

and supported each other and are now called Churches Together in Teddington (CTT).

Each year the CTT organises 2 **Good Friday processions**, the **carol singing** for the switching on of the **Christmas Lights** and various events: **One World Week**, **Women's World Day of Prayer**, and **Church Unity**. The main event is the **Christmas Day Lunch** at Elleray Hall for those who would be alone over Christmas. Other activities have included **funding books for school libraries** and holding **joint events for young people**.

We do hope you will all come along to the 50th anniversary **Family Jamboree** event on 20th July at St Mary's and St Peter's School, Teddington, from 2pm to 4pm.

Malcolm Eady

Parish Registers

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

26th May: Oliver Tom, son of Peter and Alice Aitken; Charlie Thomas, son of James and Sarah Hardman;

2nd June: Seth Garland, son of Martin and Krysia Smith; Otilie, daughter of Albert and Cassandra Bullen-King; Harrison David James, son of Peter and Lara Norgrove;

16th June: Toby Orlando Vye, son of Stephen and Katherine Smith; Grace Elizabeth Mary, daughter of Ian and Lisa Bailey

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

12th June: Edward Popkiss, age 92



Raise your teacups for our Marie Curie Nurses

We are holding a

'Blooming Great Tea Party'

in the Parish Hall, Langham Road to raise money for the Marie Curie Cancer Nurses to continue to care for people with cancer and other terminal illnesses.

Tuesday 16th July

Afternoon teas and cakes served 2.30-5pm
Live pianist, plus a separate play area for toddlers and activities for children plus a homemade cake stall.

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NEWSLETTER

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The St Mary with St Alban Pilgrimage to the Hereford of Thomas Traherne

Somewhere beneath the floor of St Mary's Church lie the remains of Thomas Traherne, the 17th century poet and mystic theologian who died in Teddington in 1674. Born in Hereford in around 1637, he spent 16 years of his adult life as a parish priest at nearby Credenhill. We made a pilgrimage to Hereford to visit his church and to see some of the beautiful countryside which had inspired his poetry.

For some of us our only previous experience of pilgrimage was struggling with Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* for 'A-level' English. Chaucer's pilgrims travelled by pack-horse or on foot whereas our main party, including most of the children, set off on Friday afternoon by mini-bus. To say that Saturday morning started with a hearty breakfast would be an understatement, some of the children eating nearly their own body weight in croissants and sausages, after which we travelled to Credenhill to visit St Mary's Church where Thomas Traherne became rector in 1657. We were greeted by Richard Willmott, Chairman of the Traherne Association, who gave us an excellent talk about Traherne's life and read to us some of his poetry. On our return to the mini-bus we paused to admire the wonderful view, so familiar to Traherne, across the fields towards the Brecon Beacons.

The children meanwhile had spent the morning



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at a pottery cafe. Everyone met back at the Cathedral for a guided tour. We entered by the Booth Porch in the floor of which is carved a large scallop shell, the symbol of a pilgrim. Here we were warmly welcomed by the Dean,



Michael Tavinor. The children had their own tour, looking at some of the monuments and doing some brass-rubbing which they thoroughly enjoyed. The Cathedral dates from Norman times and contains many beautiful items including the Mappa Mundi, the first map of the known world. Most of us were inspired by the richly-coloured stained-glass windows by Tom Denny (2007) celebrating the life and work of Thomas Traherne in the chantry chapel of Bishop Edmund Audley (d.1524).



Fortified with sandwiches and cream cakes, we were ready for Choral Evensong back in the Cathedral. The day was rounded off in true pilgrim style with more communal feasting, this time in the *Ask* restaurant. Everyone had a chance to compare the day's experiences.

