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CHURCH SERVICES – DO JOIN US!

This Sunday 9 March is the first Sunday in Lent. **EUCHARISTS** will be celebrated at **8 am** and **9.30 am**. The Gospel will be Luke Chapter 4 verses 1-13. We shall be making available a Lent Library for you to borrow a book to read and study over the coming weeks. This will be found in the Church Hall during coffee after the 9.30 am service, to which you are all invited. At **10.45 am** there will be a meeting of the Children and Young People's group in the Windsor Room

On **Monday 10 March** at **7.30 pm** the first of our evening Lent Discussion groups will meet in the church. All welcome.

On **Tuesday 11 March** at **2.30 pm** the first of our afternoon Lent Discussion groups will meet in the vestry. All welcome.

On Wednesday 12 March the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10 am.

Next Sunday 16 March will be the Second Sunday in Lent. The **Parish Eucharist** will be celebrated at **9.30 am**. The Gospel will be Luke Chapter 13 verses 31 to end.

LENT GROUPS

This Lent, Monday evenings and Tuesday afternoons, will be devoted to an examination of five different aspects of the scriptures:

Monday 10th March: The Patriarchs and Matriarchs of the Old Testament. Monday 17th March: The Prophets and Psalms of the Old Testament. Monday 24th March: The Person and Preaching of Jesus in the Gospels. Monday 31st March: The writings of the Apostle S Paul. Monday 7th April, The Acts of the Apostles.

The Monday evening sessions will begin at 7.30 pm and we aim to conclude by 9 pm with prayer. We will begin with an address which talks about the subject in question; we will then split into groups where questions will be raised and discussed where you can either sit and listen or join in with your insights and ideas, as you feel most comfortable; we will then break for refreshments and a time to socialise before reconvening to share thoughts and then finishing with Night Prayer before departing. Tuesday afternoon sessions for those who prefer not to go out in the evenings will begin in the Vestry at 2.30 pm and conclude with tea, served at 3.30 pm.

CHURCH LIBRARY

The Church Library will be open in the Church Hall for half an hour after the 9.30 am service this Sunday. Please feel free to borrow or browse.

FOOD BANK

The Vineyard food bank is in urgent need of the following items: Long life juice/squash, pasta sauces, honey, peanut butter, marmite, washing up liquid, shampoo, adult toothbrushes, tinned vegetables. Many thanks for any donations.

KETTNER CONCERTS – MOZART & MENDELSSOHN TRIOS – SAT 8 MARCH 6 PM

Experience the artistry of celebrated musicians Cristian Sandrin (piano), Enyuan Khong (violin), and Charlotte Kaslin (cello) as they breathe life into masterpieces by Mendelssohn and Mozart at St Mary's in an intimate evening of piano trios.



ST. MARY'S GROUP - THURSDAY 13 MARCH - 2.30 P.M.

Please come to our meeting in the vestry that afternoon, when we shall be having a discussion about books. It would be good if everyone could come prepared to make a recommendation of a favourite book and to say why they have chosen it. Otherwise, just come to listen to the recommendations. Visitors are always welcome.

'ANIMATION CELEBRATION' SPRING CONCERT - SATURDAY 5 APRIL 7.30 PM

Showcasing music from classic cartoons and animated movies, featuring music from The Jungle Book, Wallace & Gromit, The Simpsons, Toy Story, Beauty and The Beast, Up, A Bug's Life, Chicken Run, Mary Poppins Returns, Snow White. All this and more!

Performed by the 60-piece Richmond Light Orchestra in the church and supporting the Great Ormond Street Charity it's an event not to be missed! Book your tickets today. For more information and to book tickets please visit www.richmondlightorchestra.com



NOTES ON A GREEN THEME

We are fortunate to have the ETNA community centre on our doorstep, they have so many things going on there, on offer for us all.

For example, there is the Real Junk Food Project where you can eat nutritious and tasty meals that have been cooked on the premises using surplus food collected from their partners, restaurants, independent retailers and individuals including allotment surplus. The café operates on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11.30 - 13.30 and provides an open, welcoming, non-judgmental space where good food can be enjoyed for a small donation.

On the 3rd Tuesday of the month Space 2 Grieve run a free monthly grief café providing support and connection for bereaved residents in the borough, where you can partake of a 'compassionate cuppa' with others.

Then there are all the exercise classes like Pilates by Age UK, Boxercise, breath, meditation and yoga programmes, beginners table tennis for the over 55's, Strength Training another Age UK programme. The list goes on! Then there are the one-off workshops. An interesting one coming up on 25 March, 29 April and 22 May is a free composting workshop. Habitats and Heritage are running this informative workshop on composting for your home garden or allotment. A selection of different methods of turning food and garden waste into compost will be highlighted.

These are bookable events with places available, book by going on the Etna website, <u>https://etnacentre.org/community-centre/</u>.

MESSY CHURCH RETURNS! FRIDAY 28 MARCH. HELPERS WELCOME!



If you'd like to volunteer to help, there are plenty of ways to get involved - from moving benches in the morning to helping with refreshments, on the welcome desk, or assisting with the crafts during the session, and moving benches back at 4.30pm. Please speak to Sarah Waller, Katie Kean or Donna to find out more! Or email Sarah on <u>minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk</u>.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS - 18 APRIL 2025

You are warmly invited to join with all the local churches and other Christian denominations in this walk, to be led by the Right Reverend Dr. Emma Ineson Bishop of Kensington. This year the walk will follow a reverse route because of the redevelopment of Twickenham riverside. We shall meet in the churchyard of St. Mary's Church Twickenham and leave from there at 9 a.m. We shall then walk along Church Street, King Street and Heath Road to Twickenham Green, where a short service will be held. Those wishing to join at the Green should arrive by 9.20.

For any queries, please contact Sophy Fisher on 07531850630.

TEA @ 2.30. ST MARY'S CHURCH

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 19 March and 2 April.

ST MARY'S FOR FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE – SUNDAY SCHOOL, LITTLE FISH AND MINNOWS

Sunday School

Our 3-5.5 yrs, 5.5 yrs-9 yrs and 9+ Sunday Schools run 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 on

<u>sundayschool@stmarytwick.org.uk</u> for more information.

Little Fish

Little Fish for newborns to 3.5 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

Minnows 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.

ST MARY'S CHARITABLE GIVING – NOMINATIONS BY 31 MARCH

Don't forget that you still have time to nominate a charity for support from St Mary's. **To nominate a charity for support, please fill in the short online form by 31 March 2025. Link to form:** <u>https://forms.gle/WCFqp4ufnZi7FU3v7</u>

- St Mary's is committed to offering financial gifts to local charities serving the people of the borough of Richmond upon Thames, or international charities that are Christian in foundation.
- Members of the congregation are invited to nominate charities (maximum one per person) which will be considered and then chosen by the PCC.
- The chosen charities, limited to 2-3 local and 2-3 international, will be supported for a period of 3 years.
- Speakers from the chosen charities will be invited to speak at designated Charity Sundays.
- Each year, we will give to selected charities from collections from Charity Sundays, along with 50% of profit from the annual fete and 50% of Christmas collections, as well as the free use of the Hall or Church for one event.
- The policy will be reviewed in 2027.

Online submissions are preferred, but if you need a paper copy of the form, these can be found at the back of the church. Any questions, please contact Clarinda Chan by emailing <u>pcc.secretary@stmarytwick.org.uk</u>. Thank you!

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.