



Have Fun with a Bunch of Flowers and a Glass of Wine

**Special Flower Arranging Evening
on Tuesday 24 September at 7.30pm
in the Parish Hall.**

Whitton Floral Club, whose members arrange *Florimania* at Hampton Court, will be demonstrating and you will be able to make your own table arrangement to take home or just watch the expert.

Booking required as we have to order flowers: £6.50 with arrangement, £3.00 without.

Details contact
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Parish Registers

Baptisms – *We welcome into Christ's Church:*
4th August: Jasper Tom, son of Anthony Dorrington & Nadia Day

11th August: Charlotte Daisy and Maxwell Blake, daughter and son of Scott & Caroline Helyer

18th August: Sophia Fabienne Alice, daughter of James Papageldilis & Annie-Laure Robin; Katherine Elizabeth, daughter of Noel & Rachel Lavery

Wedding – *We wish every blessing on the marriage of:*
3rd August: Richard Bowman and Natasha Chauhan

Funerals – *We remember with thanksgiving the lives of:*
14th August: Thomas Roberts, aged 2
16th August: Hazel North, aged 71

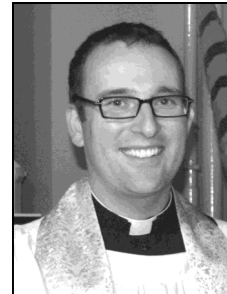
Newsletter editor

We are sad to report that Melanie Woodcock has resigned from our newsletter editorial panel. She has been a super-efficient and cheerful collaborator for the past 3 years and we will miss her. Thank you Mel for all your hard work. If anyone would like to join the panel, please contact Susan or Sally.

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Vicar's Viewpoint

Earlier this year we set out a revised Vision for the next couple of years which included some

new projects, all intended to 'foster faith and friendship'. Four of these projects, which have been in the planning for some time, are being launched this month as life in Teddington gets back to full swing.

Firstly, a Junior Choir. This is for children aged 7 and above. No audition, but they need to be able to read words confidently. Expert singing and musical tuition provided by our Music Director, Laura Luck. The intention is for them to perform in church one Sunday per month, becoming more regular as they develop.

When: Rehearsals on Thursdays in term-time 5.30-6.30pm, starting Sept 12th

Where: Church of St Mary with St Alban

**Contact: Laura Luck, 07779 297980
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Secondly, Time to Talk Teddington, a monthly drop-in coffee-morning for those who want to talk to someone following a loss or bereavement (see insert).

When: 2nd Saturday of every month, 10.30-12noon, starting Sept 14th

Where: Church Hall, St Peter & St Paul, Church Road.

Thirdly, a Church Mice Toddler Service. Our parent and toddler group has had various reincarnations under the same name. The



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latest twist is to return to the original format (over 20 years ago) of a short midweek service in church, followed by refreshments and play-time. The new element this time is to offer two different days in conjunction with our neighbouring parish.

**When/Where: Wednesdays, 10.30-11.30am
St Mary with St Alban, starting
September 18th
Fridays, 10.30-11.30am, St Peter &
St Paul, starting September 20th**

Fourthly, a Service of Wholeness & Healing. We don't expect dramatic results and we certainly won't be recommending that anyone stop their medication. Instead, we offer a quiet reflective service for anyone wanting to find some peace or comfort for either themselves or a loved one. Through offering (with a very light touch) the sacrament of anointing with oil and the laying on of hands, there is the hope of God's gentle healing.

**When: Third Thursday every other month
(starting Sept 19th, then November
21st), at 8pm**

Where: St Mary with St Alban

I appreciate that this is a lot of 'launching' in a very short space of time. But they are all key aspects of our vision for the kind of church we want to be. I would also argue that they are activities that every healthy parish church should be offering in one form or another. So I'm excited at the prospect of these new ventures and I'm looking forward to the *faith and friendship* that each may foster.

Best wishes

Joe Moffatt

St Mary with St Alban's Youth Group

starts again on Sunday 8th September following a summer break. We have an exciting programme planned for the coming term, starting with a filming project led by our very own director extraordinaire, Adam Woods. Watch out in church for the final product.

The Youth Group meets on the 2nd Sunday of every month in the Parish Hall from 6.30-8pm. We welcome anyone and everyone in school years 6-10 and aim to provide a varied programme, – last term included a 'Geo-caching' trail around Teddington, a Survival Skills session, and a trip to St Paul's Cathedral, drawing expertise from our talented congregation and beyond.

For more information, or to find out how to attend or volunteer, please contact Emily D'Silva in the Parish Office.

