

## Christian Aid Week 11-17<sup>th</sup> May

Once again we join with churches across the UK for seven days of fundraising, prayer and action against global poverty. We are always very grateful for the generosity that our volunteers encounter when doing the door-to-door collection. We also take a good collection at our special Christian Aid Parade Service (this year on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am), as well as collections at the rail station. All the money raised enables Christian Aid to continue transforming lives around the world.

This year the focus is on the human cost of conflict. During our special service on May 11<sup>th</sup> we will see a moving film about recent work with people in South Sudan, one of the world's toughest places, where Christian Aid is helping people get the basics they need to rebuild their lives.

Please continue to give generously. By doing so, we are demonstrating that God's love is infinitely greater than hatred and violence. We can help to give people across the world a life free from fear.

*Joe Moffatt*

## Considering Confirmation?

We will be starting our Confirmation Preparation Course next month. This runs for 6 weeks every Wednesday, starting on June 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a group for young people (5.30-6.30pm) and a group for adults (8.00-9.30pm). We suggest a minimum age of

twelve but are happy to have conversations with families about when might be the best time. If you are interested please get in touch with the Vicar.

The Confirmation Service will be on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am, conducted by the Bishop of Kensington.

*Joe Moffatt*



The poster features a small logo at the top with the text 'StMARYwithStALBAN'. Below it, the title 'Parish Ceilidh Evening' is written in a large, stylized font. The date and time are 'Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 8pm in the Parish Hall'. The ticket price is 'Tickets £7.50'. At the bottom, it says 'to include nibbles and a welcome drink', 'SCOTTISH COUNTRY dancing with caller and live music plus games and prizes.', 'No experience needed - just energy!', and the website 'www.stmarywithstalban.org'.

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## NEWSLETTER MAY 2014



### StMARYwithStALBAN PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

## The Selfish Giant



CAST: Cherry Bardzinski, Neave Berry, Willow Berry, Hannah Cooper, Ilona Eckert, Olivia Gibbs, Finlay Greenway, Mairead Lake, Tara Lake, Abi Leighton, Daniel Moffatt, Evie Moffatt, Joe Moffatt, Caspar Morgan, Benedict Morgan, Grace Morgan, Isabella Morgan, Hannah Patel, Ashley Redding, Harry Rideout, Gabriel Woods, Isla Woolf

During the first week of the Easter holidays local children took part in a musical theatre club of The Selfish Giant. The children enjoyed a creative and fun week in which they learnt new songs, wrote scripts to the scenes they were acting and helped make the set. Here's Caspar, one of the children, to tell you in his own words how the week went:

*From the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2014 a group of children (including me) took part in a musical theatre holiday club of The Selfish Giant. We were preparing for the final show on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> in front of our parents and invited audience at St Mary with St Alban's Church. The story is about a giant who didn't like children in his garden. He built a wall to keep the children out but as there were no children there to enjoy it, spring didn't come to his*

*garden, only winter. The children realised he was good when he lifted a small boy into a tree with his friends after they climbed through a hole in his wall.*

*We rehearsed every day; singing, dancing and making up our own scenes. I drew the giant's castle on a large piece of fabric to be displayed on the church altar while the other children made bunting and leaves for the tree (aka the pulpit). Angela and Emily D'Silva taught us the songs, while Adam did the acting. I didn't know many of the other children at first, apart from my friends Finlay and Ashley and my brother Benedict, but they were all very nice.*

*If you managed to see the play, we hope you enjoyed it. We certainly enjoyed performing it!*

*Caspar Morgan, age 11*

Huge thanks must go to everyone involved in the week, with a special mention to the organiser and director, Emily D'Silva; to her assistant director, Adam Woods; to the musical director, Angela D'Silva; to Chris Stokes on piano; St



Adam Woods, Joe Moffatt as The Giant and Emily D'Silva

### Talitha Workshop

St Mary's with St Alban's held a Talitha workshop in March. I hadn't taken part in an arts workshop before, so came with an inquiring and slightly apprehensive mind. I needn't have worried. There was no need to be an accomplished artist and the simple, but profound activities we took part in could have been carried out by anyone. There were many highlights, the two that have stayed with me are, the reading of Isaiah 61, which started with each participant being given a line to read and ended with the group communicating the words just through mime, showing how small gestures can capture powerfully the essence of the written word. And we made a picture of a garden out of photos and drawings, which represented elements of our lives, the journey we're on, giving us time to reflect on how close or far away God feels. The workshop was an important moment in Lent, when we try to make more time for God, being open to hear Him through prayer and scripture. Talitha was a wonderful opportunity to learn how God communicates to us through other people and His creativity.

