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12 September 2025

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CHURCH SERVICES – DO JOIN US!

This Sunday 14 September Eucharists will be celebrated at **8 am** and **9.30 am**. This Sunday is designated as Safeguarding Sunday and there will be a special presentation at the 9.30 a.m. service: **Safeguarding - A safe, caring and welcoming Church**. We shall be exploring what makes St Mary's a safe space, fostering a culture of compassion and healthy relationships.

On **Tuesday 16 September** the Funeral of Trevor Cliffe will take place in church.

On **Wednesday 17 September** the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in church at **10 am** and at **10.45 am** the ashes of Nicholas Debenham will be buried in the church grounds.

On **Friday 19 September** at **12 noon** the Funeral of Bridget Miller will take place in church.

Next Sunday 21 September we shall be celebrating **Harvest Thanksgiving**, with a special presentation from one of the charities we support: Embracing Age. The **Parish Eucharist** will be celebrated at **9.30 am** and there will be a retiring collection which will go toward all the charities which St Mary's will be supporting.

COLLECTION FOR HARVEST THANKSGIVING FLOWERS

There will be an after service collection for the Harvest Thanksgiving flowers on 14th September.

WORK ON CHURCH BUILDING

You might like to know that from Thursday 4 September men are working on the exterior of the church building. They will be around for about a week. It will not involve scaffolding but men on ropes and pulleys who will be doing some repair work and checking areas which may need more work. So don't worry if you are passing the church and see them!

ST. MARY'S GROUP – FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2.30 PM

Please come to the vestry at 2.30 pm on Friday 12 September to hear Harita Stavrou speak about Cyprus. Annual subscriptions of £8 for 2025/6 will be due from all members who have not already paid. Visitors are welcome.

AREA VOCATIONS MORNING- ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

Area Vocations Morning: Answering God's Call

Saturday 13 September, 10am to 1pm at St Stephen's Twickenham (TW1 2PD)

Feel called by God but not sure where to start? Curious about the different ways to serve in the Church? Join Bishop Emma for a morning of reflection and discovery as we explore a variety of ministry pathways, including:

- Ordained Ministry (Full-Time & Part-Time)
- Licensed Lay Ministry
- Youth Work, MES, Church Army
- And other forms of Authorised Ministry

To register [click here](#).

For more information or if you have any questions please talk to Rev Donna.

RICHMOND CHURCHES SUNDAY LUNCH

A HUGE thank you to all the cooks, bakers, providers and volunteer helpers for all the delicious meals, cakes, goodwill, time and other items donated for the Sunday lunch on the 31 August.

We all had a wonderful day and 27 very appreciative guests went home extremely well fed. The menu on the day was tomato soup and a roll, various quiches, cold roasted chicken thighs, all kinds of salads including coleslaw, rice, pasta, green, tomatoes and new potatoes plus an amazing array of very delicious cakes.

We will definitely be signing up to host again next year but not sure what dates we will be offered yet so watch this space!

ECO GROUP CONSULTATIONS 14 AND 21 SEPTEMBER 10.45 AM IN THE VESTRY

Following the well deserved retirement of Diana Wells as the long standing Chair of Eco Group, the PCC has decided it wishes the group to continue as part of the church's mission. Liz Webborn and Anne Hutchins are going to share the leadership role, and to that end want to consult with members as to the way forward. You may have eco concerns about the life of the church and the wider environment and we would like to hear about these to see what new aspects of Eco Church we can add to our agenda for support. Therefore, on Sunday 14 and again on 21 September, we shall be holding an after church "ideas" meeting in the Vestry at 10.45 am. You only need to come to one of them!

TWMAS/SEEN QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY 10 OCT 7 PM ST JAMES'S HAMPTON HILL

Know your onions?
Join local charities SEEN and Crosslight for a fun-packed...

seen TW TW Money Advice Service
Working in partnership with Crosslight Advice

Quiz Night

£18
entry includes
pizza, paella,
and prizes

DATE: Friday 10th October 2025
TIME: 7:00-10pm
VENUE: St James's Church, St James's Road,
Hampton Hill, TW12 1DQ

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FEEZ>

FOODBANK

The following items would be gratefully received by the Vineyard food bank.
Porridge, smallish boxes of cereals, jams, marmite, biscuits, honey, and peanut butter.

OAK LANE CEMETERY QUIZ - SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Please hold the date for the annual (and only!) fund raising Quiz for Oak Lane Cemetery: **Friday 14 November at 7.00pm**. We need to raise £1830 in order to keep up the same level of maintenance for 2026. If you hate quizzes, please consider making a donation instead. It is a remarkably special space in the middle of an urban area, and both local residents and people with family memorials there really do appreciate the way the church looks after it.

NOTES ON A GREEN THEME

Have you heard of The Happy News paper? Created by designer and illustrator Emily Coxhead who, at 22, wanted to create a newspaper that caught and shared all the happy and uplifting bits of news out there and so combat the sense of doom and gloom that was constantly emanating from the broadsheets and tabloids. Ten years later The Happy News is still going and has at least 20,000 subscribers from all over the world.

Who can resist a smile when reading about thousands of Wimbledon tennis balls being donated each year to The Wildlife Trusts who turn them into homes for harvest mice? Or that a record breaking 211 nightjars – which were once pretty near extinct – were counted on the RSPB nature reserves in 2024, due to the decade of work by reserve teams, volunteers and supporters restoring the low heathland habitats that nightjars favour. Or that conservation projects, led by Natural England, have supported the recovery of 150 species according to findings published this August. Successes include a chough chick hatching in Kent for the first time in 200 years and a hawksbeard mining bee being spotted for the first time in a century in Hastings.

These were just three of the many uplifting stories in this quarterly's edition. There are many more! Check it out on <https://thehappynewspaper.com>

TEA @ 2.30. ST MARY'S CHURCH – 17 SEPTEMBER

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 in the Vestry, once a fortnight, on the 1st and 3rd

Wednesday of each month between 2.30 and 4 pm. The next meetings are 17 September and 1 October. Please speak to Julie Hall for more information.

KNITTING GROUP – FRIENDS OF FAITH

HOUNSLOW FRIENDS OF FAITH With St Mary the Virgin Twickenham Inter Faith Knitting Group

Our inter faith knitting group meets monthly. New members from all faiths always welcome. We knit items such as blankets, baby clothes with hats and mittens. Hats and scarves etc for adults. These are distributed by the Methodist Church in Sunbury to refugee and other families in need in Hounslow and Richmond boroughs. We also knit for the homeless and Prosperity Ukrainian Cafe which takes all items to Ukraine.



We meet in St Mary's Church Hall (The Windsor Room) Church Street, Twickenham. TW1 3NJ 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 20 September. For more information ring Lynda 07545 054 481, info@hounslowfriendsoffaith.org www.hounslowfriendsoffaith.org

ST MARY'S GROUPS FOR FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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.

Sunday School - (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 - 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 - 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.