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CHURCH SERVICES – DO JOIN US!

This Sunday 18 October is the **FEAST OF ST LUKE** and our **Parish Eucharist** will be celebrated at **9.30 am**. At **6 pm** there will be a concert by St Mary's Singers, further details of which are below.

On **Wednesday 21 October** the **Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated in church at **10 am** as we mark the anniversary of the devastation visited upon Aberfan and we pray for the 116 children, five teachers and 23 other adults who died that day when the waste coal tip collapsed on Pantglas Junior School. We pray for all those who were affected that day and for the community of Aberfan today.

Next **Sunday 25 October** is **BIBLE SUNDAY** and **Eucharists** will be celebrated at **8 am and 8.30 am**. Please note that the clocks go back one hour....

ST MARY'S GROUP

Please come to the vestry at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday 20 October to hear Caroline Taylerson speak on Sustainability in Flowers. Visitors are also welcome.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL GOVERNOR POSITION

One of the key pledges and vision statements of our church community is, "To nurture our children and young people with a sense of God's love for them and purpose for their lives." I am grateful to all of those who help live out and honour this through their interaction and involvement in our children and young people's ministry. One of the ways in which this is expressed is through our connection with the church school of St Mary's. This was set up centuries ago and has at its core the values of the Christian faith. To that end just over half the Governors at the school are what are called, "Foundation Governors" as the school is a Christian foundation. Emily Bainbridge has been one of the members of our congregation who has served us faithfully in this role for many years and her term of office comes to an end in a few months' time.

So, may I ask, is this something you would consider doing, i.e. serving St Mary's as a School Governor? If so, please have a word with me or send me an email on hopkinwilliams@btinternet.com. I can then put you in touch with existing Governors so that you can talk through what is involved in the role. Some members of the PCC will then meet with those who have expressed an interest between 9.30 am and 11.30 am on 17 November and make a recommendation to the PCC on 30 November when they next meet.

Please do consider whether you can serve St Mary's in this way.
With blessings and best wishes. Jeff.

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD – ADVENT

Many of you have mentioned how helpful you have found the Lent Discussion Groups, as a way of preparing for the events of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter.

The other main season of the year which helps us prepare for one of the great moments in salvation of course is Advent, as we prepare for Christmas. The Church throughout the ages has encouraged people to consider what it is they are primarily preparing for, who it is they are preparing for.

This year we will be offering two sessions when we will be looking in greater, unhurried detail at the Advent readings, from the Old and New Testaments as they invite us to consider the coming of the Christ. You are invited to come along to the church on either Saturday 21 November between 9.30 am and 12noon and/or Sunday 22 November between 2 pm and 4.30 pm.

Some may like to sit quietly and listen, others may like to be drawn into discussion, share their insights or their questions. All are welcome, please be encouraged to come along.

SOMETHING OF THE NIGHT – ST MARY’S SINGERS – 18 OCTOBER



St Mary's Very Own Singers
perform

SOMETHING OF THE NIGHT

Songs, Arias, Choruses & More

Anna Lush & Clarinda Chan - Soprano
Rachel Logan - Mezzo
James Aitken - Tenor
Chris Britton - Tenor & Piano
Chris Williams - Bass
Adrian Mumford – Organ
Henrietta Wayne – Violin

Sunday 18th October at 6pm

St Mary's Church Twickenham TW1 3NJ

Free Entry
Retiring Collection to Support Church Funds
Refreshments available
www.stmarytwick.org.uk

In their annual appearance in the 'Sunday @ Six' series, St Mary's Very Own Singers (and a few friends) will perform **Songs, Arias, Choruses & More** on themes related - more or less - to aspects of the hours of darkness.

NOTES ON A GREEN THEME

A note about **The Fixery**, the community repair and reuse hub that welcomes residents to repair, reuse and swap items in an effort to reduce waste, save money and strengthen community connections.

The Fixery is open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am to 4 pm. It is suggested that you should get there early in the day to guarantee seeing one of the volunteer repairers and the last job is accepted at 3.30pm or earlier if they are very busy.

The Fixery can be found at **Grove Gardens Chapel, Lower Grove Road, Richmond upon Thames TW10 6HP**. You access the chapel by the footpath off Lower Grove Road and pedestrian gate through Grove Road Gardens.

