

Parish Registers

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

14th April: Theodore Carlton and Margot Eve, children of Stephanie & Carlton Kirby.

21st April: Grace Elizabeth, daughter of James & Jackie Nevin; Karina Elizabeth (Waite, adult) and Henry James, son of Chris & Karina Waite.

28th April: Edward Thomas and Amelia Rose, children of Andrew & Gemma De La Rue; Thomas Jeremy, son of Jeremy & Hannah Delahay.

5th May: Alfred George, son of Nicholas & Catharine Tallantyre; Jacob Robert, son of James & Julie Nelson.

12th May: Edward Alexander, son of Jeremy Smith & Anna Gorshkova-Smith; Meghan Rose and Thomas John, children of Simon & Amanda Staton; Henry George, son of Charlie Wood and Gemma Bramley.

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

27th April: Frances McDermott and Samuel Neild

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

18th April: Fred Brazier, aged 88

22nd April: George Gardiner, aged 98

23rd April: Joan Parsons, aged 85

Supper Talk

**Enough Food for Everyone
IF...**

Taking the campaign to the G8

Guest Speaker:
Ben Niblett, Tearfund's IF Campaign
Team Leader

Wednesday June 12th, 7.30pm

St Mary's & St Peter's School,
Somerset Road.

Two-course meal provided

Cost £5 per person, payable
on the evening.

To sign-up – contact Parish Office
on 8943 2262

Midsummer Concert in Church

Sunday June 23rd at 6.30pm

featuring solos by Laura, our star
director of music, the choir, and
instrumentalists from the congregation

Tickets (£5, children free) on the door

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NEWSLETTER JUNE 2013



*One of the three splendid
newly installed*

Diamond Jubilee Doors
which will be dedicated

*by the Bishop of
Kensington during*

Choral Evensong
at 6.30pm on

Sunday 2nd June, exactly
*60 years after Queen
Elizabeth II's Coronation.*

Everyone Welcome

Vicar's Viewpoint

It's hard to imagine a religious riot in Teddington. But in June 1907 the Patronal Festival to celebrate St Alban resulted in ugly skirmishes. As the high-church enthusiasts from St Alban's (now the Landmark Centre) processed up the High Street, they were met by protesters from the Protestant Truth Society and some very unseemly behaviour followed. You may have seen an excellent account of this in an article by Ken Howe, a local historian, in the January edition of TW11.

Well, we still celebrate St Alban as our patron saint with a special service on the Sunday nearest his feast day (June 22nd). But we no longer process up the High Street, and we certainly don't wish to cause any strife, religious or otherwise. Instead, we seek to foster friendship, harmony and co-operation. I think it's worth mentioning just three current examples:

Firstly, we've been developing plans with other churches in Teddington to set up a **monthly coffee morning for those who are grieving**, following bereavement or any other kind of loss. This will begin in September. Trained listeners will be on hand to talk to. The venue will be St Peter & St Paul's on the corner of Church Road, and it is very much a joint



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ecumenical venture, bringing together volunteers from various churches.

Secondly, this kind of co-operation between churches has been going on for many years under the formal organisation of Churches Together in Teddington. This July we celebrate its 50th anniversary. We plan to do this with a **family fun day on Saturday July 20th** at St Mary's & St Peter's School, culminating in a special service at the Baptist Church.

Thirdly, we have been working closely with the Teddington Society, the Landmark Arts Centre and various other local organisations to revamp the **Teddington Village Fair**. The event this year, on **Sunday June 16th**, promises to be a veritable extravaganza, including a spectacular aerial theatre show. Please see the colour insert for details.

Yours harmoniously,

Joe Moffatt

Thomas Traherne Poetry Group

The poetry group is grateful to Dr Gerry Gregory for encouraging them to look more closely at the poetry and poetic prose of theologian, Thomas Traherne.

Although Traherne lived through the political and religious turmoil of the seventeenth century, his poetry still seems relevant and communicates a surprising vision of God's abundant love for mankind. Traherne's metaphysical arguments, spiritual insight and exuberant style gave rise to much thoughtful discussion among the group, some of whom rose to Gerry's challenge to write on a contemporary theme in the style of Thomas Traherne.

Traherne came to Teddington as private chaplain to Sir Orlando Bridgeman but died at the early age of 38. He was buried here in St Mary with St Alban Church, Teddington, and is depicted in the stained glass window behind the main altar.



