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CHURCH SERVICES- DO JOIN US!

GOOD FRIDAY: 9am Walk of Witness. Beginning at St Mary's Church and ending 20mins later at the Green.

12 noon Bishop Emma, Bishop of Kensington, will lead us in meditations at the foot of the cross, culminating in

2.30pm The Liturgy of Good Friday.

HOLY SATURDAY: 3 pm Blessing of the Graves in the Memorial Garden, as we pray our departed loved ones into the death and resurrection of Christ.

EASTER DAY: THE FESTIVAL EUCHARIST OF THE RESURRECTION will be celebrated at 9.30am

Easter Wednesday: The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in church.

Next Sunday 27 April is Low Sunday. This will be our Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday.

The service will begin at 9.30 am and we shall be electing our new Church Wardens and members of the PCC.

There will also be an earlier **Eucharist** at **8 am** and at **5 pm** there is a special **Concert** in church organised by **The Richmond in Europe Association**.

PCC MEMBERSHIP – CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 27 April we will need to elect new members of the Parochial Church Council - the PCC. This is an important group in the life of St Mary's Church. It makes key decisions about how we operate; how we spend our money; our priorities and new initiatives. We also ensure that the correct safeguarding arrangements are in place. The group needs more people with financial and communication skills, but the most important quality is an enthusiasm for getting things done. Jef chairs meetings on Monday evenings about 6 times a year.

If you think you might be interested in contributing to the life of our church in this way please do talk to either of the Wardens.

Stephen Tetley (07399 495258) and Margaret Mence (07774 282677)

TEA @ 2.30. ST MARY'S CHURCH – 7 MAY

Would you like to meet for a cup of tea or coffee and have a chat with some old friends and meet some new ones? Do join us, once a fortnight, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month between 2.30 and 4 pm. Our next meetings will be on 7 and 21 May.

2025 APCM SUNDAY 27 APRIL

St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and the Election of Churchwardens and PCC Members will take place on Sunday 27 April in the church after the 9.30am Eucharist. All members of the congregation on the Electoral Roll are very welcome to attend and participate in our APCM. We will start the meeting around 15 minutes after the end of the 9.30 service; please feel free to go over to the church hall for a coffee before the meeting.

Papers for the meeting will be available on our website a week before the meeting <u>https://www.stmarytwick.org.uk/pccnotices</u>. A small number of paper copies will also be available from the back of the church. We hope you will be able to join us.

Clarinda Chan, PCC Secretary pcc.secretary@stmarytwick.org.uk

WEST LONDON CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT 26 APRIL 7.30 PM

West London Chamber Choir presents a concert of choral music with a French theme on Saturday 26th April at 7.30pm: Fauré Requiem and music from other French composers including Messiaen, Bonis, Poulenc, Duruflé and Villette. Directed by Hilary Campbell with Ian Shaw on organ. Tickets from Ticketsource or on the door. U16s free. Refreshments available.



EASTER FLOWER ARRANGING – SATURDAY 19 APRIL



RETREAT - MAY 17 2025

Retreat Day: Blessing the Ordinary – May 17th 2025

We lead such busy lives and it can be hard to notice God in the midst of all that needs our attention. Join us for a day retreat on Saturday, May 17 in the beautiful former convent of St. Katharine's, Parmoor, Frieth (near Henley on Thames) when we shall be spending time with God: in prayer, in silence, in guided discussion, in poetry, in laughter, in nature, in contemplation, in community, in communion. Led by Donna we shall be pondering the question: where can we find God in the ordinariness and the busyness of our lives?

It will be a day of thinking, and listening, and creating space; a day of refreshment and restoration; a day that will hopefully ripple through the weeks and months ahead.

The retreat is free (refreshments are available at reasonable prices) but limited to 17 places. The day will start at 10.00 am and close at 4 pm. If you would like to come please sign up at the back of the church and say if you will need a lift or are able to give lifts to others. If you would like more information please contact Margaret or Peter Mence either in church or on <u>m.p.mence@btinternet.com</u> or 020 8977 3679.

RETURN OF THE SUMMER FAIR - SATURDAY 7 JUNE 11 AM TO 3 PM - CAN YOU HELP?



To coincide with a weekend of celebrations for the borough's reaffirmation of its European twinning we will be holding our summer fair and flower festival. Please put the date in your diaries and think about how you might to contribute to the success of the fair. At this stage we are appealing for volunteers to help with refreshments and stalls and to offer their time generally in various aspects of the preparation. These are the stalls we have in mind:

Tea tent - BBQ - Pimms - Raffle - Cakes & produce - Jewellery & accessories Books - Toys - Bric a brac - Tombola - Children's activities....

