

## Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity

A local charity, able to help both local people and local organisations, which in turn support local people.

Grants to help with the cost of gas and electricity are available to help people living in Hampton, Hampton Hill, Hampton Wick, Teddington, Twickenham or Whitton areas.

You may qualify for help if any of the following situations apply to you:

- ◆ You work part time or are on a low wage
- ◆ You receive state benefits
- ◆ You receive help with your rent or council tax
- ◆ Your children receive free school meals

Grants are paid directly to your gas and electricity companies.

Application forms and further information are available from the Charity's office at 15, High Street, Hampton TW12 2SA, Tel: 020 8941 7866.

## SMSP Harvest High Tea

On Wednesday 25th September our parish school hosted their traditional Harvest High Tea, inviting elderly neighbours from Teddington. The children enjoyed serving tea and cake and chatting to their guests about the school. Both the Junior and Senior choir performed and Mr Logan, the school's



headmaster, shared the school's goal to twin as many toilets in the school as it can ('Toilet Twinning' is a campaign to provide safe sanitation and clean water to poor communities around the world).

Many delicious cakes were baked by the parents and children and were thoroughly enjoyed. Lots of parents helped during the day which was also attended by Father Joe and school governors Malcolm Eddy and Chris Shires and many parishioners including Pamela Bryant and Sheila Cooper. Sheila, a local pensioner and friend of the church, said of the afternoon: "We were very impressed by the splendid array of cakes in front of us – and the cups of tea just kept coming. Fortunately I did not have too much lunch! It was a heart warming afternoon and we all left feeling better for seeing such happy and focussed children in our church school."

This special event raised a brilliant £640 which will enable the school to twin another two toilet blocks plus three individual toilets. Fantastic!

# NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2013



## StMARYwithStALBAN PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON



### Vicar's Viewpoint

This autumn has seen the launch of a number of new ventures in our parish.

I'm pleased to report that all is going well.

Time to Talk, our monthly coffee morning for those who are bereaved, has now had two sessions. It has attracted a good number of people who have appreciated the listening skills of our trained volunteers and the companionship of others. At this time of year, when we have special remembrance services for both the war-dead and for loved ones departed, this opportunity to talk in a caring environment is most timely.

Church Mice, our toddler service on Wednesdays, has grown exponentially (as mice always do!) from 3 children the first week to 17 by the fourth. Much joy is had seeing the toddlers march around the church, while banging their instruments to the tune of 'O when the saints'!

Our Junior Choir has had seven recruits. Laura, our director of music, has a wonderful ability to make singing fun and it's wonderful to watch the children respond enthusiastically. But a choir needs more than seven. So I urge you to encourage children (aged 7 and above) to come on a Thursday evening (5.30-6.30pm) and give it a go. They won't be disappointed. We initially thought that we would ask parents for a termly fee, so that we could raise some funds to buy robes and music. But we've revised this decision, so now it is free to participate (as is the custom for church choirs). If anyone would like to make a donation towards the cost of robes and music,

we would be most grateful.

Finally, we had our first Service of Wholeness and Healing in late September. This was well attended by over 30 people, who appreciated the quiet and prayerful form of service, as well as the personal touch that is offered with the sacrament of laying hands on a person's head. The next one is on Thursday November 20th at 8pm. All our welcome, and there is no pressure to come forward for prayer. It can simply be a time to reflect and be refreshed.

I hope to see many of you on Remembrance Sunday on November 10th and at Teddington Lights Up on the 28th, both of which always get a really good turn-out. And then there's our Christmas Bazaar on the 30th – don't miss the hog roast and mulled wine!

Best wishes

*Joe Moffatt*

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## **Family Suppers by the 2nd A Teddington Guides**

**After Teddington Lights Up,  
Thursday 28th November  
6-7.30pm, St Mary with St Alban  
Parish Hall**

*Beat the queues and pre-book,  
£6 (adult) £4 (child).*

Send payment along with a note of meals required (adult/veg/child) to Kathy Gold, St Mary's Parish Hall, Langham Road, Teddington, TW11 9HF.

