

## New Church Mice Toddler Service

Wednesday mornings in church have just got noisier with the launch of a brand new weekday service for parents and toddlers. Church Mice follows a fun format to engage little minds, including finger puppet led Bible stories, lively songs and instrumentals, and enthusiastic bell ringing, along with lots of thoughtful prayer and reflection. What's more, each session ends with coffee and biscuits and playtime for the toddlers, so it's a great excuse to socialise and meet other mums and dads. The sessions run every Wednesday 10.30am – 11.30am during term time, with a suggested £1 donation. We hope to see you there soon!

*Marilyn Alexander*

## Join The St Mary Teddington Handbells

Have you ever thought about trying to ring handbells? Now's your chance. The St Mary Teddington Bells would be delighted to welcome you to their Monday evening rehearsals, held every week at 7.15pm in St Mary's Parish Hall. No previous musical experience necessary, friendly cheerful help available. Why not give it a go and be making music with us in just a few minutes. For more information please contact Sheila Insley on 01932 247079



PARISH HALL FUNDRAISER 

ST MARY WITH ST ALBAN

**SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY**

IN ST MARY'S PARISH HALL

*Strictly Tango*

7pm  
Lesson for Beginners (£5 per person)

8pm  
Dance Party (£10 per person)  
Party ticket includes first drink & nibbles

For more information or tickets  
please contact Debbie in the  
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# NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2014



## StMARYwithStALBAN PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



### Vicar's Viewpoint

February seems to be the month for new roles within our parish.

Firstly, I have been asked to take on a new additional role as Area Dean for the Hampton Deanery. This involves

a range of duties to support, serve and represent the 16 parishes of the deanery (covering Hampton, Teddington, Twickenham and Whitton). Since I don't actually take on this role until May, I shall say a bit more about it in coming months. Suffice to say, I feel honoured and excited, if a little daunted.

Secondly, and of more immediate concern, we are recruiting for a new Parish Administrator. This is because Debbie Taylor-Osborne, our current administrator, is soon relocating to Hastings. The role will be considerably expanded to at least 30 hours per week for a number of reasons: as we've grown over the past few years, so has the need for more administrative support; I will need extra support in order to cope with the duties of Area Dean; and, most significantly, we no longer have Julia Hornsby in her role as Parish Manager.

Julia has played a very significant role in our development over the past 3 years. She initially guided a process of defining our vision and strategy, enabling us to produce a Mission Action Plan. This resulted in a number of initiatives, such as our extra Morning Worship service, which are now embedded in our parish life. As her role widened, she helped to organise many large events, most memorably the Olympic Fete. More recently she has overseen the revision of our Mission Action Plan and the building up of our volunteers, resources and administrative infrastructure. What I have most appreciated is the way in which she has embodied the vision

that she helped us to discern – that of being an open and welcoming church, engaging with the wider community, fostering faith and friendship, and bringing people of all ages together. Anyone who has come to the parish office or met Julia in church or on the High Street will have encountered a very good personification of this vision. I'm pleased to say that Julia is not leaving us. She still remains a much valued member of the congregation and the PCC. We wish her well as she pursues a new career as a professional business and personal coach.

Finally, I must just mention my new 'Strictly' role. Dancing has never been my forte, but for the sake of some much needed fundraising for improvements to the parish hall I have been persuaded to learn a bit of Tango. And if I get to be almost credible, my wife might consent to us performing at our parish Tango evening, Strictly Tango, on February 15th. But only if we get an encouraging amount of sponsorship! Why not join us for what promises to be a fun evening (at least for everyone else!) Or I would be very grateful if you would sponsor me. To donate online please visit our parish website, or there is a sponsor form at the back of church.

Best wishes

*Joe Moffatt*

## **Parish Administrator Needed**

30 hours per week  
Good communication, organisation and  
IT skills essential

See parish website for job description  
and details

Enquiries to Rev Joe Moffatt  
[vicar@stmarywithstalban.org](mailto:vicar@stmarywithstalban.org)  
closing date for applications: Feb 28th

## Plain & Pearl Christmas Wreath Making

Plain & Pearl's Christmas Wreath Making evening, held on 10<sup>th</sup> of December, was very successful. Nearly 40 people attended including some children, who came with their mothers, as well as a few newcomers to Plain & Pearl. Some people participated in making traditional wreaths and others made rag wreaths. There were a few regulars who came to knit and soak up the atmosphere. Seasonal music played in the background to help everyone get into the festive mood. My sister, Jane Haskings, kindly came up from Penzance to lead the wreath making, whilst Joy Bell, a regular member, instructed the rag wreath makers.



