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21 November 2025

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CHURCH SERVICES – DO JOIN US!

Please join us this **Sunday 23 November** which is the **Feast of Christ the Universal King** on which **Eucharists** which will be celebrated at **8 am** and **9.30 am**.

On **Wednesday 26 November** at **10 am** the **Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated in church.

Next **Saturday 29 November** at 1 pm the Wedding of Lillie and Ben will take place in church. We send them our blessings and good wishes.

At **3 pm** a **Memorial Service for Fr Julian Reindorp** will take place at Richmond Parish Church.

Next **Sunday 30 November** is **ADVENT SUNDAY** when the new Church Year begins. The **Parish Eucharist** will be celebrated at **9.30 am** and the **Advent Carol Service** will be held at **6 pm** when we will be joined by the **Marble Hill Singers**.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE – 30 NOVEMBER – 6 PM



**Advent
Carol Service**

Marble Hill Singers
Conductor – Helen Price
Organist – Patrick Tate

To include music by:
Judith Weir, Orlando Gibbons,
Josef Rheinberger & Michael Praetorius

Sunday 30th November at 6pm
St Mary's Parish Church
Twickenham TW1 3NJ
www.stmarytwick.org.uk

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH OPEN LETTER

In October the House of Bishops made a series of key decisions on the future direction of the Church of England's Living in Love and Faith process, which explores questions of relationships, sexuality and marriage. Final decisions will be taken in December. Primarily these decisions mean that special 'bespoke' services using Prayers of Love and Faith (i.e.: same-sex blessings) are unlikely to be introduced and, whilst they can be civilly partnered, clergy would still not be able to enter into same-sex marriages.

As a result of these decisions Inclusive Church has written an open letter for individual members of the Church of England to sign. As St Mary's is a member of the Inclusive Church Network we are suggesting that you read the letter and decide whether or not you would like to sign it. Churches cannot sign it – rather it is a matter of individual conscience

and prayer. You can read more about Inclusive Church's thoughts and sign the letter by following the link below. There will also be print-outs of the letter in church which you can read, and if you would like help digitally signing then please speak to Donna.

If you do decide you wish to sign then the deadline is midnight on Sunday 23 November.

<https://www.inclusive-church.org/llf-open-letter/>

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - 7 DECEMBER – 4 PM

A lovely family service celebrating Christ the Light of the World where children (and quite a few adults!) bring a donation for The Children's Society and receive a Christingle, with refreshments served by the Scouts afterwards in the Hall.



The poster features a blue header with the 'Christingle' logo and 'The Children's Society' logo. Below the header is a large orange Christingle character with glasses. The main text reads: 'Let's come together to celebrate Christingle.' Below this is a paragraph: 'Christingle is a great way for communities everywhere to get together this Christmas to catch up, make some special memories, and have fun.' Below the paragraph is the text 'Come and join us!'. A black-bordered box contains the following text: 'St Mary's Church', '7th December 4pm', 'A service to celebrate Christ the Light of the World', 'Bring a donation for The Children's Society and receive a Christingle orange!', and 'Refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall'. At the bottom left is the website 'christingle.org' and at the bottom right is a small copyright notice: '© 2018 The Children's Society. All rights reserved. The Children's Society 2018. Charity Registration No. 233124'.

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EMBRACING AGE SILENT AUCTION - AMAZING PRIZES WHILE BRINGING JOY TO CARE HOME RESIDENTS

Embracing Age, one of St Mary's chosen charities, is running a silent auction with some amazing prizes available, including a week's holiday cottage stay, theatre tickets, rugby museum tickets, framed art, London Wetlands tickets, Patch Co-Working membership, a Squires voucher and much more. So grab a treat for yourself, or perhaps some Christmas gifts with a difference, and help raise vital funds so more care home residents can feel valued and connected. Bidding closes at 10 pm on Sunday 30th November.

Visit <https://bit.ly/EA-auction> to take part.

If you're a Co-op Member, you can also help raise funds simply by choosing Embracing Age in the Co-op Local Community Fund. Vote via your Co-op app or membership account and you'll increase Embracing Age's share in this year's fund!

VINEYARD FOOD BANK

The Vineyard would be grateful for any of the following items:

Tinned fruit, tinned meat, washing powder, washing up liquid, long life milk, tinned vegetables, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

THANK YOU FROM FRIENDS OF MENG0 HOSPITAL

Thank you for the warm welcome you gave us when we came to speak at the beginning of the month and for your generous support for all St. Mary's chosen charities.

