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CHURCH SERVICES

This **Sunday 3 November** we shall be celebrating **All Saints Sunday**. The **Parish Eucharist** will be celebrated at **9.30 am** and will include a presentation from one of the charities we support. Coffee and other refreshments will be served afterwards in the Church Hall, to which you are all invited.

On **Wednesday 6 November** the **Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated in church at **10 am** and at 12 noon the Funeral of Rod Campbell Young will be held in church

Next **Sunday 10 November Eucharists** will be celebrated at **8 am** and at **9.30 am**.

Do join us!

ST MARY'S SCRUBBERS

We are in great need of another five willing people to join our church cleaning group. Is there anyone willing to join us? If so could you please contact Jenny Kelly at j.kelly209@btinternet.com. Looking forward to some offers!

ST. MARY'S GROUP - THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Please come to the vestry at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday 14 November to hear Paul Leonard speak on Tools with a Mission.

ADVENT AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL – SAT 30 NOV 5.30 PM- APPLY BY 10 NOVEMBER

We are again able to apply for tickets for the great Advent Carol Service at St Paul's Cathedral. If you want to come please contact Katie at buildings@stmarytwick.org.uk as soon as possible and at latest **before Sunday 10 November** so that you can be included in the application. Young people (aged 7-14) can join the procession of light which moves through the cathedral as part of the service. All children participating need to be available (with a supervising parent or guardian) to rehearse from 3 pm onwards on the day. If you are interested in this, as well as in attending the service, please let us know that too.

NOTES ON A GREEN THEME

An article in last Thursday's Times written by Andrew Ellson, the Consumer Affairs Correspondent caught my eye with the headline: "Halloween causes more plastic waste in the UK than any other event."

He went on to say that the growing popularity of Halloween in the UK is causing a huge volume of plastic waste, with research suggesting that it is now the biggest single use event of the year. (Which considering how much waste there is at Christmas is saying something!) Spending on Halloween has quadrupled over the past decade to an estimated £1 billion a year as communities adopt an American style approach to the day.

Entire streets are often seen to be decorated with giant spiders, cobwebs and plastic skeletons with thousands of children, adults and even dogs dressing up to go trick-or-treating. A recent study found that more than three quarters of Britons who buy Halloween

decorations, masks and other themed items admit to throwing them away after a single use. This could add up to 46 million themed items could be binned every year – equivalent to 3.2 items per child. These items are thrown away because they are seen to be cheap and flimsy and not worth keeping.

It's a harrowing thought isn't it?

Check out the results of this year's Big Plastic Count that was run by Green Peace back in March by going onto the Green Peace site. Do you know where the plastic goes that you put into your recycling? And is there anything else you, your community, the shops in your neighbourhood, your council, the government can be doing?

TEA @ 2.30. ST MARY'S CHURCH – 6 NOVEMBER

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 6 and 20 November.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS – INCLUDING LITTLE FISH – NEXT ON 10 NOVEMBER

Please note Little Fish and the Sunday Schools will break for half-term on 27 October and 3 November. We look forward to welcoming you back on 10 November.

Little Fish for newborns to 3.5 year olds and their carers runs during the 9.30am service every Sunday in term-time, except the 3rd Sundays of the month when we all join the full service in the Church. Please join us in the Vestry after the gradual hymn (before the Gospel) for bible stories, songs, prayer and a snack. We return to church in time for Communion. Please contact Sarah Waller on minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk with any questions.

Our 3-5.5 yrs, 5.5 yrs-9 yrs and our 9+ Sunday schools have also begun their term, running 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 sundayschool@stmarytwick.org.uk for more information

THE ST MARY'S SILENT AUCTION STARTS ON SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER

As you may have heard we will be running a Silent Auction / Auction of Promises to raise money for the church.

The auction is being run both on-line and by paper-based bids.

To bid on line, scan the QR code below or click on <https://app.galabid.com/stmaryschurchtwick/> to access the auction. By bidding on-line you will get up-to-date information about your bid and will be told if you have been out-bid.

If you do not want to go online you can fill in a bid form and hand it in to either Chris or Liz Webborn or Emily Bainbridge who will enter your bid into the App.

The auction will start on Sunday 3 November and will run until the end of the month, closing on Saturday 30th November at 12 pm.

In conjunction with the Silent Auction there is also to be a Coffee Morning in the Church – coffee and cake - £5, combining with a Home-Made Cake Sale. So do come to the Church from 10:30 til 12 noon on the 30th November. There will also be a 'Children's Corner' for amusement and distraction! This will be the last opportunity to make a bid on paper.

Local companies, hotels and restaurants as well as individuals in this community, have all donated their prizes so that the money you bid all goes to the church. The prices given against each prize is a guide.

So please think generously as you make your bid. As the advert says – every little helps.

There are a wide selection of prizes and many that would be ideal for Christmas presents. And, please also send the links to friends and family and get them involved too.

This is a Maaaaaaravelous opportunity to raise money for the church and the more we raise the sooner we get our church repaired and secure again.

Thank you - Good luck – Happy bidding

Chris, Liz, Betty and Emily



ECO-GROUP OAK LAND CEMETERY QUIZ – FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2024 7PM



Do join this Quiz Night to help raise funds to maintain this very special green space, granted by Queen Victoria in 1838 to Twickenham's Parish Church of St Mary.

Doors open at 6.30pm for a prompt 7.00 pm start in our Church Hall.

Tickets: £12.00 - click the link or use the QR Code below, or buy tickets at Church on Sundays after the morning service.

Come on your own and we'll add you to a team, or come as a ready-formed team – max 6 members per team

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-Twickenham/t-rpxnzop>

There will be a bar selling wine and nibbles, and a raffle on the night with marvellous prizes!



MINNOWS – MONDAY MORNINGS – NEXT ON 11 NOVEMBER

Our Minnows group for parents and carers of children aged 0-4 will meet in the church every Monday from 16 September to 9 December, except 30 September, 28 October, 4 November, and 18 November.

Please join us for a relaxed time chatting over refreshments, with playtime and singing. All are welcome so do encourage partners / grandparents / other carers to come along if your little one spends Mondays with them. No booking required!

Please contact Sarah Waller on minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk with any questions. We hope to see you there!



St Mary's Church, Twickenham
9.30 - 11.15 Mondays term-time
Dates at www.stmarytwick.org.uk

Join us for a relaxed time chatting over refreshments, with playtime and singing

£3 suggested donation per family, including refreshments

Contact minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk



KNITTING GROUP – FRIENDS OF FAITH

This multi-faith, ecumenical local group knitting to provide clothes and blankets for babies, children, homeless and elderly people welcomes all those interested in knitting and is also grateful for balls of wool, size 4, or the old 8 short knitting needles and buttons for baby jackets or children's cardigans.

Meetings are from 10.30-12.30 on the third Saturday of each month in St Mary's church hall Windsor Room - so the next meeting will be on 16 November. For more details do get in touch with our organiser, Lynda Imir, by emailing knitting@stmarytwick.org.uk

A QUICK WAY TO GIVE TO ST MARY'S

You can give to St Mary's online at [Give to St Mary's Twickenham](#). 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 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 notices@stmarytwick.org.uk. The deadline for submission is normally close of business on Wednesday for inclusion, if approved, in the Weekly Parish Notices issued on Friday. Please note that the Parish Office will be closed 28 October to 1 November and work being done on the floors may prevent printing in the following week too so this newsletter covers more than one week.