The poetry meetings were a marvellous preparation for the Parish Pilgrimage to Herefordshire which was Traherne's home county. In Hereford Cathedral there are four stained glass windows commemorating Traherne and reflecting the beauty of the natural world that he celebrated in his writing:

'The world is a mirror of Infinite Beauty, yet no man sees it... It is the place of Angels and the Gate of Heaven.' – *Thomas Traherne – First Century, Meditation 3.*

Frances White

Considering Confirmation

- Are you interested in learning more about Christianity?
- Is this the time to think about your journey of faith and how the church can help you?
- Would you like to be confirmed and feel like you belong to the church?

If so, please consider our Confirmation

Preparation Course. This runs for 6 weeks in the Parish Hall:

- ◆ Young People (minimum age of 11) on **Wednesdays 5.30-6.30pm, starting on June 12th**
- ◆ Adults on **Thursdays 8.00-9.30pm, starting on June 13th**

The Confirmation Service will be conducted by the Bishop of Kensington on Tuesday September 10th at 7.30pm

Please contact the Vicar if you are interested.

Admitting Children to Communion

Should children be admitted to communion before they are confirmed? This is standard practice in the Roman Catholic Church. In the last 30 years many Church of England parishes have adopted this policy, offering a preparation course to children as young as seven.

This is a subject that raises lots of issues about the place of children in church and about the significance of communion.

We want to explore these issues as clergy and congregation together. So at our services on Sunday June 23rd the clergy will preach on the issue and then invite questions/comments. Something similar will happen in Sunday School for both children and accompanying adults. This will then inform a Parish Church Council discussion before any decisions are taken.

Parish Quiet Day

Dipping into Contemplative Prayer
led by Paul Alexander

Friday 14th June
10am-4pm

St Michael's Convent, Ham Common
Cost £10

To book or find out more contact:
Christabel Davies
Tel 8255 3857

Newland House Year 3 Visit

On our visit to St. Mary and St Alban Church on 3rd May, we looked at different types of church furniture and their functions. My best piece of furniture was the hassock because it had beautiful patterns and lovely decorations. Father Joe explained what happened in a

church service, told us what each piece of furniture was for and he let Ben ring the bell three times to hear how it sounded. Father Joe let us get up and look at the furniture. Anna pointed out the carvings on the pews in the shape of an animal.

Berry Awe

Diary for June

<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>
Sunday 2nd	1st Sunday after Trinity	Baptisms 12 noon Teddington in Flower, handbells 2 & 3pm, churchyard teas 2-6 (full list of open gardens http://www.teddingtonsociety.org.uk/) Festival Evensong and Dedication of the Jubilee Doors by Bp Paul, 6.30pm
Wednesday 5th	First Wednesday Club, Mina Hogan Room, 12.30-2pm. Topic: Pilgrimage	
Thursday 6th	Silent Prayer in Church, 8.30pm followed by Compline, 9pm	
Saturday 8th	Deanery Singers Festival at St James', Hampton Hill, comprising tea at 5pm followed by Choral Evensong at 6pm	
Sunday 9th	2nd Sunday after Trinity	Baptism at 12 noon Youth Group, in Hall at 6.30pm
Tuesday 11th	Plain & Pearl Knitting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm	
Wednesday 12th	Confirmation Preparation Course (young people), Parish Hall, 5.30-6.30pm Supper Talk, guest speaker: Ben Niblett, St Mary & St Peter School, 7.30pm	
Thursday 13th	Parish Lunch, the Anglers, 12.30pm Confirmation Preparation Course (adults), Parish Hall, 8-9.30pm	
Friday 14th	Parish Quiet Day, St Michael's Convent, Ham, 10am-4pm.	
Sunday 16th	3rd Sunday after Trinity	Baptisms 12 noon Teddington Village Fair, Udney Hall Gardens, from 12 noon
Tuesday 18th	Tea Club, Mina Hogan Room, 3pm	
Wednesday 19th	Confirmation Preparation Course (young people), in Hall, 5.30-6.30pm	
Thursday 20th	Confirmation Preparation Course (adults), Parish Hall, 8-9.30pm	
Sunday 23rd	Patronal Festival	Baptisms 12 noon Church Concert including choral and solo items. £5 adults, children free. 6.30pm
Tuesday 25th	Plain & Pearl Craft, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm	
Wednesday 26th	Confirmation Preparation Course (young people), in Hall, 5.30-6.30pm	
Thursday 27th	Confirmation Preparation Course (adults), in Hall, 8-9.30pm	
Sunday 30th	5th Sunday after Trinity	Baptisms 12 noon.