Repairs are done by volunteers and items you can take include: electrical appliances, clothing, furniture, crockery, housewares, bicycles, toys. They say that 'if it's broken and you can carry it there's a good chance it can be repaired.'

Their aim is to create a model of circular living – reducing waste, strengthening community resilience and celebrating the heritage of Grove Gardens Chapel by giving it a new purpose rooted in sustainability. Circular living is reducing waste by limiting what we buy in the first place and using what we already have more efficiently by extending their life through repair, reuse, sharing, and finally recycling them when they can no longer be reused or repurposed.

They say 'reducing our waste and extending the lifespan of our belongings is better for the planet and better for our bank accounts. Through not buying as many new things and throwing less away, we're reducing demand for items and protecting natural resources as well as reducing carbon emissions.' The project is a partnership between Richmond Council and Habitats & Heritage.

BACH TO BABY – HALF TERM SPECIAL- FRI 23 OCTOBER 11 AM

From newborns to school-age children, mums, dads, grannies and grandads, aunts, uncles, carers of all kinds – whether you're a concert newbie or a classical music aficionado "Bach to Baby" promises you will feel welcome.

Read more here: <https://www.bachtobaby.com/what-is-bach-to-baby>

Pre-booking online and in advance is highly recommended. eTickets are delivered immediately by email, and each adult ticket (£16) allows up to 2 children entry for FREE.

For details of performers, programme and online ticketing, click here:

<https://www.bachtobaby.com/twickenham-riverside-music-concerts-for-baby-and-family>

OAK LANE CEMETERY QUIZ - FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 7.30 PM

The Eco Group are running the annual quiz that raises money for the upkeep of Oak Lane Cemetery on **Friday 13 November**.



Tickets will be on sale every Sunday in the Church Hall after the 9:30 service

Or they are available on-line at

<https://www.ticketsource.com/st-marys-twickenham/t-oevxzod>

Or by scanning the QR Code

Tickets £12.50 per person – Teams of 6 **max** (individuals or smaller numbers will be grouped into a team) Hamper for the Winning Team. Raffle with great prizes!

A selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and nibbles available at the bar - Cash or Card accepted. Bring your own Food if you wish but all drinks to be supplied by the bar please - All profits to OLC

KETTNER CONCERTS - A FLIGHT OF FANTASIES – 23 OCTOBER – 7 PM



Bridget Yee, a winner of both the Beecham International Piano Competition and the Windsor International Piano Competition, performs a piano recital brimming with life and fantasy, featuring thrilling works by Chopin and Scriabin and culminating with the supreme Piano Sonata of Liszt. The recital also features two minuets by Rameau as well as embracing the sacred music of Franck.

Rameau: *Menuet 1 L'enharmonique* , *Menuet 2 Les Sauvages*

Scriabin: *Sonata No. 2 in G-sharp Minor, op 19 Sonata Fantasy*

Franck/Bauer: *Prélude, Fugue et Variations, op. 18*

Chopin: *Polonaise-Fantaisie Op.61 in A-flat*

Liszt: *Piano Sonata in B minor, S 178*

Tickets £20 [U18 £10] on sale online: [A Flight of Fantasies | Bridget Yee Tickets, Friday, October 23 • 7 PM - 8:45 PM | Eventbrite](#)

TWICKENHAM GUITAR SOCIETY ENSEMBLE DAY- SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER – 7 PM

Twickenham Guitar Society presents

ENSEMBLE DAY

Classical Guitar Recital



A very special concert to celebrate the start of the Society's monthly ensemble meetings. An eclectic mix of solos, duos and ensemble pieces featuring the Twickenham Guitar Society ALL STARS ENSEMBLE. Together with special guest flautist Rachel Smith. Music will include Piazzolla, Villa Lobos, Vivaldi and many other favourites. Join us for a magical evening of collaborations.

Saturday 14th November 2026 7:00pm
St Mary's Church, Church St, Twickenham TW1 3NJ

Tickets £20.00 on the door or @twickenhamguitarsociety.com
Under 18s free. (access from 6:30 for a 7:00 start)

For information or to be added to the mailing list contact:
Alex Brett 07982 160999 or twickenhamguitarsociety@gmail.com



Part of the Guitar @ St Mary's series



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 18 October. 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 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. 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 Wednesday for inclusion, if approved, in the Friday 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/