by Trudi from Langham Road generously donated the raffle prize of a commissioned birthday cake. The Church Mice set up toys in the Hall, our former organist came out of retirement to play the piano, our wonderful band of Tea Ladies served cream teas. Visitors included members of the Tea Club, the NCT, Church Mice, Playwam Nursery Group, Guides, Brownies, Scouts, friends and strangers (who had heard about us on LBC and Radio Jackie) In between cups of tea, Debbie, our office administrator, took many photos which are viewable online.. A Blooming Great Success and a Blooming Great Thank You to everyone taking part.

Josie Shantonas

Plain & Pearl

are expanding with the launch of **Plain & Pearl Craft** to complement our very successful Plain & Pearl Knitting group. We are planning demonstrations, guest speakers and working groups for anyone interested in "making things". At the first meeting on **Tuesday 27th Sept. in the Mina Hogan Room at 7.30pm** there will be a chance to join others making felt brooches for Christmas, socialise and have refreshments. If you have your own project of knitting, sewing, tapestry, beadwork – anything – bring it along and watch, stitch, chat or join the brooch-makers. The 2nd Tuesday in the month (13th Sept) is for Knitting only and the 4th Tuesday in the month for Craft, including knitting. For

more details, questions or suggestions contact josie.shantonas@stmarywithstalban.org

Josie Shantonas (8977 9433) & Joy Power

Parish Registers

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

24th July: Joshua William Patrick and Emily Charlotte, son and daughter of Zoe and Andrew Hughes; Riley George, son of Jo and

David Cochrane.

31st July: Gabriel Christopher, son of Megan and Adam Woods; Harold Richard, son of Stephanie Watkins and William Worth Marr.

7th August: Samuel James, son of Sandi and Dominic Wood; Hector Gerry, son of Alice and Paul Taylor; Lola Beatrice Louise, daughter of Philippa and Peter Edward.

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

Diary for September

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 2nd Wedding 2pm
Saturday 3rd Vicar's Guide to the church for families with young children, 10am
Sunday 4th 11th after Trinity. Welcare 10k race
Monday 5th Parish outing to British Museum
Wednesday 7th First Wednesday Club, led by John Ould. Mina Hogan room, 12.30-2pm. Topic: "Worship requires a sense of awe and a sense of humour"

Thursday 8th Pub Lunch, Anglers, 12.30pm
Church Mice resumes in Hall, 1pm (note new day)

Saturday 10th Wedding at 1.30pm
Sunday 11th 12th after Trinity. Dedication of new Sunday School Cross and Banner
Youth Group in Hall, 6.30pm

Tuesday 13th Plain & Pearl Knitting in Mina Hogan room at 7.30pm

Saturday 17th Blessing of Marriage at 2pm

Sunday 18th 13th after Trinity. Family Communion with Baptism at 9.45am
Bishop of Kensington conducts Confirmation Service at 5pm. All welcome

Tuesday 20th Presentation: "Accessing support from social services" in Hall, 2-4pm

Saturday 24th PCC Away Day, 9.30am-3.30pm

Sunday 25th 14th after Trinity. Presentation by *Street Child Africa*, 9.45am
Sunday School outing to Horton Park Farm, 10am

Tuesday 27th Plain & Pearl Craft launch meeting in Mina Hogan room at 7.30pm

Thursday 29th Holy Communion for St Michael & All Angels, 7pm

Friday 30th Newland House Pre-Prep School Harvest Festival service 9am

October 1st Wedding, 2pm
Harvest Supper in Hall, 6pm

Sunday 2nd Harvest Festival Parade Service at 9.45am

And looking ahead

Sunday October 9th Choral Evensong celebrating Thomas Traherne, 6.30pm

