

enable job clubs and food banks to keep going, pay for debt advice and much more. Kieran Kettleton from the CUF will be joining us on Sunday 16th March at the 9am and 10am services to tell us more.

Sarah Greenwood

Women's World Day of Prayer

This is an ecumenical service, on **Friday 7th March at 7.30pm** which it is our turn at St Mary's to host this year. It has been prepared by Christian women of Egypt and their theme is "Streams in the Desert". It is interesting to reflect that on this date, Christian women all over the world will be holding exactly the same service. Our speaker will be Dr Mary Grey, a distinguished Roman Catholic theologian from St Mary's University College, Twickenham. There will be refreshments afterwards in church. Everyone is welcome.

Anthea Bryan

Electoral Roll Revision

The Roll is being updated during March/April. Those who have recently changed their address and/or name on marriage should – please – check that these details are recorded on the old Roll, a copy of which is on the Church notice board. New members of the congregation and those who have reached the age of 16 since the Roll was prepared last March/April will, we hope, wish to express their commitment to our Church by being included on the Roll.

Enrolment forms are on the table at the back of the Church.

June Hill, Electoral Roll Officer

Parish Registers

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

19th January: Elliot Colin and Amelie Patricia, children of Adam & Alice Moore

2nd February: Joshua James, son of Matthew & Joanne Spencer

16th February: Otilie Elizabeth Austen, daughter of Simon & Mary Ford; Maxwell David Peter, son of Nicholas & Tania Shaw

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

24th January: James Castle, aged 64

31st January: Aileen Dekker, aged 76

Musical Theatre Holiday Club

for 8-14 year olds

performing

The Selfish Giant

Monday 7th-Friday 11th April

in the Parish Hall

Places limited so book early

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StMARYwithStALBAN PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

Bob Chilcott comes to Teddington

Over 140 singers packed into the Church Hall on 1st February to enjoy a wonderful choral workshop. With the winter sun blazing through



the windows, the participants were treated to a day of music composed and arranged by that choral giant Bob Chilcott, formerly a member of the

King's Singers and, as a boy chorister, the Aled Jones of his generation. Having devoted his career to the choral world as a performer, composer and teacher, he is also an inspired, and inspiring, chorus master.

In three intensive and exhilarating sessions, Mr Chilcott took us through sections of 3 works, both religious and secular, culminating in a short concert in St Mary's church itself. Singers had come from all over and around London, from Walthamstow to Finchley, from Bromley to Sunbury, representing many different kinds of choral groups. St Mary's itself was strongly represented, other local churches too, as well as neighbouring

choral societies, rock bands and choirs. Jim Hawkins, leader of Rock Choir and former accompanist for Chilcott's *Come & Sing*



series, was also present. The day proved to be a rich exchange for anyone with choral aspirations.

A natural communicator, Mr Chilcott's direction was clear; his anecdotes and historical references added significant richness to the day. He seamlessly united the differing styles and levels of expertise of the singers into a well-integrated sound – voices could be heard with clarity both as a whole and as individuals in the hall's encouraging acoustic.



The accompanist for the day was our own Chris Stokes. His work for the singers was sensitive and lively and contributed greatly to the pleasure of the day. Singers will particularly recall the brio with which he tackled the syncopated accompaniment to *The Invention of Printing from Five Days Which Changed the World*. Although this workshop was Chris' first with Bob Chilcott, the rapport between them suggested a longer collaboration.

A great vote of thanks goes to all those who helped behind the scenes, including Josie Shantonas, cake maker supreme, and specially to the prime mover and organiser of the day, Churchwarden Anne McTear. We understand she has already secured a provisional promise from Bob Chilcott for a repeat visit. As well as all the fun, the event raised over £1,700 for Church funds.

Anna Cunnyingham

More photos and video on church website

Lent Course – Pilgrim

During Lent we will be one of the first parishes to pioneer the use of *Pilgrim*, a new set of teaching courses that has recently been launched by the Church of England. This is an alternative to *Alpha* for churches with a more mainstream Anglican tradition.

We will be offering the first six-week course based on the promises made at baptism, at both our morning and evening sessions on Wednesdays during Lent beginning on March 12th.

Morning sessions, led by the Vicar, 10.30-12noon in Mina Hogan Room. Contact Susan Jacobs 8943 0503;

Evening sessions, 8-9.30pm in the church (after the first week the meetings may be hosted in homes). Contact Caroline Halmshaw, 07803 007 533.

The Upper Room

With an ever growing Sunday School, Cathy Randall and Emily D'Silva have been inspired to separate our school aged groups into **Sunday School** for those up to Year 4 and **The Upper Room** for those in year 5 onwards. **The Upper Room** will start on Sunday 2nd March, and will run every week – except for the 2nd Sunday of each month when this age group will be able to participate in Youth Group in the evening.

