



brilliantly sung by the choir and seven readings from the Old and New Testaments. By the time we came to the final hymn, a truly rousing version of *Lo! He comes with clouds descending*, we were all ready to welcome in the New Year of the church and the coming of the Messiah with feelings of great joy.

Peter Stevens

Plain and Pearl Poppies

The Plain and Pearl knitted poppies proved very popular prior to Remembrance Day last November. When worn, they generated many a positive comment. The group raised a total of just over £350 for the Royal British Legion.



Parish Registers

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

20 October: Isla Annabelle, daughter of Ed & Meg Morgan

3 November: Molly Grace, daughter of Mark & Hannah O'Neill; Georgia Rose, daughter of Jeremy & Charlotte Williams; Emilia Clare Isabella, daughter of Richard & Clare Muir

17 November: Iris Annie May Hemsley, daughter of Richard & Penelope Jones

24 November: Pippa Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew & Prema Hannay

1 December: Oscar Andrew, son of David & Jo Cochrane; Daniel Gordon & Jake Alexander, sons of Philip & Geri East; Daisy Charlotte, daughter of Tom & Lucinda Goy

8 December: Julia Edes-Gibbins, daughter of Thomas Gibbins & Regina Edes-Gibbins

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

21 December: Shelley Fox and Richard Rixon

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

October 22: Charlie Ibrahim, aged 16


October 23: Janet Wooding, aged 54

November 7: Jeff McCarthy, aged 61

November 8: Betty Hagestadt, aged 73

November 14: Dawn O'Donnell, aged 75

December 5: Irene Chelton, aged 92

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StMARYwithStALBAN PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

Vicar's Viewpoint

So what's new for 2014? In one sense very little, which might come as a relief to those who have been involved in a busy period of change and development. Instead, a season to consolidate. This might also be true in many busy Teddington households, in which case it may be no bad thing.

A time to consolidate is a time to go deeper. And I'm looking forward to deepening our commitment to 'fostering faith and friendship' in the many activities already begun.

That said, there are two things that are being introduced to you in this newsletter. Firstly, a Play Cafe being run three afternoons a week. We welcome Cassie Sims, founder of Frankie and Flo's, and wish her well. Secondly, a creative spirituality workshop run by Amanda Root, a local actor and founder of an inspirational charity called Talitha. While I hope that the Play Cafe will help to foster friendship, I also have no doubt that the Talitha workshop will help to deepen faith.

Best wishes

Joe Moffatt

Talitha Workshop

Talitha is an Aramaic name meaning "little girl". It is used in Mark's Gospel, when a small child is supposedly raised from the dead with the words "Talitha cumi"... "Little girl, I say to you, arise". So the idea of using a variety of creative arts to explore one's identity has been taken up by **Amanda Root**, a Teddington actress. She founded Talitha Arts in 2010, and has worked in conjunction with International Justice Mission, tailoring arts programmes for young girls rescued from trafficking and abuse.



In 2013 Talitha launched creative workshops for churches which enable people to discover awareness of how they are known in Christ, with the belief that "each one of us has been made unique and precious in His sight". This is done in a workshop session through a combination of voice, movement, music, drama and visual arts. Scripture and contemplation are also part of the programme.

Amanda is clear that no experience is necessary to use a variety of arts in order to give us the time and space to explore our own perspectives, and seek to know how God views and is guiding us.

Amanda, and **Cathy Morling** will be running a **Talitha Workshop on Saturday March 15th** in the Church Hall from 1.30-4.00 pm. The cost of £10 will cover expenses with any profit going to support the work of the charity in the UK.

Please book by emailing emily@stmarywithstalban.org

Frankie & Flo's Play Cafe

 Teddington's new *afternoon* playcafe, Frankie & Flo's, is opening on **Wednesday 29th January**. It is moving

from Whitton to St. Mary's Parish Hall, and will be bigger, brighter and have even more on offer. A place as much for you as for your little ones. Relax, have really good Nespresso coffee and some delicious homemade cake. Meanwhile, your children (5yr old and under), can run free in a friendly, inviting space. Other attractions are a bouncy castle, ride-on toys, a dedicated baby area, and lots of dressing up clothes, a children's play shop and plenty of toys. There is even a roller coaster! The children can also get some fresh air in our outside space, while you socialise. Older siblings are welcome.

The playcafe also offers professional children's and adults' haircuts, or perhaps a manicure with our beauty therapist?

Every Tues/Wed/Thurs 2.30-5pm, term time AND school holidays.

For further information call Cassie on 07803 594786 or visit [facebook.com/frankieandflosplaycafe](https://www.facebook.com/frankieandflosplaycafe)



Christmas Bazaar

The Bazaar on 30th November was a great success and a wonderful start to Advent.

