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15 August 2025

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CHURCH SERVICES – DO JOIN US!

This Sunday 17 August the **Parish Eucharist** will be celebrated at **9.30 am**. The Gospel for the day will be Luke Chapter 12 verses 49 to 56.

On **Wednesday 20 August** the church will be open for private prayer **10 to 10.30 am**. **All welcome**. Please note that there will be no Eucharist celebrated in the church on Wednesdays in August.

Next Sunday 24 August Eucharists will be celebrated at **8 am** and **9.30 am**.

HEATHER GIBBS AT 100

Several members from St. Mary's were present last Saturday to celebrate with Heather her hundredth birthday (07/08/2025). She was often at the church door welcoming arrivals and also until recently serving refreshments on the first Sunday of the month and her association with St. Mary's reaches back many decades.

RICHMOND CHURCHES SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

The next Sunday lunch is scheduled for 31 August (this is the last lunch of the year for St Mary's). Chris and Liz Webborn will be at church on Sunday, 17 August, with sign-up sheets hoping to attract volunteers to help with the cooking in advance as well as the set up and break down on the day. They will be stationed outside the church door immediately after the 9.30 service.

The idea of the August lunch is to provide our guests with a summer buffet of soup, bread rolls, quiches, sausage rolls, salads and lots of cake! Feel free to use your own favourite recipes or, if you prefer, recipes can be provided.

You might like to register your support online by getting in touch with Liz on lizskiv@hotmail.com.

HANDS – LOOKING FOR A NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR – DEADLINE 22 AUGUST

Hands – the local charity where volunteers give neighbourly help to those who need it in Twickenham and St Margarets - is looking for a part-time Office Administrator to provide support for its day-to-day operations, working with the Coordinator. This role will suit a friendly, well-organised and enthusiastic person who can liaise and communicate with its clients and volunteers.

The role will be based at the Hands Office in Twickenham Library, five mornings a week (9.30 am-1.30 pm). Do please apply if you are interested, and please pass this on if you know someone else who might be the right person to help HANDS help others. Full details at <https://handscaregroup.org.uk/vacancies/>

How to apply: Please send a covering letter outlining how you meet the personal specification and a CV to coordinator@handscaregroup.org.uk

Application deadline: Friday 22 August 2025 (Interviews will be held at the Hands Office early Sept 2025)

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

TEA @ 2.30. ST MARY'S CHURCH – 20 AUGUST

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. The next meetings are 20 August and 3 September. Please speak to Julie Hall for more information.

NOTES ON A GREEN THEME

The following article was written by Andrew Lester the A Rocha UK Head of Conservation

Whilst the heatwaves are coming and going across the UK, the reality is that we will have many more extreme-weather periods in the months and years ahead due to climate change. While there is a real danger to wildlife in times of drought and dryness, it can also be a chance for us to make sure life continues in abundance.

So what can we do to ensure nature has a chance in these dry and hot times? Here are some of our top actions for wildlife.

1. Make sure you have a supply of water for birds and insects. Water stress is one of the biggest killers of wildlife during drought. Put a dish of water out and you will help to keep all kinds of wildlife hydrated. Insects, small mammals, birds and even badgers, foxes and deer will benefit. Putting a stone in a plant saucer will help bees to perch and drink without drowning.
2. Don't forget to continue to supply food for wildlife. Drought can mean that grains dry up faster and insect numbers reduce, so wildlife relies on us for extra support. Hedgehogs struggle to find invertebrates when the ground is dry, as worms move deeper down. Why not put out some hedgehog food too? Make sure it's from a reputable source like the RSPB shop.
3. Avoid cutting your grass. Keeping grass long will help retain moisture, provide a source of shelter for insects and mammals and keep the topsoil from blowing away.
4. Keep your bushes unpruned. Creating shaded areas will help reduce your garden's temperature, slowing the effects of drought.
5. Make sure you keep fruit trees well-watered – with a can not a hose. Don't waste water trying to keep grass alive – instead, focus your attention on flowering and fruiting species. This will help to keep a food source for pollinating insects and for birds and other animals.
6. Adding mulch around trees, shrubs, and plants in your garden helps retain soil moisture, reduces watering needs during drought and improves soil health. Use organic mulch like grass cuttings, wood chips or straw, spread two to three inches deep and avoid direct contact with plant stems.

We hope these top tips will help to create a resilient landscape in these challenging times. For more practical eco tips, sign up to [Wild Christian](#).

PATRICK TATE PIANO RECITAL – SUNDAY 31 AUGUST 6 PM

The next concert in our 'Sundays @ 6' series features our very own organ scholar, Patrick Tate, performing piano classics by Mozart, Chopin, Debussy and Rachmaninov on our magnificent Schimmel piano.

Free entry - retiring collection.

Refreshments available - do stay for a chat after the performance, which starts at 6pm on Sunday 31st August.

Music at St Mary's
Patrick Tate
A Piano Recital



**Works by Mozart, Chopin, Debussy
and Rachmaninov**

Sunday 31st August at 6pm

St Mary's, Church St, Twickenham, TW1 3NJ

**Free entry - Retiring collection
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FOOD BANK NEEDS

The Vineyard food bank would be very grateful for any of the following items:
Biscuits, cereals, porridge, shampoo, shower gel, marmite and peanut butter.

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 August. For more details do get in touch with our organiser, Lynda Imir, by emailing knitting@stmarytwick.org.uk

ST MARY'S GROUPS FOR FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE – SUMMER HOLIDAY BREAK

St Mary's Families brings together parents and children at St Mary's. Email bulletins include information on events and ways to get involved at church, and there's also a friendly WhatsApp group. To be part of St Mary's Families please email stmarysfamilies@gmail.com.

Our regular groups for families and young people are now on their summer break. We would love to welcome you when we resume:

Sunday School resumes 7 September - (groups for ages 3+) 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 sundayschool@stmarytwick.org.uk for more information.

Little Fish resumes 7 September - for newborns to 2 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 contact Sarah Waller on minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk with any questions.

Minnows resumes 15 September - 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 minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk with any questions

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS, WHO TO SPEAK TO

If you have any concerns or queries relating to safeguarding, please don't hesitate to talk to us:

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Liz Sledge (liz.sledge18@gmail.com) 07903 183930

Children's Champions: Judy Britton (judy1britton@gmail.com), Julie Hall (julie_clive@yahoo.co.uk)

Adults Champion: Sue Pawsey (suepawsey@hotmail.co.uk)

Or Jeff or the Churchwardens

NB Local Authority Social Services - Children: 020 8547 5008 Adults: 020 8891 7971

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 <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk> or call them on [0333 002 1260](tel:03330021260) or email on info@parishgiving.org.uk

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

Parish: Twickenham St Mary

Diocese: London Diocese

Parish Ref: 230623218

A QUICK WAY TO GIVE TO ST MARY'S

You can also 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 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 notices@stmarytwick.org.uk. The deadline for submission is close of business on Wednesday for inclusion, if approved, in the Weekly Parish Notices issued on Friday.