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CHURCH SERVICES – DO JOIN US!

This Sunday 8 November is **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. Requiem Eucharists** for those who died for our country and cause in the World Wars of the last century will be offered at **8 am** and **9.30 am**. There will be a **Community Act of Remembrance** at the War Memorial in **Radnor Gardens** which begins at **10.50 am** to which all are invited**.**

On **Wednesday 11 November** is Armistice Day and the **Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated in church at **10 am**.

Next **Sunday 15 November** the **Parish Eucharist** will be celebrated at **9.30 am.** At **6 pm** Choral Music with a Remembrance theme will be offered by Concordia.

RICHMOND CHURCHES SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB – 8 NOVEMBER

This coming Sunday 8 November St Mary's is hosting another Richmond Churches Sunday Lunch. The lunch will take place, as usual, in the church hall immediately after morning coffee. The guests do not usually arrive until after 11.30.

TALK ON UKRAINE – TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2.30 PM

You are all welcome to come and hear Alina Luts speak to St. Mary's Group on the war in Ukraine, the resilience and resistance of its people, in the vestry at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday 10 November.

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 12 noon 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.

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.

LANDS END TO JOHN O'GROATS!

St Mary's sends hearty congratulations to Katherine Cox for completing her mileage count from Land's End to John O Groats to raise funds for a charity which helps support refugees. Some of you asked last Sunday how you might contribute to this. Here is the link to donate:

Soul to Sole: Walking Land's End to John O'Groats | Trauma Foundation South West
https://www.tfsw.co.uk/news/soul-to-sole

OAK LANE CEMETERY QUIZ - FRIDAY 13 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

WILLOW WOOD VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Do you love the outdoors? Would you like the chance to help the children at St Mary's School? Do you have 1-2 hours a month to volunteer?

Willow Wood is a wonderful initiative on the Junior Site of St Mary's School that gives the children the opportunity to learn outdoors with hands-on experience of our local wildlife. They learn about local flora and fauna, experience cooking outdoors, and are encouraged to think about biodiversity. The outdoor educator, Kevin, would love to expand his team of volunteers, who come once or twice a month to help with pruning, managing the site, building and painting fences, etc. Note the volunteering would be done when the children are not on site. If you are interested please talk to Donna who can give you more information and put you in touch with Kevin.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE AT ST PAUL'S – LAST CHANCE TO BOOK

Below is our invitation to the Advent Carol Service at St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday 28 November. If you want to apply you need to email Katie Kean **by Monday 9 November at buildings@stmarytwick.org.uk with your name, email address, access needs and number of tickets required for each individual or family group. Email address is important, as this is how you will receive your tickets.** If you would like the Parish office to print your tickets, please forward them to Katie at the address above, and we will arrange a collection date and time.

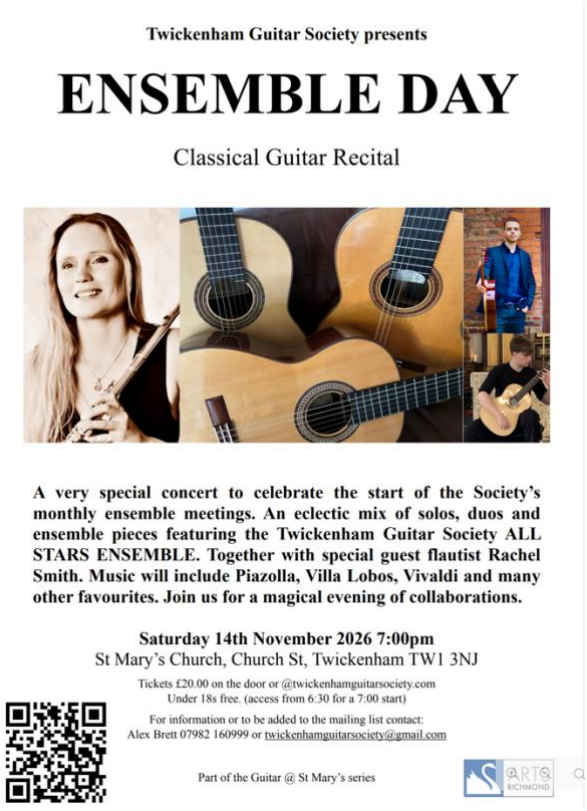
You are warmly invited to attend the great Advent Carol Service at St Paul's Cathedral. on **Saturday 28 November at 5 pm**. (please note the earlier time to previous years) in which the Cathedral Choir moves throughout the building singing music which reflects the Advent themes of light and hope, together with readings from scripture and literature, and some of the best-loved of the Advent hymns.

St Paul's also invites young people (aged 8-14 years) from across the diocese to be part of the procession of light which moves through the Cathedral as part of the processions. There is a rehearsal earlier in the afternoon for this, when the children and their supervising parent/guardian will be taken through the procession. All children participating must be available to rehearse from 2.15 pm onwards on the day. Again **you need to apply by Monday 9 November**. The ticket guarantees a seat anywhere in the cathedral on a first come/first served basis – this means that, if guests wish to sit together, they need to arrive together. The service will last approximately an hour and a quarter.

