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29 November 2024

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CHURCH SERVICES

Do join us!

Please join us this coming **Sunday 1 December, ADVENT SUNDAY**, the **Parish Eucharist** will be celebrated at **9.30 am** and we will be joined at **6 pm** by the **Marble Hill Singers** for our **Advent Carol Service**. All are very much encouraged to come along to this, it is one of the most beautiful and poignant services in the year.

On **Wednesday 4 December** the **Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated at **10 am** in church and at **10.45 am** the ashes of Mary Motture will be laid to rest in our Garden of Remembrance.

Next Sunday 8 December, Eucharists will be celebrated at **8 am** and at **9.30 am** and the Annual **Christingle Service** will be held in church at **4 pm**.

COFFEE MORNING AND CAKE SALE AT ST MARY'S - 30 NOVEMBER 10.30 AM

A Coffee Morning is being held on 30 November at 10.30 am in church together with a sale of Home Made Cakes and Christmas Decorations.

All Welcome

The **Silent Auction** we have been running will close at 12 noon that day so it will be the last chance to place your bid for the items on offer.



To see the items on offer you can scan the QR code here or click on the link:
<https://app.galabid.com/stmaryschurchtwick/>

In order to raise as much money as possible, the Auction has been put online but if you aren't able to go online you can get a list of the items from Chris Webborn on Sunday after church, together with a sheet for making a paper bid which Chris will enter for you.

Local companies as well as individuals have kindly donated items for the Auction so that all the money from the bid you make will go towards the church repairs so please bid generously! With Christmas just around the corner there are plenty of items which would make great presents.

We do hope you'll come along to the event and spread the word - and the links - to family and friends so they can be involved, too. Thank you - Good luck - and Happy Bidding

TEA @ 2.30. ST MARY'S CHURCH – 4 DECEMBER

Tea@2.30, when you can meet for a cup of tea or coffee, have a chat with old friends and meet some new ones, will be meeting on December 4th in the vestry as usual.

On 18th Dec we are having an awayday - if you would like to join us please ask Julie or Julia for more information. We are NOT meeting on January 1st 2025 but will start the new year off on 15 January in the vestry.

CONFIRMATIONS WITH THE BISHOP OF KENSINGTON - MARCH 2ND 2025

If you are not yet confirmed and would like to be, or would like to explore it further, then please let Jeff or Donna know. Jeff will be preparing the adults and Donna will be preparing the young people for this exciting next step in their faith journeys.

There will be 3/4 sessions of preparation with a run through on Sunday 23 February from 4-5pm. Dates for other sessions are tbc.

CHRISTINGLE 8 DECEMBER 4 PM

A fun family service to celebrate Christ The Light of the World and support The Children's Society. Each child receives a Christingle. The Scouts kindly provide seasonal refreshment after the service in the Hall. Do please join us!



**Let's come together
to celebrate
Christingle.**

Christingle is a great way for communities everywhere to get together this Christmas to catch up, make some special memories, and have fun.

Come and join us!

St Mary's Church

8th December 4pm

A service to celebrate

Christ the Light of the World

Bring a donation for
The Children's Society and receive
a Christingle orange!

Refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall

christingle.org

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OAK LANE QUIZ SUCCESS!

Many thanks are due to the 65 participants in 10 teams who enjoyed the challenge of the annual Oak Lane Cemetery Quiz, answering questions on topics from prime ministers to food and drink, and identifying some tricky pictures! Thanks to all those who organised the event – raffle, refreshments, PA system, publicity, table decorations, etc.

The wonderful sum of £1200 was raised, a very welcome boost to the funds in the parish budget for the regular maintenance of the much loved cemetery with its atmosphere of peace and calm in the centre of urban Twickenham. The gravestones have survived over 150 years of weathering and the natural growth needs to be cleared regularly to avoid damage. Spring bulbs and autumn blackberries are welcome and the ivy flowers are appreciated by birds, insects and butterflies but mowing, pruning and tree care need continuing attention.

