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CHURCH SERVICES – DO JOIN US!

Please join us this coming **Sunday 14 December** for the Third Sunday in Advent. **Eucharists** will be celebrated at **8 am** and **9.30 am** and we shall be thinking about Mary, patron of our church and mother of our Saviour. There will also be a **Carol Service** on Sunday evening led by members of the **Ukrainian** community. More information is below and please support this if you can.

On **Tuesday 16 December** the St Mary's School Christmas Carol Services will take place in church at 2 pm and 6.30 pm.

On **Wednesday 17 December** at **10 am** the **Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated in church.

On **Thursday 18 December** the Strathmore School Carol Service will take place in church at 10 am. At 11.30 am the Funeral of Gareth Lewis will take place and at 6 pm the church will be in use for a wedding rehearsal

On **Friday 19 December** the flower arranging team will be dressing the church for our Christmas celebrations. A huge thank you to them!

Next Sunday 21 December we shall be celebrating our **Nativity Eucharist** at **9.30 am** and at **6 pm** the **St Mary's Christmas Carol Service**.

On **Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24 December** there will be NO celebration of the Eucharist at 10 am. **Crib Services** will be held at **3.30 pm** and **4.30 pm** on **Christmas Eve**. Come early for a good seat! At **11 pm MIDNIGHT MASS** will begin, to which all are invited

The **FESTIVAL EUCHARIST FOR CHRISTMAS** will be celebrated at **10 am** on **Christmas Day**.

MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS – UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Drawing inspiration from the traditional Festival of Lessons and Carols, the Ukrainian Social Club Choir presents a captivating Christmas programme featuring festive choral works, interwoven with much-loved Ukrainian carols, seasonal readings and lively dance performances.

Bring your family and friends and dive into the holiday spirit together!

Adults – £20

Children under 15 – £5

Tickets can be purchased online: [The Magic of Christmas Music Tickets, Sun, Dec 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#) and on the door if space available.

Doors open at 6.30pm and the concert starts at 7pm.

ST. MARY'S GROUP – FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER

If you have booked a ticket to watch The Ghost Train at the Mary Wallace Theatre on Friday 12 December, please meet in the foyer at 7.30 this evening.

RICHMOND LIGHT ORCHESTRA CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 13 DECEMBER 7.30 PM

The Richmond Light Orchestra will be taking a look back at events of the year, with a medley from the musicals Les Miserables and Hercules, movie themes from Apollo 13, Downton Abbey and a special orchestral version of Bohemian Rhapsody. Plus a selection of Christmas music including Winter Wonderland, a suite from Love Actually and the Snowman featuring soprano Isobel Coughlan. Plus Sing-a-long Carols and more!

Performed by the 60 piece Richmond Light Orchestra. For more information and tickets please visit www.richmondlightorchestra.com.



NOTES ON A GREEN THEME

Richmond Council are having a big push at the moment to educate us all about recycling. The following information came through last week.

Let's cut the rubbish...Only bin what can't be recycled!

Every item you put in your rubbish bin matters, whether it's in your kitchen, bathroom, bedroom or office. Most household waste can be recycled, composted or re-used - yet too much still ends up in general waste.

By keeping rubbish to a minimum, we can all save money, reduce emissions and protect Richmond's green spaces and communities.

By cutting down what you put in your rubbish bin:

- You can help reduce pollution and emissions

- You can help save resources by reusing and recycling more
- You can keep items in circulation, preventing using new virgin materials

Apparently it has been found that **78% of what is thrown away** in the black rubbish bags (in the borough) **could have been recycled**. That's food waste, cardboard, plastics, and even electrical items that could have been reused, repaired and recycled properly.

There is lots of information about how to recycle and reuse on the Richmond website and we will be sharing more tips over the next few weeks.

One last note for this week is that Richmond publicised a website called **Eat Like a Londoner** which has loads of ideas about how to plan and shop for meals more efficiently in a bid to cut down food waste.

www.eatlikealondoner.com

TEA @ 2.30. – END OF YEAR CELEBRATION 17 DECEMBER

Our last meeting of the year on 17 December will not take place at church. For more information talk to Julie Hall or Julia Schofield. We have had another great year of meeting up for a chat, a 'cuppa', sometimes cake, and always a laugh! Do think of joining us in the New Year on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in the vestry at 2.30 pm. Merry Christmas, Julie & Julia

CHURCH WINTER SUPPER CLUB - FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY – SAVE THE DATE!

In the summer the response to the idea of a Summer Supper Club was so positive and so many people made excellent suggestions that we decided to adapt and do an introductory one together in the church hall. We hope that this will be an evening of fabulous food and fun conversation, which will lead to lots of informal meet-ups over the coming year.

It will be a 3 course early evening meal for 60 people and there will be a small charge to cover costs.

More information to follow but do pop the date in your diaries!

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.

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 - **has finished for the term and resumes on 12 January** - it 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

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
All notices for the period 19 December to 8 January need to be submitted by close of business on Wednesday 17 December for inclusion, if approved, in the Christmas and New Year Parish Notices issued on Friday 19 December.