

# St Mary the Virgin Twickenham



**Sunday 22nd April**

**EASTER IV**

Welcome to St Mary's on this our Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday, when we especially give thanks to God for all that we have experienced of him over the past year and pray for His guidance on the year ahead.

This will begin with the Parish Eucharist and continue in the Hall after a short coffee break hosted by St. Mary's Families.

It would be marvellous if all who are on our church membership list could be present, as we elect our Wardens for the forthcoming year and several members of the PCC.

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
Reading	Acts 4: 5-12 (Antonio Carmona)
Gospel	John 10: 11-18
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
Organ music	Arabesque Vierne
Hymns	188, 148, 172, 293
Reading	Acts 4: 5-12 (Betty Miller)
Gospel	John 10: 11-18
Intercessions	Judy Collins
Organ music	War march of the priests Mendelssohn
3.30 pm	A concert given by the Syon Early Music Group
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Psalm	81: 8-16
1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Exodus 16: 4-15
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Revelation 2: 12-17

## *Intercessions*

We pray for all members of our congregation. We pray for Mission for Vision.  
We pray for our First Communion candidates as they continue their preparations today.

We pray for all those seeking God's intervention, guidance and healing in their lives, amongst them:

Eileen Hayden  
Stephen Pilgrim  
Michael  
Ben  
Nicholas  
Beryl Mason  
Jill Dennison  
Don McClen  
Blaise Nelson  
Bernice McCabe

Dell Gillespie-Gilbert  
Jinny  
Monica Palmer  
Imogen Snelling  
Craig  
Ola  
Kay Lawson  
Angela Peters  
James Donovan  
Bea Martin  
Lehni Norman

Jan Schofield  
Barbara Jenkins  
Raoul Franklin  
Simon Bargate  
Carmen Alonso  
Sophy Newman  
Nick  
Sarah Ashford  
Ann Falconi  
Christine Bartlett

We pray for those who have died  
that they may know new and eternal life:  
Margaret Hastings,  
whose funeral will take place in church on Thursday.

If you would like the names of anyone included or re-added  
to the Intercessions list, please contact the Parish Office.

Please can we remind you to keep your valuables with you at all times  
while you are in church.  
Thank you.

*Today*

***Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)***

The meeting begins with the Eucharist at 9.30am, there will be a short coffee break and then the rest of the meeting will follow in the hall, including the election of our Wardens and a number of new members of the PCC.

***Syon Early Music Group***

will be presenting a concert in church at 3.30 pm

***Preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion***

The second of the four sessions for those who are preparing for their first Communion will be at 4.00pm in the hall, prayer partners are welcome.

*Forthcoming Events*

**St Mary's Sunday Music Programme  
April and May dates for your diary!**

Next Sunday, 29th April,  
**the Marble Hill Singers**

will give an engaging concert ranging from Byrd to Will Todd, including beautiful arrangements of folk songs and Stanford's extraordinary Magnificat in 8 parts, before taking the programme on tour in Europe.

On 27th May we have  
**Bach by the River**

an evening with the Baroque giants Bach and Handel with music to sooth the soul for baroque violin, flute, recorder and harpsichord. Hear trio sonatas in the beautiful acoustic of our church, built at the time this glorious music was composed. We are very fortunate to have players formerly with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, so do come to support them playing in Twickenham!

***St. Mary's Summer Fayre and Flower Festival***

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June

***Celebration Sunday***

17<sup>th</sup> June

***General Notices***

**MARGARET HASTINGS**

After our having prayed for Margaret for 9 years since her stroke, as you may have heard, Margaret died on Good Friday. She was a devoted member of the 8am congregation for many years, with her husband Julian. Her funeral will take place at St Mary's at 11am next Thursday, 26th April.

***Readers and Intercessors***

The new rota for the period to the end of June is now displayed on the noticeboard at the back of church, new contributors are welcome.

***Dear Church Users,*** Please ensure that any intended use of the church is checked with the Parish Office for availability, always important but especially so while there is a lack of Vestry facilities.

