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6 March 2026

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CHURCH SERVICES AND LENT GROUPS – DO JOIN US!

Please join us for our services on **Sunday 8 March**, the **Third Sunday in Lent**. **Eucharists** will be celebrated at **8 am** and **9.30 am**. The Gospel for the day will be John Chapter 4 verses 5-42 and we shall be joined at the 9.30 service by Hugh Skeil who will speak to us about the work of The Vellore Hospital, one of our chosen church charities.

On **Monday 9 March** the third of our Lent Discussion Groups will meet in church at **7.30 pm**. This week we shall be considering the significance of the Last Supper.

On **Wednesday 11 March** the **Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated at **10 am**. At **2.30 pm** the **afternoon Lent Discussion Group** will meet in the Vestry (NB Wednesday meeting just for next week, back to Tuesday for the rest of Lent).

Next **Sunday 15 March** is **Mothering Sunday**. The **Parish Eucharist** will be celebrated at **9.30 am**.

J.S.BACH – MUSIC IN LENT
Lent 3 – 8 March – at the 9.30 am service

In this penitential season please try to be quiet before the service and do stay for the piece at the end

Chorale Prelude before the Service: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier. BWV731

Although in a major key (G) this Chorale Prelude has a bitter-sweet quality and the chorale is associated with prayer and meditation. The melody is embellished while Bach weaves a three-part accompaniment, reminiscent of a slow concerto movement, creating a mood of quiet humility and devotion.

Gradual Hymn (melody 1645, harmonised by Bach)

265 – Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts. Tune: Eisenach.

Hymn during communion (melody Johan Ahle: harmonised by Bach) preceded by a second short Chorale Prelude on Liebster Jesu BWV730

107 – Dearest Jesu, we are here. Tune Liebster Jesu.

Music after the Service: Fugue on Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt. BWV705.

This is a stately and sombre fugue based on the Lutheran chorale of the same name, evoking the Fall of Man. Bach weaves this theme through various voices, using counterpoint and harmonic tension to build a complex, layered texture.

MESSY CHURCH – FRIDAY 13 MARCH 3-4.30 PM

Messy Church is back on Friday 13 March with fun Spring / Mother-figure inspired children's craft activities. This event is a wonderful way to welcome local families into the church, but we can't make it happen without the help of the marvellous St Mary's congregation! You can lend a hand in the morning making sandwiches over a sociable cuppa, or moving benches; or in the

afternoon serving refreshments, on the welcome desk, or assisting with the crafts; or moving benches back at 4.30 pm.

Please speak to Sarah Waller, Katie Kean or Donna to find out more, or email Sarah on minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk.

If you're a carer of children in Reception - Year 3 (plus any age siblings), we'd love to welcome you. Tickets must be booked in advance at: <https://bit.ly/mc-spring26>



ST MARY'S CHURCH
CHURCH ST, TWICKENHAM



Friday 13 March
3-4.30pm



**fun spring AND mother -figure inspired
CRAFTS For Children in Reception - year 3**
(siblings of all ages welcome to join)

**£3 for 1st child; £2 per extra sibling,
including sandwich on arrival
Subsidised places available**

**3pm: Doors open
3.15pm: Welcome Gathering
3.30pm: Craft tables open**

**CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**
Tea & Coffee Available to purchase

**Tickets must be pre-booked:
bit.ly/mc-spring26**



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

3RD OF APRIL

WALK OF WITNESS
On the Green

10AM **FROM ST. MARY'S CHURCH**
ON CHURCH STREET, TW1 3DT, WITH A BLESSING FROM
REV. JEFF HOPKING WILLIAMS

10,20AM **TO THE GREEN**

10,30AM **OPEN AIR SERVICE**
WORSHIP LED BY TWICKENHAM GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH
MESSAGE BY REV. SIMON COUPER (HOLY TRINITY)
READINGS BY FR. ULICK LORING (ST JAMES)

11AM **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**

ST. MARY'S GROUP – FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2.30 PM

Please come to the vestry at 2.30 p.m. on Friday 20th. March to share poems for Lent. Please bring a poem to read that you think suitable for this season or just come to listen to those others have chosen. Visitors are also welcome to join us.

NOTES ON A GREEN THEME

The sun is shining this morning and signs of spring are everywhere, happy March everyone!

A reminder that this year's Big Plastic Count begins on 9 March. Quoting from the site Everyday Plastic who say

“Next week, thousands of people up and down the country will be counting their plastic waste from 9 to 15 March as part of the UK's biggest people-powered investigation into household plastic waste. For one week, thousands of people will be counting every piece of plastic packaging they throw away. Together, we'll uncover the true scale of the UK's big plastic problem and call on the government to do more about it.