All cheques payable to 2nd A Teddington Guides. For further info contact Kathy via tel: 8977 8668

## Christmas Bazaar 30 November – Donations Needed!

The Christmas Bazaar is fast approaching, and we are looking forward to a day of festivities; including Santa's grotto, music by St. Mary's Handbell Ringers, delicious food and mulled wine, as well as the opportunity to stock up on Christmas gifts and treats. The bazaar relies on donations to make it a success. If you would like to make a donation (cakes, crafts, jams & preserves, bric-a-brac, glass, china, books, nearly new children's toys, clothes and equipment, bottle tombola, raffle etc...) please bring your items along to the Parish Office or contact Lucy Fink 07703 337500 or lucy.fink@hotmail.com

## Las Posadas – Celebrating Christmas

Last year, Mary, Joseph, and the Donkey from our knitted nativity set spent Advent travelling around Teddington, taking part in a tradition called 'Las Posadas' (Spanish for 'Lodgings' or 'Inns'). They spent each night of Advent staying with a different family, they made friends with young and old, going to parties, meetings, discussion groups, and even helping with bath time.

This year they want to do it all over again. So,



we are looking for 23 households who would like to become a Posada for a night. Each host household will need to:

- ◆ prepare a place for Mary and Joseph to stay overnight – they don't take up much room and make very few demands!
- ◆ maybe invite some friends to share a meal and tell Christmas stories while Mary and Joseph are with you.
- ◆ arrange to take Mary and Joseph to their next Posada.

It's a great way to prepare for Christmas – and a chance to share the Christmas story with family, friends, and neighbours. If you would like to offer to host the Holy Family for a night, please email [emily@stmarywithstalban.org](mailto:emily@stmarywithstalban.org) or sign up at the back of church to get involved.

## **Come and Sing – with Bob Chilcott**

'A contemporary hero of British choral music' *The Observer*

**Saturday 1st February 2014  
One-Day Workshop, 10am-4pm  
St Mary with St Alban Parish Hall**

*Tickets £19.50 (including refreshments)  
Group discounts available  
All proceeds to St Mary with St Alban*

**For tickets and further information  
contact Anne McTear at  
[ChilcottTeddington@gmail.com](mailto:ChilcottTeddington@gmail.com)  
or via tel: 07973 911 820**

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## **Advent Workshop**

*led by Mary Hawes, Assistant Priest*

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
10am – 12noon**

Activities, stories and crafts to help families use the Advent season to prepare for Christmas.

FREE TO ALL. Book your space via email to [parishhall@stmarywithstalban.org](mailto:parishhall@stmarywithstalban.org)  
or tel: 8943 2262

## Parish Registers

**Baptisms – We welcome into Christ's Church:**  
22nd September: Max Arthur, son of James & Joanna Roberts

29th September: Theo George, son of Paul & Emily-Jane Button; Katie Iona, daughter of Matthew & Claire Simons; Zachary James, son of Mark & Suzie Tarran

13th October: Rose and Grace Scott, daughters of Oliver & Holly Morgan

## Diary for November

*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*

Sunday 3rd All Saints  
Baptisms 12 noon

Wednesday 6th First Wednesday Club, Mina Hogan Room, 12.30-2pm, Topic: *Pay day loans – what is the solution?*

Thursday 7th Junior Choir in church, 5.30pm (weekly during term)  
Contemplative Prayer in church, 8pm followed by Compline 8.30pm

Saturday 9th Children's Guided Tour of the Church in church, 10-11am  
Time to Talk, St Peter & St Paul, 10.30-12noon

Sunday 10th Morning Worship with Holy Communion, 9am  
No 10am service  
Procession from the Royal British Legion, 10.20am  
Service of Remembrance outside Teddington Memorial Hospital, 10.50am  
Choral Evensong for All Souls, 6.30pm  
Youth Group in the Parish Hall, 6.30pm

Tuesday 12th Plain & Pearl, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm

Thursday 14th Parish Lunch, The Anglers, 12.30pm

Sunday 17th 2nd Before Advent

Wednesday 20th PCC Meeting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.45pm

Thursday 21st Service of Wholeness & Healing in church, 8-9pm

Saturday 23rd Advent Workshop in church, 10am-12noon

Sunday 24th Christ the King  
Baptisms, 12 noon

Tuesday 26th Plain & Pearl Craft, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm

Thursday 28th Teddington Lights Up, 6pm  
Family Suppers cooked by the Guides, Parish Hall, 6-7.30pm  
Vocality Concert in Church, 7.30-9pm

Saturday 30th Christmas Bazaar, Parish Hall, 11.00am-2.30pm

**Looking ahead**  
Sunday 1st Dec Advent Carol Service, 6.30-7.30pm