Cathy, Emily, and a group of enthusiastic volunteers will lead the group in using technology, creativity, and discussion to explore the readings and seasons of the church. There is also the promise of hot chocolate and pastries. More information from Emily in Parish Office.

Concert of Music for Passiontide

including Pergolesi: *Stabat Mater*

Featuring soprano and alto soloists,
string quartet and the church choir.

Sunday 6th April at 6.30pm

Tickets £10, conc £5
on the door

Parish Pilgrimage to St Albans – June 21-22

Following our memorable parish trip to Hereford last year, we plan to go to St Albans this summer. Three good reasons why St Albans: firstly, we have an obvious connection with the name, our parish being partly dedicated to St Alban, the first Christian martyr; secondly, there is a carnival-like festival in the city every year on the weekend in question with larger-than-life effigies of the various characters in the story of St Alban which are processed through the streets to the Abbey; thirdly, a very good friend of mine is vicar of a neighbouring parish (Redbourn) and has offered to help with accommodation.

So the itinerary will look something like this:

- ◆ Depart early Saturday morning (June 21st) by coach to arrive in St Albans by 10am.
- ◆ Enjoy the Procession and Festival Eucharist in the Abbey at 12 noon with the US Presiding Bishop preaching.
- ◆ Free time in afternoon plus Festival Choral Evensong with John Bell (Iona Community) preaching.
- ◆ Evening meal in St Albans, then coach to Redbourn. Stay in Aubrey's Park Hotel or with host families.
- ◆ Parish Communion in Redbourn at 9.30am (June 22nd) followed by early lunch and return by coach.

At this stage it would be really helpful to know who might be interested. **So please drop me a line by the end of March if you think you might like to join us, indicating whether you would prefer to stay in the hotel or a host family from Redbourn parish.** This will give us an idea of numbers so that we can negotiate deals with coach companies and the hotel accordingly.

This will be a fun pilgrimage suitable for young and old and everyone in between. So I hope that everyone in our congregations will consider coming and spending some precious time away together to foster our faith and friendship.

Joe Moffatt, vicar@stmarywithstalban.org

Church Urban Fund Lent Appeal



Following on from the success of last year's Lent course, looking at social justice and action in the UK, we have chosen to support the Church Urban Fund for our Lent Appeal and to hold a fundraising film night on **Saturday March 22nd at 7.00pm.**

Come along and watch the British comedy-drama *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* and enjoy a curry dinner in the Hall – Tickets at

£10 each, can be bought (in advance please) from Parish Office 8943 2262 or after Sunday services. There will be a cash bar on the night.

The Church Urban Fund encourages churches and Christians to work together to tackle poverty in England, to transform the lives of the poorest and most marginalised. Our donations, for which Gift Aid envelopes will be available during Lent, will support work with struggling families, get homeless people into accommodation, provide lunch clubs and social activities for lonely elderly people,

Diary for March

<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>Holy Baptism (most Sundays) at 12 noon</i>
	<i>Wednesdays:</i>	<i>Holy Communion at 9.30am</i> <i>Church Mice Toddler Service, 10.30am</i>
	<i>Monday-Friday:</i>	<i>Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm</i>
Sunday 2nd		Next before Lent Choral Evensong with Thanksgiving for Marriage, 6.30pm
Wednesday 5th		Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with Ashing, 9.30am First Wednesday Club, Mina Hogan Room, 12.30-2pm. Topic: <i>My favourite Lenten poem</i> Sung Eucharist with Ashing, 7.30pm
Thursday 6th		Contemplative Prayer in church, 8pm, followed by Compline, 8.30pm
Friday 7th		Women's World Day of Prayer service, 7.30pm
Saturday 8th		Time to Talk, St Peter & St Paul church, 10.30am-12noon
Sunday 9th		1st of Lent
Tuesday 11th		Plain & Pearl knitting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm
Wednesday 12th		Morning Lent Course, Mina Hogan Room 10.30-12noon and 19th & 26th Evening Lent Course, in church, 8pm and 19th & 26th
Saturday 15th		Talitha Workshop, Parish Hall, 1.30-4pm
Sunday 16th		2nd of Lent Kieran Kettleton from CUF will speak at both 9am and 10am
Tuesday 18th		PCC meeting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30pm
Thursday 20th		Service of Wholeness and Healing, 8pm
Saturday 22nd		Film showing and curry supper in aid of CUF, Parish Hall, 7.00pm
Sunday 23rd		3rd of Lent Youth Group outing, 2.30pm
Tuesday 25th		Plain & Pearl craft, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm
Sunday 30th		Mothering Sunday Morning Worship with Communion, 9am Family Parade Service, 10am Daffodils distributed at both Services with refreshments and Traidcraft stall afterwards
<u>Looking ahead</u>		
Sunday 6th April		Concert of Music for Passiontide in church, 6.30pm