***St Mary's Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2018*** will take place from Friday 28th September until Sunday 30th September. The cost for the weekend is £134 with an additional charge for travel by coach. This is an opportunity to spend a weekend in Norfolk with other members of the congregation, joining in the services, enjoying the peace and quiet of the grounds and coming back refreshed both spiritually and physically. More information and Booking Forms available from Jean Love (jeanlove@aol.com or 020 8892 5552).

***Christian Aid Street Collections*** - Would you be willing to distribute and collect envelopes in one of our parish streets between 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May? This work is vital to Christian Aid, which depends upon the annual street collections to help the poorest of the world's inhabitants with projects such as access to safe drinking water and the improvement of crop yields. If you can spare a couple of hours to do this, please contact Peter Mence on 020-8977-3679; [m.p.mence@btinternet.com](mailto:m.p.mence@btinternet.com) giving some indication of the venue in which you might like to collect.

***Giving to St Mary's*** - If you wish to give money to St Mary's to help fund its running costs you can now do so by texting a donation in addition to using our established giving schemes. Whilst we do not wish to encourage people to use their mobile phones at all during the service, if you would like to donate this way as you leave the church, or whenever is convenient to you if you cannot be with us on a Sunday, **please text STMY12 and the amount to be given to 70070** e.g STMY12 £10. You will receive a text message thanking you and asking if you want to gift aid the donation.

***Email and contact details*** - If you are already on our parish list and have recently changed your contact details, or if you would like to add your name, please use the welcome card from either the pews or the back of church and pass to a sidesperson or churchwarden to ensure that our records are kept up-to-date.

***Lost Property***

wristwatch found in church, please contact the Parish Office to reclaim.

## **From the Archives**

*An occasional article in a series on a topic from the St. Mary's Archives*

### ***The "Nuremberg" chest***

The large metal chest by the south door is possibly one of the oldest objects in Twickenham, being one of the few objects that survived when the nave and roof of the medieval church collapsed in 1713! It is of a type described as a "Nuremberg" chest, dating from the 16<sup>th</sup> or early 17<sup>th</sup> century, and there are references in the Church's archives to a *waynscott cheste with a locke and key to itt* in an inventory in the Churchwardens' accounts for 1619. A later description in 1643 noted *one old trunk in ye Steeple*. The Vestry minutes for 12 January 1802 referred to a *tripartite iron chest with 3 keys* held in Twickenham, Isleworth and Heston. The present heavy key, at least 30cm long, was made by a locksmith at the Victorian & Albert Museum in 1990 when the original had disappeared. The locking mechanism is complex and needs considerable strength to operate as it extends inside all four sides of the large lid.

The chest may have been obtained after Thomas Cromwell's requirement that every parish should have a chest, often called a *coffer*, in which to store the parish archives. St Mary's started to keep records of baptisms, marriages and funerals as instructed, in 1538, and the chest was probably acquired for the purpose. It was used as a seat for the Chairman of the Vestry, the precursor of the Parochial Church Council, and was used to store the church's archives until 1900 when a safe was built in the base of the tower..Today the chest contains several large leather-bound Bibles and Books of Common Prayer, mostly 19<sup>th</sup> century, and the Registers are all in the London Metropolitan Archives.

Please pray for these events which are taking place amongst the Church family during the coming week.

Monday	8.00 pm	Re-ordering meeting, which will be held in the Parish Office.
Tuesday	11.00 am-12.00noon 4.30 pm-5.30 pm	Minnows will meet in the church. The organ will be in use.
Wednesday	<b>10.00 am</b> 6.00 pm 8.00 pm	<b>Eucharist</b> Discipleship Group meets in the chancel. Bells practice
Thursday	11.00 am	The Funeral of Margaret Hastings will take place in church, followed by a Burial service at Highgate Cemetry.

## Sunday 29th April

### EASTER V

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6.00 pm A concert given by the Marble Hill Singers	



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