Sunday morning saw Joe putting the finishing touches to his sermon before breakfast. There was a buzz of expectant excitement as we made our way into the Cathedral for the Pentecost Eucharist at which Joe had had the privilege of being invited to preach. Joe's sermon was a mini masterpiece, managing to incorporate the message of Pentecost including a song about *moving with the Spirit*



as well as mentioning our pilgrimage and finished with a quote from Thomas Traherne. At the end of the service we were all invited for drinks in the Dean's beautiful garden overlooking the river. He presented Joe with a signed copy of his book *Saints and Sinners of the Marches*.

The weekend was a great success on all levels, fostering faith and fellowship among ourselves and outreach to our friends in Hereford. Everyone had a wonderful time having experienced through companionship an insight into Traherne's insistence of the importance of love in human life. *Terry Brown*



Jubilee Doors Evensong

Our new beautiful Jubilee Doors welcomed a very large congregation to Festival Choral Evensong to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Queen's coronation and to mark the blessing of the doors installed in her honour. The service was an uplifting and beautiful occasion which was blessed with glorious sunshine and followed by wine and further fellowship in the churchyard. Joe welcomed



the Bishop of Kensington to the service and expressed his gratitude to all in the parish, both 'church folk' and those who do not attend, for their generosity in giving to the Jubilee Doors appeal. Our previous vicar John Cleaver and his wife were also welcomed back to the service.

Bishop Paul's sermon presented to us the image of three different sets of doors: those in our own church, which are wide enough to welcome all, yet narrow enough to keep out all



malice; the great doors of Westminster Abbey, which have seen 38 coronations and welcomed many grand people through them; and finally, the doors to heaven, the doors to the presence of God, through which we all pass.

He encouraged us to think of all those who have come through our doors over the centuries that the church has stood on this



site, and to continue to welcome new people through these doors; to make sure that the invitation is clear and the way is not hindered.

An enlarged choir and specially-formed

orchestra enhanced the service enormously and the anthem *Zadok the Priest*, its words referring to the anointing of a King, and thus chosen to be sung at the coronation itself, was a suitably rousing accompaniment to the Bishop's act of blessing, as he sprinkled each new set of doors with holy water.

Alice Jacobs

Churches Together in Teddington – a short history and 50th Anniversary Family Jamboree

The different Christian churches in Teddington all have the same basic calling - to worship God, to share the good news about Jesus Christ and to work for the good of all people. For the last 50 years they have worked together

Diary for July

<i>SERVICES</i> –	<i>Sundays:</i>	<i>Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am</i> <i>Morning Worship (30 minutes) at 9.00am</i> <i>Parish Communion (with Sunday School) at 10.00am</i>
	<i>Wednesdays:</i>	<i>Holy Communion at 9.30am</i>
	<i>Monday-Friday:</i>	<i>Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm</i>
Weds 3 rd		First Wednesday Club (<i>Topic: Immigration</i>), Mina Hogan Room, 12.30-2pm
Thurs 4 th		Silent Prayer in Church, 8.30pm, followed by Compline at 9pm
Sat 6 th		Wedding, 11.30am
Sun 7 th		6 th Sunday after Trinity Baptism during 10am service
Tues 9 th		Plain and Pearl Knitting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm
Thurs 11 th		Parish Lunch at <i>The Anglers</i> , 12.30pm
Sun 14 th		Sea Sunday Parade Service in Church, 10am Baptism, 12 noon Youth Group in Parish Hall, 6.30pm Choral Evensong, 6.30pm
Tues 16 th		Blooming Great Tea Party, Parish Hall, 2.30-5pm
Weds 17 th		PCC Meeting, 7.45pm
Sat 20 th		Family Jamboree for 50th Anniversary of Churches Together in Teddington at St Mary's and St Peter's School, 2-4pm Ecumenical Service to celebrate 50th Anniversary of CTT, Teddington Baptist Church, 4-5pm
Sun 21 st		8 th Sunday after Trinity
Tues 23 rd		Strawberry Tea, 57 St Winifred's Road, 3-5pm Plain and Pearl Craft, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm
Sun 28 th		9 th Sunday after Trinity