Plain & Pearl is a social knitting & craft group for people who enjoy 'making things'. Our activities this year will include card-making, embroidery, needle-felting and Suzanne will be giving knitting masterclasses, including 'correcting your knitting mistakes'. Our popular felting workshop will be in March and a new Painting on Silk workshop in May. You will see us again at the Udney Gardens Fair in June. More information at [www.stmarywithstalban.org/plainandpearl](http://www.stmarywithstalban.org/plainandpearl)



We are very pleased with how Plain & Pearl has evolved and how our craft events, such as the annual wreath making, seem to be attracting people from all age groups, a key objective we always wanted to achieve.

*Josie Shantonas*

## Parish Registers

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

29th December: Daniel Logan, son of Samuel & Lindsey Ellis

12th January: Sonia Bowen-Perkins and Austyn, son of Tomas & Sonia Bowen Perkins

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

January 6th: Winifred Lee, aged 93

January 15th: Thomas Croad, aged 83

January 21st: Caroline Doherty, aged 58

# Talitha

## Talitha Workshop

Run by Amanda Root, the workshop incorporates voice, movement, music, drama and visual arts. Scripture and contemplation are also included.

**Saturday 15th March, 1.30-4pm**

St Mary's Church Hall

**Tickets £10**

All profits to charity

*To book please email  
[emily@stmarywithstalban.org](mailto:emily@stmarywithstalban.org)*

## The Selfish Giant – Easter Holiday Production



Those of you who know me will know that I have grown up with music as a very important part of life. One of my biggest inspirations was my godmother, a teacher by trade, with a love and natural understanding of the way a

simple musical phrase can express something beyond words. This, coupled with a passion for communicating with children resulted in the creation of a children's musical adaptation of Oscar Wilde's short story 'The Selfish Giant'. Over the years I have been involved in this production in various ways, from sitting in the audience age 3, captivated by the drama unfolding in front of me, to being

up on the stage a few years later singing the songs and, more recently, being part of a team who taught the show to a new generation of young people.

Since arriving at St Mary with St Alban over three years ago I've felt that the church would be an excellent stage on which to perform the show once more. So, during the first week of the Easter Holidays (7th-11th April), I, along with a team of fantastic volunteers will be running a holiday club for children aged 8-14 to bring 'The Selfish Giant' to life in Teddington. I have even roped in our handbell ringers and the Plain & Pearl group, along with other members of the congregation to make it a performance the whole parish can be proud of.

If your child would be interested in attending the holiday club, or you would like to help out in anyway I would be delighted to hear from you. Call me in the Parish Office on 8943 2262, or email [emily@stmarywithstalban.org](mailto:emily@stmarywithstalban.org)

*Emily D'Silva*

## Diary for February

<b>SERVICES</b> –	<b>Sundays:</b>	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am Morning Worship (30 minutes) at 9.00am Parish Communion (with Sunday School) at 10.00am
	<b>Wednesdays:</b>	Holy Communion at 9.30am Church Mice Toddler Service, 10.30am
	<b>Monday-Friday:</b>	Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm
Saturday 1st		Singing Workshop with Bob Chilcott, performance in Church, 3-4pm
Sunday 2nd		Candlemas Baptism, 12 noon Christingle Service, 4pm
Wednesday 5th		First Wednesday Club, Mina Hogan Room, 12.30-2pm, Topic: <i>Why Remember?</i>
Thursday 6th		Contemplative Prayer in church, 8pm followed by Compline, 8.30pm
Saturday 8th		Time to Talk, St. Peter & St. Paul, 10.30-12noon
Sunday 9th		4th Before Lent Youth Group in the Parish Hall, 6.30pm
Tuesday 11th		Plain & Pearl Knitting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm
Thursday 13th		Parish Lunch, The Anglers, 12.30pm
Saturday 15th		Strictly Tango, Parish Hall, 7pm
Sunday 16th		3rd Before Lent Baptism, 12 noon
Wednesday 19th		NB <i>No Church Mice Service</i>
Sunday 23rd		2nd Before Lent
Tuesday 25th		Plain & Pearl Craft, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm Marriage Preparation Evening, Parish Hall, 8-9.30pm

### Looking ahead

Sunday 2nd March Choral Evensong in church, 6.30pm