Planned Giving

Over four weeks in May and June we ran our latest 'Planned Giving' campaign to highlight the church's basic financial needs and to make us all aware of how we can more easily contribute by taking a tax efficient approach.

Each Sunday focused on a different aspect of giving and what it can achieve, with insight from visiting clergy about the amazing impact funds make across the Diocese while our own clergy reminded us gently that everything we have comes from God. Each Sunday we also heard a personal perspective from a member of our congregation. Paul Hammond talked about realising he hadn't reviewed his giving for years and how we all need to take stock periodically. John Demont explained his view on legacies. Carla Maroussas gave an insight into a busy young family's need to be organised and how our gift aid 'blue' envelope scheme helped with this. Will Powell pointed out the £5000 extra the Parish would receive for free if everyone eligible filled in a Gift Aid form and David England pointed out the additional personal tax benefit to higher rate tax payers by doing this.

Finally, having relied on all of these wonderful speakers, I also found the courage to speak and to say thank you too. There are some

things we just can't pay for with anything other than money, but just because we're talking about the cost, it doesn't mean we've forgotten the value of all the time, care and effort given with love by so many people and at no charge. To all those who give of themselves in this way, thank you very much; and to all of you who responded to our Planned Giving campaign, by Gift Aiding, by creating a standing order, by increasing your standing order, by using blue envelopes, thank you also very much.

So far, our 'Planned Giving' has increased by a fabulous £10,000 per annum, which is half way to our target. We had 15 new standing orders, 6 new blue envelope requests and 11 increased standing orders. To meet our budget though, we need to double this result by next April. If you just haven't got around to filling in a planned giving leaflet or haven't seen one yet, it's not too late and there are plenty at the back of church, in the Parish office and usually in my handbag! Please take the time to look at one or just to have a chat with me about it.

Thanks once again,

Anne McTear, Churchwarden.

July's Blooming Great Tea Party

which was held in the Hall during the recent heat wave thereby probably accounting for slightly fewer takers than usual, was a fun, friendly, and delicious occasion. The excitement peaked, for children and adults alike, when a demonstration fire engine arrived and the consumption of cakes and biscuits and the sale of wonderful hand-made craft items made the handsome sum of £460 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Many thanks



to everyone who came, who helped, who donated and who contributed to a most successful afternoon.

Susan Jacobs

Strawberry Tea in aid of Welcare

The morning of the annual July strawberry tea was drowned by heavy rain and thunder, but Margaret was confident that it would be a fine afternoon as it always has been, and so it was.

The sandwiches, scones and cakes were as good as usual which makes it difficult to keep

room for the strawberries, but everyone agreed they were excellent and they disappeared fast. There were 30 or so people there including quite a number I hadn't known and everyone was enjoying themselves. Over £230 was raised for Welcare which is a record. Many thanks Margaret for your energy and hospitality.
Jennifer Shaw

Diary for September

<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 1st		14th Sunday after Trinity Presentation of Confirmation candidates during 10am service Baptism, 12 noon
Tuesday 3rd		Baptism Preparation, 8pm
Wednesday 4th		First Wednesday Club, Mina Hogan Room, 12.30-2pm. <i>Topic: Faith Schools</i>
Thursday 5th		Contemplative Prayer in Church, 8pm
Saturday 7th		Wedding, 2.30pm
Sunday 8th		15th Sunday after Trinity Baptisms, 12 noon Youth Group, 6.30pm
Tuesday 10th		Plain & Pearl, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30pm Confirmation Service with Bishop of Kensington, 7.30pm
Thursday 12th		Parish Lunch, The Anglers, 12.30pm Junior Choir, in church, 5.30pm (and all following Thursdays)
Saturday 14th		Time to Talk Teddington, 10.30am-12noon, St Peter's & Paul's Wedding, 1.30pm Wedding, 4pm
Sunday 15th		16th Sunday after Trinity Baptism, 12 noon
Wednesday 18th		Church Mice Toddler service, 10.30am (and all following Wednesdays)
Thursday 19th		Service of Wholeness and Healing, 8pm
Sunday 22nd		17th Sunday after Trinity Speaker from SPEAR at both 9 & 10am services Choral Evensong, Preacher: Canon Tom Moffatt, 6.30pm
Tuesday 24th		Plain & Pearl/Flower Arranging demonstration, Parish Hall, 7.30pm PCC Meeting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.45pm
Sunday 29th		St Michael & All Angels Youth Group presentation during 10am service Baptisms, 12 noon

Looking ahead

Sunday 6th October Harvest Festival Parade Service at 10am
Harvest Lunch, Hall, 12 noon