By taking part in the Big Plastic Count you'll gather important evidence that'll show the true scale of the crisis. We'll use this information to tell the government that enough is enough, we need to produce less plastic. We are not just counting plastic, we're counting on the government to act. Are you in?”

It's not too late to sign up at <https://thebigplasticcount.com/sign-up>, just find Everyday Plastic to receive more information, guides and counting sheets.

On another note A Rocha have issued an invitation to join an online Prayer forum on 19 March from 12 – 1pm. This will be an hour of reflection, prayer and connection with the Eco Church community.

Led by the A Rocha UK churches team who will share a short reflection before heading into breakout groups to pray together, for creation care in our churches and for one another. We are invited to bring along any prayer requests for our church's Eco Church journey. They will also share some prayer points as guidance.

Register via Eventbrite to receive the Zoom link, which will be sent via Eventbrite two days before and on the morning of the event. **Book your place →**

**CONCORDIA VOICES CONCERT – SATURDAY 14 MARCH 7.30 PM
FROM DARKNESS TO REDEEMING LIGHT**

Concordia Voices perform music linked to Lent, ranging from the twentieth to the sixteenth centuries:

Morten Lauridsen, *Lux Aeterna*

Charles Villiers Stanford, *Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem*

Orlando Gibbons, *Hosanna to the Son of David*

Richard Farrant, *Lord for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake*

Edgar Bainton, *And I Saw a New Heaven*

Kenneth Leighton, *Solus ad Victimam*

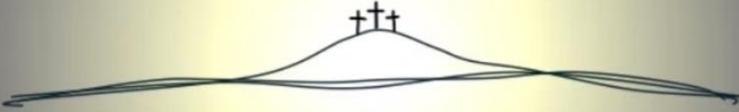
Herbert Howells, *O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem* and *Like as the Hart*

Tickets: £13 in advance, either from choir members or from [ticket source](#) (plus a booking fee); alternatively, £15 on the door.



Saturday 14th March 2026 7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Twickenham, TW1 3NJ

**From Darkness to
Redeeming Light**



Morten Lauridsen: Lux Aeterna
and music by Bainton, Farrant, Gibbons,
Howells, Leighton and Stanford

Conductor: Jack Apperley
Accompanist: Paul Ayres

www.concordiavoices.com
Registered Charity No 1112448

Tickets: £13 - in advance from choir members
or www.ticketsource.co.uk/concordiavoices
plus booking fee or £15 on the door

**WEST LONDON CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT – 15 MARCH 6 PM
UPON YOUR HEART – CHORAL MUSIC FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY**

West London Chamber Choir presents Upon Your Heart: an early evening choral concert featuring choral music for Mothering Sunday. The programme includes music from music from Tavener, Gorecki, Hawes, Stravinsky, Rachmaninov, Grieg, Daley and Sondheim.



West London
Chamber Choir
presents

*Upon your
Heart*

**CHORAL MUSIC FOR
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Directed by
Hilary Campbell

Piano
Krystal Tunnicliffe

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH
St Mary's Church, Twickenham
at 6pm

TICKETS: £17.50 (£15 ONLINE) | U30s £10 | U18s FREE
westlondonchamberchoir.com

MARBLE HILL SINGERS – PASSIONTIDE - SUNDAY 22 MARCH 6 PM

A sequence of music and readings for

Passiontide

Marble Hill Singers

Oliver Tarney, conductor

Music by Lotti, Leighton, Parry,
Poulenc and Sarah Quartel

Sunday 22 March

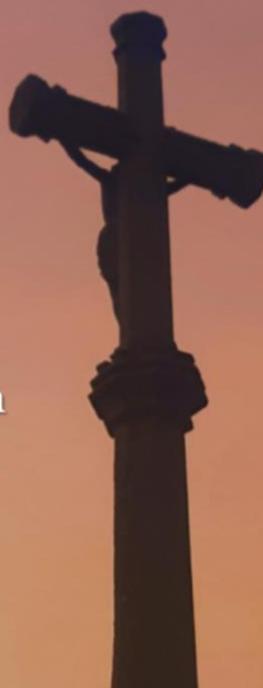
at 6pm

Free entry, retiring collection

St Mary's Parish Church

Twickenham TW1 3NJ

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ADVANCE NOTICE – APCM 10 MAY

Looking forward, St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and the Election of Churchwardens and PCC Members will take place on Sunday 10 May in the church after the 9.30 am Eucharist.

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/>



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@hounslowfriendsoffaiith.org, www.hounslowfriendsoffaiith.org.

TEA @ 2.30

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 18 March and 1 April. 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. 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 9.30am 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

9.30-11.15 am, except that it will not run on 2 February. 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 Wednesday for inclusion, if approved, on the following Friday.