CONCORDIA VOICES CONCERT – SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 6 PM

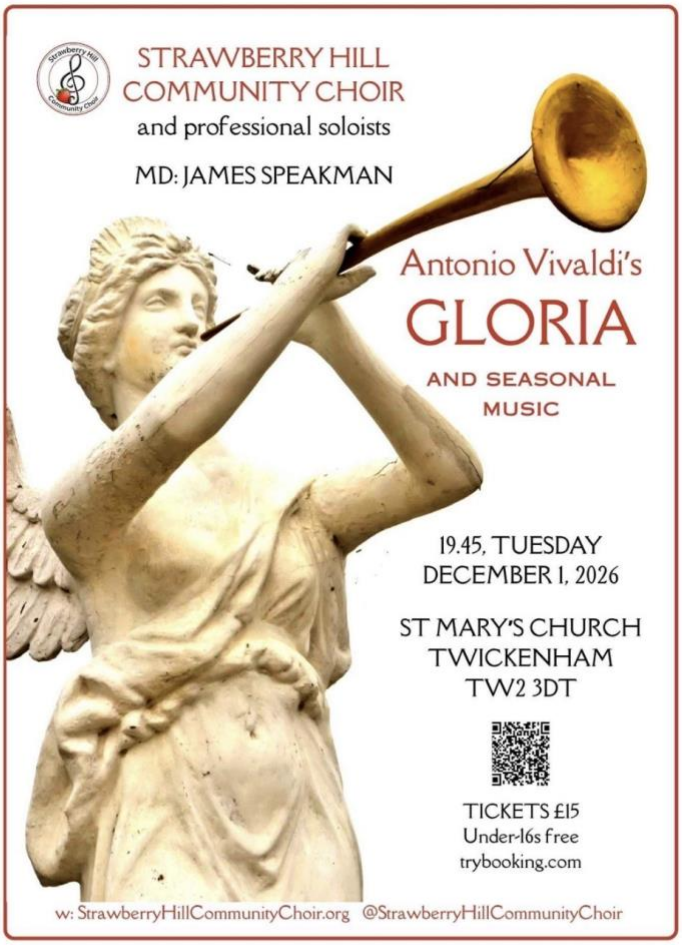


TWICKENHAM GUITAR SOCIETY ENSEMBLE DAY- SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER – 7 PM



Concert at St Mary's with the Twickenham Guitar Society's All Stars Ensemble and guest flautist Rachel Smith. Tickets £20 on the door or at www.twickenhamguitarsociety.com. Under 18s free. Doors open at 6.30 pm for a 7 pm start.

STRAWBERRY HILL COMMUNITY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT – TUE 1 DEC 7.45 PM



Come and join us in Venice, 1715 as we sing Vivaldi's 'Gloria', then sail with us across the ocean to Twickenham 2025, to dip into L'Estrange's modern reimagining of 'The Four Seasons'.

Prepare yourself for summer storms (climate change), winter cosiness, and find, with us, the time to sing.

We have room to expand and welcome new members. There are no auditions. All you need is a love and enjoyment of making music, commitment, and a willingness to be challenged by a mixture of genres and styles

A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS – TEDDINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH – 5 DECEMBER 7 PM

The Manna Family is performing a Christmas musical production at Teddington, which will conclude with a short time of worship and opportunity to respond.

'When a fierce Victorian snowstorm forces unexpected visitors to seek shelter at Mr Warren's home, his carefully planned Christmas is turned upside down. As strangers gather beneath his roof, their stories challenge his expectations and soften his heart. Through unexpected kindness, compassion and the joy of giving, Mr Warren discovers that the true wonder of Christmas isn't found in what we receive, but in the love, we share with others.'

Tea, coffee and mince pies will be available afterwards.

Tickets are Free. Booking is required through Eventbrite.co.uk using the following link or the QR code below.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-victorian-christmas-tickets-2003909272578?aff=oddtdtcreator

Please contact the Teddington Baptist church office if you have any questions or have an issue with booking (office@teddingtonbaptist.co.uk or 020 8977 8000). For further information about the ministry of Manna Family visit their website at https://www.mannafamily.co.uk/

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 meeting is on 18 November. 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 21 November. For more information ring Lynda 07545 054 481, info@hounslowfriendsoffaith.org, www.hounslowfriendsoffaith.org.

NOTES ON A GREEN THEME

If The Earth Were Only A Few Feet In Diameter

If the earth were only a few feet in diameter
Floating a few feet above a field somewhere,
People would come from everywhere to marvel at it
People would walk around it marveling at its big pools of water
Its little pools and the water flowing between
People would marvel at the bumps on it and the holes in it.
They would marvel at the very thin layer of gas surrounding it
And the water suspended in the gas
The people would marvel at all the creatures walking around the surface of the ball
And at the creatures in the water
The people would declare it sacred because it was the only one
And they would protect it so that it would not be hurt
The ball would be the greatest wonder known
And people would come to pray to it, to be healed,
To gain knowledge, to know beauty and to wonder how it could be.
People would love it, and defend it with their lives
Because they would somehow know that their lives could be nothing without it
If the earth were just a few feet in diameter.

Joe Hill

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 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/