ST. MARY'S GROUP – FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2.30 PM

Please come to the vestry at 2.30 p.m. on Friday 28 November to hear Roger Hutchins's talk "A Hampton boy in Twickenham". Visitors are also very welcome.

NOTES ON A GREEN THEME

Author Olivia Warburton has recently published a practical guide book called 'Dreaming of a Green Christmas.' Written for families to work through, she says that her little book is an essential companion to help you prepare for the festive season.

It includes 111 practical eco-tips to select from to inspire and encourage you as you ramp up to Christmas. Her view is that everyone can make a difference to help our world flourish,

however tiny our efforts may seem. Previously BRF Ministries' head of content creation and Living Faith ministry lead, she is an experienced writer, editor and communications specialist. She also heads up her local church's eco group. Over the next few weeks we will be dipping into her book and sharing some of her ideas for a more sustainable Christmas.

The Tree

Did you know that it is possible to rent a Christmas tree which can be returned and replanted?

Alternatively you could buy a potted spruce with roots that can be planted out and nurtured for use through the years. Or buy a Grown in Britain or FSC-certified tree to ensure that it's from a well-managed forest and recycle it through the council's recycling system.

The carbon footprint of an artificial tree is significantly higher than for a real tree and it will end up in landfill but, if you already have one, keep it for as long as possible.

AGE UK – CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP – WED 3 DECEMBER 7 PM

Richmond upon Thames
age UK

JOIN OUR
CHRISTMAS WREATH
MAKING WORKSHOP

Join us for a festive and fun Christmas Wreath Making Workshop.
With the guidance of an expert instructor, you'll craft your own
beautiful wreath. Free glass of fizz and a minced pie.
All materials included.

Wednesday 3rd December, 7pm to 9.30pm.
At Twickenham Wellbeing Centre, Arragon Road, TW1 3NH.

The cost is £25 to secure
your place, plus a minimum
£30 donation to be paid
online on the night.

BOOK NOW ONLINE

Christmas Challenge
BigGive

You can use the QR code or book at:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/ML7MCTY57C21Y/checkout/MVD54K57IVGQWYEUTF73SDGC>

OFF THE RECORD CAROL CONCERT – THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 6.30 PM

Off The Record Twickenham invites you to our

Christmas Carol Concert

★ Readings and performances by local young people ★
Followed by light refreshments and raffle

★ ★ ★ ★



Thursday 11th December

St Mary's Church
Church Street, Twickenham

otrtwickenham.com/xmas2025



Doors open 6pm
Concert starts 6.30pm

FREE ENTRY
donations welcome



Off The Record
Twickenham
Registered charity 1152097



Funds raised will support OTR's vital work counselling local young people

STRAWBERRY HILL COMMUNITY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT – TUES 2 DEC 7.45 PM

Bob Chilcott's musical celebration of the Christmas story *On Christmas Night*. Comforting and reflective, jubilant, swinging and folksy. There will also be familiar carols and festive music, and we'll be inviting you to join us in singing some old favourites.



JJ Lam (guest soprano)

JJ sang in the chapel choir of Trinity College, Cambridge, then studied at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. She was selected as a 2025 Serena Fenwick artist with British Youth Opera and this summer sang in the Chorus of the National Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Company at Buxton Opera House.

Robert Mingay-Smith (guest organist and piano)

One of London's finest accompanists, Robert sang with VOCES8 for five years, touring the world and recording classical and jazz repertoire. Now he is Director of Music at St Mary-at-Hill, London.

James Speakman (Musical Director)

James is Assistant Director of Music at the London Oratory School. He received the John Sanders Memorial Competition for Young Composers award in 2019.

Tickets £15 from www.strawberryhillcommunitychoir.org Correct cash or card only at the door. Access from 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start.

KNITTING GROUP – FRIENDS OF FAITH

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 December. For more information ring Lynda 07545 054 481, info@hounslowfriendsoffaith.org, www.hounslowfriendsoffaith.org.

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 in the Vestry, once a fortnight, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month between 2.30 and 4 pm so the next meetings are on 3 and 17 December. Please speak to Julie Hall for more information.

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

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.