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21 August to 11
September 2026



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CHURCH SERVICES – DO JOIN US!

Please join us this **Sunday 23 August** when **Eucharists** will be celebrated at **8 am** and **9.30 am**. The church will also be open, volunteers permitting from 2.30 to 4.30 pm.

On **Wednesday 26 August** the church will be open between **10 and 10.30 am** for private prayer. All welcome.

Next **Sunday 30 August** the **Parish Eucharist** will be celebrated at **9.30 am** during which we shall be giving thanks to Patrick, our organ scholar who will be leaving that day. At **10.45 am** the ashes of Jennifer McIlmoyle will be buried in our Garden of Remembrance. Volunteers permitting the church will be open from 2.30 to 4.30 pm for the last of our open church August afternoons.

On **Wednesday 2 September** the **Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated in church at **10 am**. All welcome.

Sunday 6 September is our **Patronal Festival Day** and the **Parish Eucharist** will be celebrated at **9.30 am**. There will be a Blessing of School Bags at the end of the service.

On **Wednesday 9 September** the **Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated in church at **10 am**. All welcome.

On **Sunday 13 September** Eucharists will be celebrated at **8 am** and **9.30 am** and at the latter service we shall be welcoming Flo Vickers our new Organ Scholar. At **11.15 am** there will be a Vicar and Churchwardens meeting at 37 Arragon Road. At **6 pm** please come and bring your friends to **HYMNS AND PIMMS** our festival of hymn singing with members of our neighbouring Christian churches.

BLESSING OF SCHOOL BAGS - 8 SEPTEMBER

As part of our 9.30 am service on 6 September we shall be having a Blessing of School Bags. Our children and young people will have just returned to school and we are asking them to bring their school bags to the service so that special prayers of blessing can be said for them at the beginning of the academic year. **There WILL be Sunday School** and the blessing will take place at the end of the service after Holy Communion. Please do encourage your children and young people to come.

MENGO HOSPITAL UGANDA – SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

There will be a collection for this Christian hospital in the hall after the 9.30 service on 6 September. Please give generously to this worthwhile cause.

ST MARY'S GROUP – TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Please come to the Vestry at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 8 September to hear Betty Miller speak about The Orient Express. Visitors are also welcome.

THIRD SUNDAYS – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AT ST MARY'S

As one of our priorities is to nourish our children and young people with a positive sense of God's love for them and His purpose for their lives, we are asking for feedback on our current Third Sunday arrangements so that we can ensure that moving forward we are a church with children, young people and families embedded in all we do, and where all, at whatever stage in life, can flourish.

In order to do this you can fill out the online survey, either by clicking the link below if you are accessing this via the digital newsletter, or by copying the link into your web browser if you don't receive the newsletter digitally. Alternatively, you can ask to speak to Donna who will have paper copies of the 8 questions and will be happy to do the survey with you

during coffee time over the next month. It should take no more than 10 minutes, and we are asking for people to complete it by the end of September.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/72S9V6J>

Thank you so much for your help, and please continue to keep our children and young people in your prayers

NOTES ON A GREEN THEME

Creationtide is an annual period in the Church of England dedicated to giving thanks to God as creator, celebrating the natural world, and renewing commitments to environmental care and sustainability through prayer and action. This year it runs from 1 September to 4 October with the theme of Living Waters. Here at St Mary's, the Eco Church Group hope to make good use of the season with the following activities planned for your participation and blessing:

Sunday 6 September, at 11.30 – 12.30 pm following on from after church coffee, Donna will lead an outdoor group mediation using the booklet produced earlier this year. This will be for anyone who would like to experience meditation in company and within our beautiful church environs. It will run rain or shine because being out in creation is part of the point!

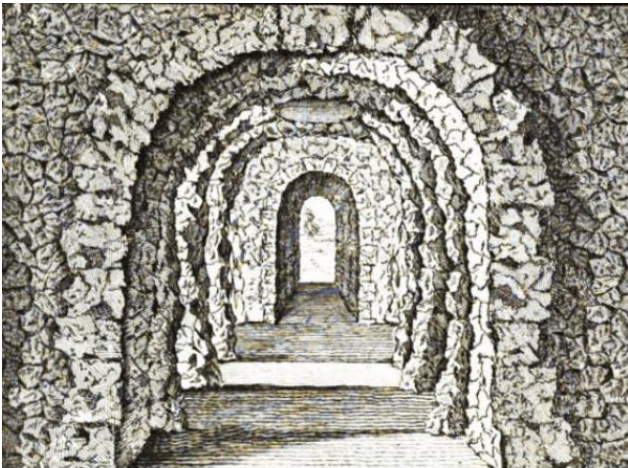
Sunday 20 September, at 2.00 – 3.00 pm this outdoor opportunity will be repeated, led by Liz Webborn.

Sunday 27 September at 9.30 am our Harvest Festival service will be led by the children and their helpers.

The same afternoon, 2.00 - 4.00 pm there will be a family/community open day held in Oak Lane Cemetery, with activities for all ages linked with creation and the flora and fauna found in our cemetery.

Sunday 4 October at 9.30 am our service will be led by the Eco Church Group to tie in with the final day of Creationtide, plus our church Dedication Day and the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

GUIDED TOUR OF POPE'S GROTTTO & MARBLE HILL GROTTTO – MONDAY 24 AUGUST



On **Monday 24 August** Pope's Grotto Preservation Trust and English Heritage are running a joint tour starting at Alexander Pope's Grotto at Radnor House School, Cross Deep, TW1 4QG at 10 am before going to St Mary's to see our memorials to Pope, his parents and nurse and ending up at Marble Hill grotto in the afternoon.

Tickets available from TicketSource.

[Guided Tour of Pope's Grotto and Marble Hill House and Grotto at Radnor House School, Cross Deep event tickets from TicketSource](#)



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 2 and 16 September. Please speak to Julie Hall for more information.

KNITTING GROUP – FRIENDS OF FAITH

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 is on 22 August. For more information ring Lynda 07545 054 481, info@hounslowfriendsofffaith.org, www.hounslowfriendsofffaith.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+) starts again on **6 September** and 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 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 – A relaxed time for parents and carers of children aged 0-4 chatting over refreshments, with playtime and singing starts again on **14 September**. 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.



Normal weekly notices will resume on 11 September. 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 9 September.

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/