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27 March 2026

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CHURCH SERVICES – DO JOIN US!

Please join us for our **HOLY WEEK** and **EASTER SERVICES**.

On **Sunday 29 March**, which is **PALM SUNDAY**, **The Blessing of Palms** and **Parish Eucharist** will be celebrated at **9.30 am**. Please remember that the clocks go forward by 1 hour on Sunday 29 March!

On **Wednesday 1 April** the **Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated at **10 am**.

On **MAUNDY THURSDAY, 2 April**, we shall celebrate the **Eucharist of the Last Supper, optional Foot Washing and Gethsemane Watch**, starting at **7.30 pm**,
On **GOOD FRIDAY, 3 April**, the **Walk of Witness** will start from St Mary's at **10 am**, there will be **Meditations at the foot of the Cross 12 to 2.30 pm** and the **Liturgy of Good Friday at 2.30 pm**.

On **HOLY SATURDAY, 4 April**, there will be a **service of blessing of the graves** for all those buried in our grounds at **3 pm**.

ON EASTER SUNDAY, 5 April. The Festival Eucharist and lighting of the Pascal Candle will be celebrated at **9.30 am**.

J.S.BACH – MUSIC IN LENT
Palm Sunday – 29 March – at the 9.30 am service

Chorale Prelude before the Service: An Wasserflüssen Babylon – BWV653a

This is an early piece – a languorous setting of a hymn paraphrase of Psalm 137 – written in Weimar, expressing exile and lament. The highly ornamented chorale melody unfolds slowly in the soprano while a gently flowing accompaniment evokes the waters of Babylon as a sarabande. Subtle chromaticism and expressive dissonance deepen the mood of sorrowful reflection.

Hymn during communion (melody Seth Calvisius; harmonised by Bach)

536 – We sing the praise of him who died. Tune: Ach bleib bei uns.

Music after the Service: Praeludium in B minor – BWV544.

Bach's Praeludium in B minor is a dramatic and expansive organ work. It opens with a bold, descending motif in the right hand, accompanied by a flowing, yet strong, bassline. With rapid runs and intricate counterpoint it showcases Bach's ability to blend technical brilliance with emotional depth in a powerful evocative manner.

COLLECTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS

There will be a collection for the Easter flowers after the 8 am and 9.30 am services on 22 and 29 March.

In line with the new Church of England policy for sustainability, some of the flowers will be rooted and will be planted in the Memorial Garden or churchyard after Easter.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS – 3 APRIL 10 AM

You are warmly invited to join with members of other local churches and Christian denominations in this walk, organised this year by Churches on the Green.



GOOD FRIDAY

10AM

10,20AM

10,30AM

11AM

3RD OF APRIL

WALK OF WITNESS

On the Green

FROM ST. MARY'S CHURCH
ON CHURCH STREET, TW1 3DT, WITH A BLESSING FROM
REV. JEFF HOPKING WILLIAMS

TO THE GREEN

OPEN AIR SERVICE
WORSHIP LED BY TWICKENHAM GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH
MESSAGE BY REV. SIMON COUPER (HOLY TRINITY)
READINGS BY FR. ULICK LORING (ST JAMES)

REFRESHMENTS
HOT CROSS BUNS AND DRINKS PROVIDED BY CHURCHES
ON THE GREEN

**IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER, THE SERVICE WILL BE HELD
AT TWICKENHAM GREEN BAPTIST**

WELCOME CHAMPIONS IN THE CHURCH HALL AFTER THE SERVICE

Many people have commented positively on the recent changes to meeting in the church hall after Sunday services. If you would like to be part of this, either as a Welcomer or a cake-maker, and wish to find out what is involved, please speak with any of Liz Webborn, Chris Webborn, Anne Hutchins or Roger Hutchins. Liz and Chris will be in church on March 22 and Anne and Roger on March 29 (Palm Sunday). Alternatively, you can contact Roger via email at rogerhutchins@live.co.uk

MEANINGFUL EASTER EGGS FOR SALE

Please come over to the Hall after the service to purchase your Real Easter Eggs made by the Meaningful Chocolate Company. Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in the UK, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which comes with a copy of the Easter story, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and which supports charitable projects. We have large dark chocolate and milk chocolate eggs, as well as fun size eggs, available to buy. Please speak to Sarah Waller for more info.