Caroline Halmshaw

Mary Teddington Bells; Plain and Pearl Knitting for the amazing flowers used on the set, and finally to the church flower arrangers for the beautiful arrangements that decorated the church on the night. *Sally Rideout*



Photo storyboard of the week

### Concert of Music for Passiontide

This Concert of Music for Passiontide took place in the church on Passion Sunday, which marks the beginning of the Easter season. Fittingly the music was performed in front of the large, bare wooden cross, which had been put up at the front of the church for the occasion. The first half of the concert featured the regular church choir, bolstered by several local singers, and an assembled string ensemble of local musicians (organised and led by Janet Smith). The unaccompanied choir pieces were beautiful and the string concerto by Corelli had flowing melodies that wove between the two opposing groups of strings. The main event came after a short interval, when we were treated to an amazing performance of Pergolesi's Stabat Mater. Mezzo-soprano Laura Trayhurn (our amazing Director of Music, who is about to start maternity leave) was joined by soprano Penelope Appleyard, directed by Howard Gough and accompanied by the string ensemble. This was a piece of contrasts, between desolation and upbeat thanksgiving, with the two voices blending beautifully during the duets. A real treat for all involved!

Jo Moffat

### Parish Registers

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

23<sup>rd</sup> March: Harry Alexander, son of Duncan & Nicky Monypenny; Matthew George, son of Tom & Emma Marfleet

### St Mary with St Alban Flower Festival of Favourite Songs

**Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th June**

We will be celebrating Teddington in Flower this year with our Flower Festival of Favourite Songs. On Saturday afternoon there will be tea and hand bells in the church with cream

tea served in the churchyard on Sunday afternoon.

**Be a part of our festival – get involved:**

- ◆ Stewarding for an hour in Church
  - ◆ Flower arranging or helping Friday 6th June, 4pm-8pm or Saturday 7th June 9am-1pm
  - ◆ Sponsor an arrangement in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion or anniversary with special song
- Please contact Kathy on 8977 8668 or Josie at [josie.shantonas@stmarywithstalban.org](mailto:josie.shantonas@stmarywithstalban.org) or pick up a leaflet at the back of the church.

*Kathy Gold*

### Diary for May

<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 (NB: no service Wednesday 28th)</i>
	<i>Monday-Friday:</i>	<i>Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm</i>
Thursday 1st		Traherne Reading Group, Mina Hogan Room, 2-3.30pm 8pm Contemplative prayer in church, 8pm followed by Compline, 8.30pm
Sunday 4th		3rd of Easter Baptism, 12 noon
Tuesday 6th		Baptism Preparation Class, Parish Hall, 8-9.30pm
Wednesday 7th		First Wednesday Club, Mina Hogan Room, 12.30-2pm. Topic: How Relevant is 'Rev'
Thursday 8th		Parish Lunch, The Oak, 12.30pm Traherne Reading Group, Mina Hogan Room, 2-3.30pm
Saturday 10th		Father Joe's Children's Tour of the Church, in church 10-11am Time to Talk, St Peter & St Paul Church, Church Road, 10.30-12noon
Sunday 11th		4th of Easter Christian Aid Parade Service, 10.00am Baptism 12 noon Youth Group, Parish Hall, 6.30-8pm
Tuesday 13th		Plain & Pearl Knitting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm
Thursday 15th		Traherne Reading Group, Mina Hogan Room, 2-3.30pm Service of Wholeness & Healing in church, 8-9pm
Saturday 17th		Parish Ceilidh Evening, Parish Hall, 8-11pm
Sunday 18th		5th of Easter Baptism 12 noon Parish Trip, Verdi Requiem, Royal Albert Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
Thursday 22nd		Traherne Reading Group, Mina Hogan Room, 2-3.30pm PCC Meeting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30pm
Saturday 24th		Plain & Pearl Silk Painting Workshop, Mina Hogan Room, 9am-4.30pm
Sunday 25th		6th of Easter
Thursday 29th		Ascension Day Holy Communion, 8-9pm