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CHURCH SERVICES
Do join us!

This Sunday 5th, the Sixth Sunday of Easter, the Eucharist will be celebrated at 9.30am.

The Gospel will be John Chapter 15 verses 9-17.

At 6pm we are delighted to be joined by the celebrated pianist David Goode who will be giving a recital, to which all are welcome.

This week

Wednesday

8.30am Music Meeting, suggestions of hymns for forthcoming Sundays welcome.

10am The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in church as we give thanks for Julian of Norwich and as we anticipate the celebration of The Ascension of Our Lord.

Sunday 12th May will be the Sunday after the Ascension. Eucharists will be celebrated at 8am and at 9.30am.

DAVID GOODE PIANO RECITAL – 6 PM SUNDAY 5 MAY

We are delighted to welcome internationally acclaimed pianist David Goode back to St Mary's at 6 pm on Sunday 5 May. Entrance is free to all, with a retiring collection in aid of St Mary's Church. Refreshments will be available at the performance.

Programme:

Prelude and Fugue in F minor (Bk 2) BWV 881 - J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Sonata in E flat Op. 31 no. 3 - Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Slow Dance (from *Two Folk Dances*) - Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Little Suite (2024) - David Goode (b. 1971) (Prelude – Lullaby – Toccata)
Rigoletto de Verdi – Paraphrase de Concert - Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

FUNDRAISE FOR CHRISTIAN AID AND KEEP FIT

As part of Christian Aid week we are being challenged to walk, run, cycle or swim 70km in May to raise funds for the poorest of the world's inhabitants.

To take part, please visit <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk.>70k-in-may>. Part of this could be to participate in the 10 km Christian Aid's London Freedom Walk on 11 May, visiting some of London's historic churches and starting at 12.30 at All Hallows by the Tower in Byward St. EC3R 5BJ.

I hope to accept the challenge and if anyone would like to sponsor me for £1 that would be very welcome. My fundraising page is at fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/sophys-70k or you can let me know in church or by email sophiajfisher@aol.com

THANK YOU FOR CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you very much to all who gave so generously to Christian Aid on 7 April. Altogether we collected the magnificent sum of £472.55. If the £26 raised by gift aid is added to this, it amounts to almost £500. Many more opportunities to help in May – see above!

Christian Aid aims to bring an end to poverty. Working with partners in 37 countries, it brings practical relief to refugees in the Ukraine, in Turkey and Syria following the earthquake there and now runs a community kitchen in North Gaza. It also works to help people learn how to adapt to threats such as those posed by climate change, choosing drought-resistant crops and forming cooperatives to market their produce. In the forthcoming Christian Aid Week, 12-18 May, the focus will be on Alina, who lives in Burundi and was rescued from a life on the streets and helped to form a Village Savings and Loans Association. She was able to buy a goat, a bicycle and a solar panel and run a successful business.

SAVE THE DATE - WALSHINGHAM MORNING AND LUNCH - ST. MARY'S CHURCH - SATURDAY 18 MAY

On Saturday 18 May in the church there will be a lovely insight into what happens during a Pilgrimage to the beautiful village of Little Walsingham in North Norfolk. This will include the Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion and will be followed by a bring and share lunch. Details to follow but please all do join us ...

During the service we shall also be offering prayers for Lesley Prior who died recently. She was a Walsingham pilgrim who served St Mary's for many years as Church Warden, Lent Group leader and Governor and Trustee of St Mary's School.

TEA @ 2.30. ST MARY'S CHURCH – 1 MAY

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 St Mary's Church Vestry, once a fortnight, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each

month between 2.30 and 4 pm. Our next meetings are on 1 and 15 May.

NOTES ON A GREEN THEME

This year, [Earth Day](#)'s theme is "Planet vs. Plastics" 🌿 🚫. It underscores the urgent need to combat plastic pollution and unite for the sake of human and planetary health.

Do you know that 12 million tonnes of plastic finds its way into the ocean every single year? 9.5 million tonnes of this enters the ocean from the land with 1.75 tonnes being chucked into the sea directly from the fishing and shipping industry. There are approximately 51 trillion microscopic pieces of plastic, weighing 269,000 tons floating about in the oceans.

These figures were published by the organisation Surfers Against Sewage. It is right that we are made aware of statistics like this and that we are encouraged to try and limit our use of single use plastic but there is lots going on in the world to take heart from.

There are many products are being made using recycled plastic and the technology to do so is developing all the time. Caroline Taylerson has recently told me about two innovative companies that are making carpets, rugs and other soft furnishings from recycled materials. Weaver Green a company based in Devon that has developed a process to turn plastic bottles into yarn soft enough to make home soft furnishings. Another company doing a similar thing is Unnatural Flooring, both worth checking out. Other companies like Green Toys making childrens toys and their packaging out of recycled materials and who says that, to them, 'every day is Earth Day'.

There are many companies now making outdoor furniture for individual households and public places out of recycled plastic.

Clothing companies like, for example, Patagonia make clothes out of recycled polyester fabric that is made from post-consumer plastic bottles and other recycled materials. It creates a wide range of products including jackets, fleeces, and t-shirts. Patagonia also has a program called Worn Wear, which encourages customers to repair and recycle their old Patagonia clothing rather than throw it away.

Shoes made from recycled plastic bottles are another product now increasingly becoming a more popular and environmentally-friendly alternative to traditional footwear. Rather than using new materials, companies are finding innovative ways to repurpose waste plastic into new products, including shoes. This process not only helps to reduce plastic waste in the environment but also reduces the carbon footprint of producing new materials. Adidas is just one of the high end names going down this route.

And there's more! If you know of any similar environmentally friendly products that you'd like to flag up just send the details to me on lizskiv@hotmail.com. With this Earth Day's theme in mind how about revisiting the Carbon Footprint Audit I flagged a few weeks ago and [recalibrate your climate pledges](#) update your commitments, and challenge your friends and families to do the same.

ST MARY'S MINNOWS – MONDAY MORNINGS

The Minnows group for parents and carers of children aged 0-4 will meet again in the church on Monday mornings until the end of the summer term on 15 July. Shut for bank holidays and half-term on 6 May, 27 May and 3 June

Please join us for a relaxed time chatting over refreshments, with playtime and singing. All are welcome so do encourage partners / grandparents / other carers to come along if your little one spends Mondays with them. No booking required!



For parents and carers
with 0-4 year olds

St Mary's Church, Twickenham
9.30 - 11.15 Mondays in term-time
(dates at www.stmarytwick.org.uk)

Join us for a relaxed time chatting over refreshments, with playtime, singing and thought for the week

£3 suggested donation per family, inc refreshments

Contact minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk



Do contact Sarah Waller on minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

KNITTING GROUP – FRIENDS OF FAITH

We are a multi-faith, ecumenical local group knitting to provide clothes and blankets for babies, children, homeless and elderly people. Last year we gave items both to local charities and those in Ukraine. In 2024, we shall meet from 10.30-12.30 on the third Saturday of each month in St Mary's church hall - so our next meeting will be on 18 May.

New knitters are very warmly welcomed and if you have some balls of wool that you can donate, we can turn them into items that are urgently needed, locally and internationally! You can give them to one of our knitters, bring them to a monthly meeting or drop them into our 'wool donations' box inside St Mary's church. For more details do get in touch with our organiser, Lynda Imir, by emailing knitting@stmarytwick.org.uk

A QUICK WAY TO GIVE TO ST MARY'S

You can 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 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
The deadline for submission is close of business on Wednesday for inclusion, if approved, in the Weekly Parish Notices issued on Friday.