FOOD BANK REQUESTS.

Any of these items would be greatly appreciated by the Vineyard food bank. Small jars of coffee, adult toothpaste, vegan milk, tea, soap, toiletries, peanut butter, marmite, dog/cat food, male deodorants. Many thanks.

TEA @ 2.30 – 1 APRIL

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 1 and 15 April. Please speak to Julie Hall for more information.

ST. MARY'S GROUP – FRIDAY 10 APRIL 2.30 PM

Please come to the vestry at 2.30 on Friday 10 April for a game of Scrabble.

**RICHMOND LIGHT ORCHESTRA CONCERT – SAT 28 MARCH 7.30 PM
A NIGHT AT THE CIRCUS**

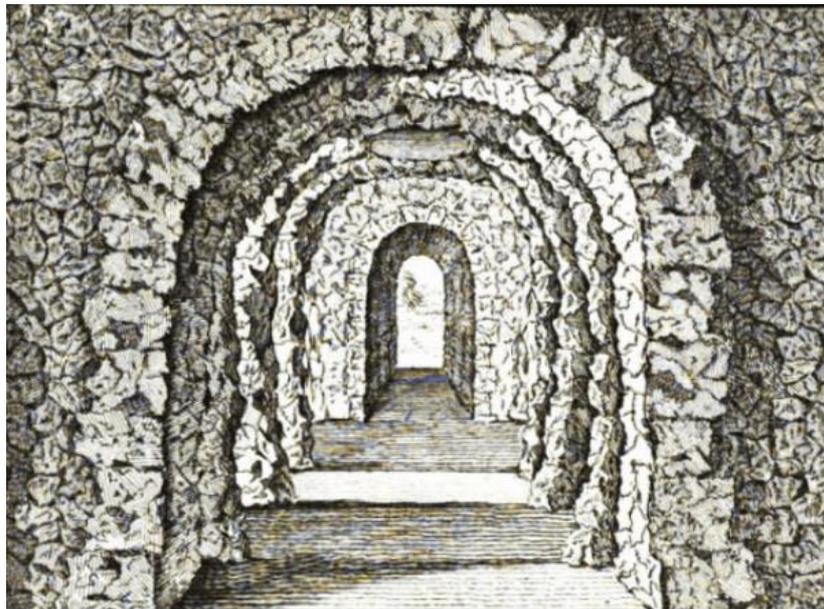
Settle in for a night under the Big Top at St Mary's with Richmond Light Orchestra's programme of music based around the circus, live entertainment and showmanship. They'll be performing medleys from the musicals **THE GREATEST SHOWMAN** and Baz Lurhmann's **MOULIN ROUGE**. The film music offering includes **PINOCCHIO**, **DUMBO** and a suite from the James Bond film **OCTOPUSSY** (partly set in the circus). They're also playing Sousa's *Liberty Bell March*, otherwise known as the theme to **MONTY PYTHON'S FLYING CIRCUS** and there will be a special performance of Stephen Sondheim's **SEND IN THE CLOWNS** featuring our guest singer **AYESHA PATEL**.

With all this and more, performed by a 60-piece orchestra it's an event not to be missed. BOOK TICKETS at: <https://www.richmondlightorchestra.com/>



**POPE'S GROTTTO, MARBLE HILL HOUSE & GROTTTO AND ST MARY'S
TUESDAY 7 APRIL**

The church will be open between 11.15 am and 12.15 pm on Tuesday 7 April as part of a tour being run by the Pope's Grotto Preservation Trust and English Heritage. If you are interested in this tour, which will be repeated on Monday 27 July and Monday 24 August, tickets are available from Ticketsource at <https://www.ticketsource.com/popesgrotto/guided-tour-of-pope-s-grotto-and-marble-hill-house-and-grotto/e-emxgeo?ref=website>



**SPRING SONG CONCERT - SAT 18 APRIL 7.30 PM
IN AID OF SHOOTING STAR HOSPICE**



*Spring Song
Charity Cello and Piano
Recital*

In aid of Shooting Star Childrens' Hospice

**Saturday 18th April 2026
7.30pm (refreshments from 6.30pm)
St. Mary's Church, Twickenham, TW1 3DT**

**Pärt 'Fratres', Bax 'Folk-Tale', Debussy Cello Sonata, Orsa
'Reflection', April in Paris, I'll Remember April & more...**

Cello – Amy Gould

Piano – David Harrod

Tickets £14 For reservations e-mail: ticket_2_go@proton.me

Or £16 on the door.

