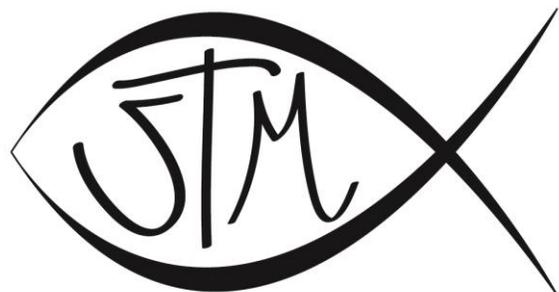


**St Mary's Church
Twickenham**



Sunday 17th February
The 3rd Sunday before Lent

WELCOME to the Church's worship on this the 3rd Sunday before Lent. Today we are pleased to be joined by our children and young people who will help lead our service. Coffee and other refreshments will be served in the hall after the Parish Eucharist, to which you are all invited. Our hosts today are the Flower People and friends.

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Reading	1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 (Pat Cawrse)
Gospel	Luke 6: 17-26
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist
Organ Music	Allegretto in F Stanford
Hymns	139-tune 1, Gloria, 63, 135
Gospel	Luke 6: 17-26
Organ Music	Alla Marcia in C Thomas Adams
11.30 am	Holy Eucharist
Hymns	139-tune 1, 63, 372, Gloria
1 st Lesson	1 Corinthians 15: 12-20
2 nd Lesson	Luke 6: 17-26
6.00 pm	A reflective Service of Music & Meditation

Intercessions

We pray for all members of our congregation. We pray for Growbaby.

We pray for all those seeking God's intervention, guidance and healing in their lives, amongst them:

Stephen Pilgrim	Dell Gillespie-Gilbert	Nick
Nicholas	Ian Borton	Ann Falconi
Beryl Mason	Ola	Bernice McCabe
Blaise Nelson	Kay Lawson	Raoul Franklin
Careena Farquhar	James Donovan	Lehni Norman
Felicity-Louise	Bea Martin	Carmen Alonso
Barbara Jenkins	Tom Webb	Christine Bartlett
Jill Dennison	Jinny Gambazzi	Lesley Prior
Ros Macgregor	David Williams	Sylvia Beswick

We pray for those who have died that they may know new and eternal life:

Susan Wright
Gwilym Jones
Shirley Edwards
Eileen Hayden
Margaret Watson
Barbara Beaton whose ashes will be buried in our Memorial Garden
on Wednesday
and June Tetley whose first anniversary of death occurs this week.

If you would like the names of anyone included or re-added to the Intercessions list, please contact the Parish Office.

Please can we remind you to keep your valuables with you at all times while you are in church.

Thank you.

Today

Preparation of New Electoral Roll

It is a London Diocesan requirement to prepare a new electoral roll every 6th year, and this year happens to be the 6th year! Those on the old electoral roll have been sent a form to fill in. We will also be posting this week to those on the Parish List who are not on the Electoral Roll. There are also letters and forms at the back of church which you are welcome to read and fill in after the service and place in the post box! Thank you!

Hymn Singing at Nightingale House

New singers welcome. Meet Pat Ingham in the Hall at 10.50am.

News Sheet

A two week edition will be produced for Sundays 3rd and 10th March. If copy for Sunday 10th March and the following week could reach the office as early as possible on Monday 25th February it would be of enormous help, and only any final last minute requests reserved for the Friday morning, 1st March. Many thanks for your support.

Forthcoming Events

Walsingham Eucharist - Tomorrow , Monday 18th February at 7.30 pm there will be a special Service in Church at which prayers will be offered, as they are offered on our Parish's Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham, for all that concerns us about the world, the Church, the people of our Parish and ourselves. Please do come to this gentle Service when you can also learn more about the lovely experience of a Pilgrimage to the beautiful, historic village of Little Walsingham.

Charity Sunday – Next Sunday, 24th February, Mrs Julie Couchman-Boor will speak at the 9.30 service about the work of Tearfund and there will be an opportunity to donate to this and the other charities supported by St. Mary's in a retiring collection. If you would like to add gift aid to any donation, please use the envelopes in the pews, completing the details and marking them 'charity'.

On Shrove Tuesday, 5th March, the Mothers' Union members will hold a Pancake Party from Noon - 1.30pm in the Vestry in aid of Away From It All holidays for needy children. Pancake and coffee £1.50, less for a child. There will also be a raffle for the same cause, tickets £1 each, on sale in the Hall, Sundays, 24th February and 3rd March. Please support this worthy cause.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our APCM is unseasonably early this year will be held on Sunday 24th March after the 9.30 Service. Please note in your diaries.

There are three vacancies for lay members of the PCC, nomination forms are available from the noticeboard at the back of church.

Annual Reports

The early APCM means that reports from all church groups should be sent to the office by Wednesday 20th February.

General Notices

LENT GROUPS

As announced last week, this year the themes for our Lent Course spring from the film version of The Wizard of Oz. You are all invited to come along to the church every Monday at 7.30pm during Lent, beginning on 11th March. We will start with a keynote address from Piotr or Jeff, then split up into groups to discuss questions which have been raised; there will be an opportunity for refreshments and the sharing of thoughts, finishing with Compline, the Church's Night Office, at 9pm. It would be helpful for catering purposes if you could let us know, by signing up in the church porch, if you are able to attend, but not crucial.