There was a fantastic variety of stalls to browse (and the BEST raffle ever) with music provided by the handbell ringers, adding enormously to



the atmosphere. Children were entertained decorating biscuits, making Christmas crafts, having faces painted and playing trad-

itional games with Guides and Scouts.

Santa and his team of grotto elves were kept extremely busy with around 120 visitors, as were our kitchen team serving up delicious cakes, soup, rolls and hog roast to hungry guests.

It was lovely seeing so many people, from parish and community of different ages and walks of life, enjoying the day. We raised a record £5,300 for our church- a fantastic result! We would like to extend a big thank you to all involved; those who gave donations, those who gave time, and those who came along to support the bazaar. We really appreciate your generosity.

Nicola Hindmarsh

Children's Advent workshop



A dozen families enjoyed this well organised event on November 23rd. Mary Hawes led the morning re-telling the bible stories leading up to the birth of Jesus and then a lovely recount of how and why children put up stockings on Christmas Eve, with the Saint Nicholas story.

The children bounced around four imaginative workshops, making a cubed gift box for Street Africa children; designing salt dough Christmas tree decorations with help from Evie Moffatt and a microwave; making a Christmas wreath; and cutting out and decorating felt sheep, palm trees and stars for a beautiful advent altar frontal.

It was a pleasure to take part and children from 2 to 8 years were all able to complete the activities to their own level and style.

"I loved making the money box and learning about baby Jesus" said Freddie (aged 4)



With enormous thanks to Emmajane Avery and the kind adult volunteers for giving up their time to help the children learn in such a lovely 'hands-on' way!
Anna Harrison

CHURCH FUNDRAISER

Tango Evening

SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

7.00pm IN THE Parish Hall

Tickets £10.00 (including refreshments)

For more information or tickets please contact Debbie in the parish office on 020 8943 2262 or info@stmarywithstalban.org

Advent Carol Service

There was a wonderful atmosphere as our candles were lit and the lights extinguished for the Advent Carol Service this year. In the candlelight, the enlarged choir began with the introit *Let all mortal flesh keep silent*. This was followed by the processional hymn, *O come, O*

come, Emmanuel, while the choir moved slowly around the darkened church. The congregation held a hymn book in one hand while carefully holding on to their lighted candle in the other hand - with the beautiful singing, the effect was quite magical. The lights were then turned on while we enjoyed more well-loved hymns, more anthems

Diary for January

SERVICES – **Sundays:** Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am
Morning Worship (30 minutes) at 9.00am
Parish Communion (with Sunday School) at 10.00am

Wednesdays: Holy Communion at 9.30am
Church Mice Toddler Service, 10.30am

Monday-Friday: Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm

Wednesday 1 st	No services
Thursday 2 nd	Contemplative Prayer in church 8pm, followed by Compline 8.30pm
Saturday 4 th	New Year in Old Vienna Concert in church, 7.30pm
Sunday 5 th	Epiphany
Thursday 9 th	Parish Lunch, Anglers, 12.30pm Junior Choir, in church, 5.30 pm (weekly during term)
Saturday 11 th	Time to Talk, St. Peter & St. Paul, 10.30-12noon
Sunday 12 th	Baptism of Christ Baptisms 12 noon Youth Group, 6.30pm
Tuesday 14 th	Plain and Pearl Knitting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30pm Baptism Preparation, 8.00pm in Hall
Thursday 16 th	Service of Wholeness and Healing in church, 8 pm
Saturday 18 th – Saturday 25 th	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity <u>Services around the churches:</u> Sunday Jan 19 Sacred Heart 4pm Monday Jan 20 St Peter and St Paul 9.30am Tuesday Jan 21 St John the Baptist 9am Wednesday Jan 22 St Mark's 10am Thursday Jan 23 St Mary with St Alban 5pm Friday Jan 24 Teddington Baptist 12 noon Saturday Jan 25 Teddington Methodist 11am
Saturday 18 th	Vicar's Tour of Church for Young Children, 10.00am PCC Discussion on Admission to Communion 1-4pm
Sunday 19 th	2 nd Sunday of Epiphany Baptisms, 12 noon Ecumenical Service at Sacred Heart RC Church, 4.00pm
Sunday 26 th	3 rd Sunday of Epiphany
Tuesday 28 th	Plain & Pearl Craft, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30pm
Looking ahead	
Saturday Feb 1 st	Singing Workshop with Bob Chilcott, Parish Hall, 9.30am-4.30pm
Sunday Feb 2 nd	(Candlemas) Christingle Parade Service, 4pm