LINNET BAROQUE CONCERT – SUNDAY APRIL 19 6 PM

~ The French Connection ~

music by Purcell, Blow, Humphrey, Locke, Clarke, Delalande, Forqueray, Saint-Colombe, Marais & Charpentier

Linnet Baroque explores sacred music for soprano & bass continuo and virtuosic music written for the bass viol from the time of the English Restoration & reigns of James II of England and his first cousin, King Louis XIV of France. They are delighted that the highly esteemed musician, Timothy Roberts will be joining them for this concert.

Linnet Baroque

Elin Harries - soprano

Ibrahim Aziz - bass viol

Timothy Roberts - harpsichord

Tickets £14, £8 conc. for students, under 18s Book in advance or at the door.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/linnet-baroque-present-the-french-connection-tickets-1985123606144>



ST MARY'S BARN DANCE – SATURDAY 25 APRIL 7.30 PM

Return of the St Mary's Barn Dance on Saturday 25 April at 7 for 7.30pm in the church. Ticket includes band and caller, cooked supper and lots of fun. Tickets at £25 (concessions £20) available from Charlotte West after the 9.30 service on forthcoming Sundays or by email to charlottewest7@outlook.com This is a social and fundraising event and was greatly enjoyed by all who attended last year.



REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The St Mary's Church Electoral Roll is being updated between Sunday 15 March and Saturday 15 April 2026, in time for the result to be announced at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 10 May.

If you have been attending St Mary's regularly and are not yet on the electoral roll you are invited to apply to join the roll as a way of making a commitment to this friendly and vibrant church community.



You can apply either by filling in the form in the cardboard box under the notice board at the back of the church or by using this QR code and filling in the online application form.

If you have any queries or would like further information, please contact markscudamore@icloud.com

NOTES ON A GREEN THEME

Richmond Council have recently stepped up their endeavour to get us all recycling more. They published an article titled - Recycle for Richmond: Sustainable Spring Cleaning - Reduce. Repair. Reuse. Recycle.

The main thrust of the piece was that as our thoughts turn to spring cleaning we should take a moment to think about how we can reuse items that we might be tempted to just clear out as well as reducing our waste and recycling correctly whatever we can. The article encourages us to consider reusing items in different ways, giving them away to family or friends or by donating.

Clothes, Shoes and Accessories

- **Donate** to local charity shops
- **Book a home collection** with TR Aid or drop at one of their **textile banks around the borough**

Books, Toys and Games

- Bring them with you on your next trip to **Townmead Reuse & Recycling Centre** and drop them in **zone 1**.
- Collect4Reuse collect toys and games and more from Townmead Reuse & Recycling Centre regularly to keep these items in circulation.
- **Anglo Doorstep Collections** can collect items for free. They then donate the proceeds to charities.

Furniture and Homewares

- **Richmond Furniture Scheme** can help give these items a new life.

Small Electricals (in working order)

- Anything with a plug, battery or cable can be reused or recycled - never put broken electricals in your bin.
- **Donate or exchange** unwanted electrical items in good condition

Use reuse platforms like **Freegle**, **Gumtree**, Facebook Marketplace or neighbourhood WhatsApp groups

And don't forget, you can recycle your batteries, blister packs and spectacles in the recycling baskets in the well of the North Tower.

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 21 March. 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. You can find further details of the groups on our website: <https://www.stmarytwick.org.uk/children>

Sunday School - (groups for ages 3+) runs every Sunday at 9.30 am in term time except 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 9.30 am 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 – is now on its Easter break and will resume on Monday 20 April. This relaxed time for parents and carers of children aged 0-4 chatting over refreshments, with playtime and singing. From 20 April drop-in Mondays in term-time 9.30-11.15 am. 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 or to Jeff or the Churchwardens:

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)

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 by close of business on Monday 30 March for inclusion, if approved, in the Easter notice sheet. You can read more about St Mary's, our news and events on:

- Our own website: www.stmarytwick.org.uk
- Our page on the CofE's national website: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/15505/
- Our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StMarysTwickenham/