Help will also be needed for set up and take down and general prep...

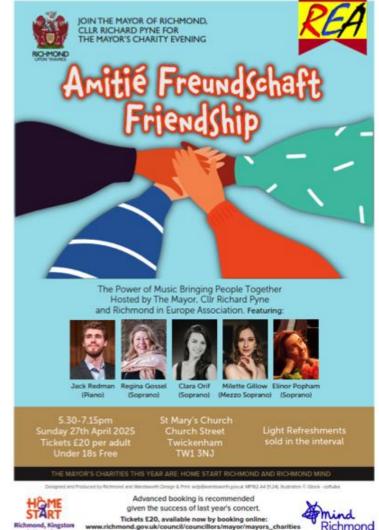
If you can help or have any suggestions for the Summer Fair, please sign up in the church porch or contact Charlotte (<u>charlottewest7@outlook.com</u> or 07903 550221) or Liz (<u>Liz.sledge18@gmail.com</u>). Thank you.

FRIENDSHIP CONCERT – SUNDAY 27 APRIL 5.30 – 7.15 PM

On Sunday 27 April 2025 the Richmond in Europe Association will be hosting an international concert at St Mary's with musicians of the Royal Academy of Music in aid of charities supported by the Association's patron, the Mayor of Richmond, Cllr. Richard Pyne.

The concert forms part of a series of events celebrating Richmond's partnerships with Fontainebleau in France and Konstanz in German. These will culminate in a weekend of celebration from 6-8 June 2025 to reaffirm our enduring friendship.

It follows on from the very successful 'Togetherness' concert which was staged in April 2024. The ensemble of singers, Regina Gössel, Milette Gillow, Clara Orif and Elinor Popham, accompanied by pianist Jack Redman, will



perform works in French, German & English to reflect the three European towns. The theme of the concert is 'Friendship' and our shared European heritage.

Tickets are £20 for adults with no charge for those aged 18 or under and are available from <u>www.richmond.gov.uk/council/councillors/mayor/mayors</u> charities. Refreshments will be sold during the interval.

KETTNER CONCERT – SAT 17 MAY 6 PM

Kettner Concerts in Twickenham: Beethoven, a Cool Voice in Vienna – SAT 17 MAY 6PM

<u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kettner-concerts-in-twickenham-beethoven-a-cool-voice-in-vienna-tickets-1319848976819?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl</u>



ST MARY'S GROUPS FOR FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Our groups for families and young people are now on their Easter break. We would love to welcome you when we resume, from Sunday 27th April.

Sunday School (age groups 3-5.5 yrs, 5.5 yrs-9 yrs and 9+) runs every Sunday at 9.30 am in term time excluding the 3rd Sundays of the month when we all worship together in the Church. Please contact Julie Hall <u>sundayschool@stmarytwick.org.uk</u> for more information.

Little Fish for newborns to 2 year olds and their carers runs during the 9.30 am service every Sunday in term-time, except the 3rd Sundays of the month when we all join the full service in the Church. Please contact Sarah Waller on <u>minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk</u> with any questions.

Minnows (resuming Monday 28th April) is a relaxed time for parents and carers of children aged 0-4 chatting over refreshments, with playtime and singing. Drop-in Mondays in term-time 9.30-11.15am. All are welcome! Contact Sarah Waller on <u>minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk</u> with any questions.

BEST WAY TO GIVE REGULARLY TO ST MARY'S – PARISH GIVING SCHEME

The Parish Giving Scheme is the simplest way of giving your own regular donation to St Mary's. To set something up, or if you have any queries, please go to <u>https://www.parishgiving.org.uk</u> or call them on <u>0333 002 1260</u> or email on <u>info@parishgiving.org.uk</u>

You will need our details, including our reference number, which are all set out below

Parish:Twickenham St MaryDiocese:London DioceseParish Ref:230623218

A QUICK WAY TO GIVE TO ST MARY'S

You can also give to St Mary's online at <u>Give to St Mary's</u> <u>Twickenham</u>. Or if you use this QR Code with the camera of your smartphone, it will take you to the St Mary's donation page. It is another way of giving money to St Mary's for the Offertory Collection or indeed making a one-off donation at any time. The main purpose is to give our visitors and parishioners another way to donate should they wish to do so.



To submit a Notice, please send your text and any related image by email to <u>notices@stmarytwick.org.uk</u> The deadline for submission is close of business on Wednesday for inclusion, if approved, in the Weekly Parish Notices issued on Friday.