Confirmations 2019

Our Confirmations this year will be on Sunday 12th May and in preparation Fr. Piotr will be holding four Sunday afternoon sessions for the children on 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th March. If you are considering Confirmation for your child/children please contact Piotr to discuss. email: piotrashwin@btinternet.com

URGENT need for 3 people to join the Scrubbers cleaning team. Some of us are now in our 80's and are becoming less able to help. Please consider if you could help out. There are groups of four people and each group does it once every six weeks, so not too arduous and is usually done in an hour and a half. If you feel you would like to help please ring Jenny on 8891 2866. Thank you in anticipation

Email and contact details—Please use the welcome card if you would like your name included in the Parish List, or to update current details, and pass to a sidesperson or churchwarden. Copies may be found in the pews or at the back of church.

From the Archives

A series of occasional items from the Parish Archives.

The Question of Alexander Pope's Skull

Alexander Pope died in 1744 and was buried in St Mary's by the chancel step, below a square stone incised "P", for a fee of One Guinea. In his will he had requested to be buried "near the monument of my dear parents" and indeed the stone is within sight of the memorial to Alexander Pope senior and his mother in the north gallery. In 2015 Anthony Beckles Willson, local historian and champion of Pope's Grotto, wrote Paper 169 for the Borough of Twickenham Local History Society, based on 19th century publications and 20th century original letters.

R.S. Cobbett, St Mary's curate 1866-1872, in his *Memorials of Twickenham* (1872), wrote "Some writers declare that Pope's head was abstracted during some repairs of the church, and by a bribe to the sexton of the time, possession of the skull was obtained for a night" on payment of £50 and a skull "now figures in the collection of Mr Holm of Highgate and was frequently exhibited by him in his lectures". Cobbett quotes the Vicar, Canon Proby, as stating that when Pope's vault was opened and the coffin broken, "a cast of the skull was taken with my permission" and the skull then replaced under the supervision of the curate; his memory of the details of the event 40 years earlier, however, may not have been completely accurate.

In 1826 a vault was opened for the burial of Richard Burnett near that of Pope when "a coffin in a very decayed state was discovered which an old inhabitant declared to be the coffin of Pope", the roof of the coffin said to be "strewn with ashes, a ceremony customary with Roman Catholics." This account (from a letter in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, 10 July 1826) suggests that the coffin had not been moved previously as the ashes were still in place

A letter of 1927 is in St Mary's archives from Sir Arthur Keith, Professor of the Hunterian Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons, to Dr J.R. Leeson, local G.P. and Charter Mayor of Twickenham, enquiring about the possible removal of Pope's skull in 1818 and its use by the phrenologist, Johann Gaspar Spurzheim. It had come later into the keeping of Mr E.W. Wetherell, who presented it to the Royal College of Surgeons' Museum. Keith concluded that "it is impossible to harmonise the profile of the skull with the facial outline of authentic busts and drawings of Pope's head". He considered that it looked "intensely feminine", perhaps being in fact the skull of Pope's mother who died aged 93 eleven years before her son.

In 1957 the Vicar, Rev John Davies, wrote an article in the *Richmond and Twickenham Times* about the story, which prompted Professor A.J.E. Cave of the Department of Anatomy, St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, to write a letter saying "the whole affair is full of uncertainties. It is always possible that the Vicar of the time was deceived by unscrupulous phrenologists, a pest of the century, but it is equally possible that phrenologists themselves were the dupes of their agents. Much of the history seems to have been no more than hearsay" and "it is most extraordinary that this relic was never catalogued and was unknown to me during my College (of Surgeons) years. It might have been destroyed with so many other crania during the war, but it was not among those transferred to the British Museum. I think it highly likely, at the least, that Pope's skull never left Twickenham Church".

Anthony Beckles Willson's own final view was that "It is to be hoped that beneath this stone Alexander can remain at rest undisturbed, protected for all time from any further archaeological curiosity or intervention, whatever the nature of future work in St Mary's Church".

Diana Wells
Hon. Parish Archivist

Please pray for these events which are taking place amongst the Church family during the coming week.

Monday	10.00 pm-5.00 pm 7.30 pm	The organ will be in use. Walsingham Mass will be celebrated in the Vestry.
Tuesday	11.00 am-12.00noon 4.30 pm-5.30 pm 6.30 pm-8.00 pm 8.00 pm	Minnows meet in the church, a weekly group for toddlers and their parents/carers. The organ will be in use. The organ will be in use. Fundraising Group meet in the Vestry.
Wednesday	10.00 am 12.00noon 8.00 pm	The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in the Vestry. The Burial of Ashes of Barbara Beaton in the Garden of Remembrance. Bells practice
Thursday	2.30 pm-3.30 pm 7.00 pm-8.30 pm	The organ will be in use The organ will be in use
Friday	10.00 am-5.00 pm	The organ will be in use
Saturday	12.00noon-1.00 pm 7.00 pm-8.30 pm	The organ will be in use The organ will be in use

Sunday 24th February
2nd Sunday before Lent

8.00 am Holy Eucharist	Genesis 2: 4-9 & 15-25 Luke 8: 22-25
9.30 am Parish Eucharist We will be joined by a speaker from the charity TEARFUND. There will also be a retiring Collection, which will go toward all the charities we support as a church community.	Genesis 2: 4-9 & 15-25 Luke 8: 22-25
6.00 pm Evening Prayer	Psalm 147 Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 3 Matthew 6: 25-end



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