St Mary's Eco Group

KETTNER CONCERT – HOFFMANN'S NUTCRACKER – SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 6 PM



**Kettner Concerts
Twickenham**
**E.T.A. Hoffmann's
The Nutcracker**

Sunday, 8 December 2024, 6.00 pm

"Music is the most sublime of all the arts." - E.T.A. Hoffmann



Concert pianist **Cristian Sandrin** presents a recital celebrating the Prussian satirist, artist and composer E.T.A. Hoffmann, an influential novelist whose famous tales combined reality with fantasy and the macabre. Hoffmann created the fictional character of Johannes Kreisler, a tortured composer whose predicament inspired works by Schumann and Brahms. He also wrote the famous story of The Nutcracker which was later adapted into a ballet by Tchaikovsky. Tonight we shall hear Mikhail Pletnev's dazzling piano transcription of the ballet suite.

Programme
E.T.A. Hoffmann: Piano Sonata in F minor
J. Brahms: Four Ballades op. 10
R. Schumann: Kreisleriana op. 16
P.I. Tchaikovsky/Pletnev: The Nutcracker Suite

"A luscious recital"
American Record Guide

*"Sandrin expresses the sounds
with infinite subtlety"*
Nieuwe Noten Netherlands

"technically flawless"
Klassik Heute



St Mary's Church
Church Street
Twickenham
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Tickets: £15
(£10 for students and under 18s)
kettnerconcerts.co.uk
Book tickets on Eventbrite.co.uk
or scan the qr code

The Kettner Society is a registered charity no. 1161105
for enquiries: kettnerconcerts@gmail.com

NOTES ON A GREEN THEME

How can we be better at caring for creation and each other through healthy, eco-friendly and sustainable choices at Christmas? I found the ideas to be published in this little article over the next few weeks on the A Rocha website. Ideas that they say could make a world of difference, and a difference to the world. They go on to say “Take time to pray, reflect, and consider acting on one or two, or however many you like! You may find the change is for life and not just for Christmas.”

1) Start with your advent calendar. Support overseas farmers by ensuring that your advent calendar, and any Christmas chocolate, is Fairtrade. You’ll be helping those farmers to make a decent living and encouraging them to farm in a more ecologically sustainable way with every bite.

2) Rent a tree. Did you know that, in the UK, 6-8 million real Christmas trees go to landfill every year? With a Christmas tree rental scheme you can enjoy a real tree knowing that it will be replanted later. Alternatively, dress up a living tree in your garden – add lots of bird feeders and fat balls, and some outdoor fairy lights to make a feast for your eyes and the birds. Or, visit the British Christmas Tree Growers Association to find out about buying an organic, FSC-certified, or locally grown Christmas tree.

3) Go for a natural wreath and decorations. Holly sprigs, ivy trails, pinecones, rose hips... Take a bag, go for a walk, and see what you can find! Make sure that you have permission from the land-owner before you start snipping. Don’t take too much and do leave some berries for the birds. Source as much as you can from what’s already dropped. Then get creative and make a beautiful wreath and Christmas decorations from natural materials.

Choose a change to make this Christmas. Be gentle on yourself and be realistic, but challenge yourself too. To help you make changes beyond Christmas, sign up to Wild Christian for more ways to enjoy, nurture and defend nature.

More ideas to come next week but in the meantime, if you have any top festive tips and tricks to share please send them to me and I will gladly share them here.

lizskiv@hotmail.com Thank you

Want even more inspiration or information about the benefits of going green at Christmas?

- [Our twelve tips for a greener Christmas](#) (A Rocha UK)
- [Ideas for a Greener Christmas](#) (A Rocha UK)
- [Top tips for a sustainable Christmas](#) (WWF)
- [21 eco-friendly Christmas tips](#) (Friends of the Earth)

- [16 tips for a greener Christmas](#) (The Eden Project)
 - [How to have an eco-Christmas](#) (The Wildlife Trusts)
 - [10 green acts of Christmas kindness](#) (CPRE, the countryside charity)
 - [Christmas, but make it eco: our tips to make your holiday season greener](#) (CPRE, the countryside charity)
 - [Sustainable Christmas ideas: 13 ways to make this yuletide greener](#) (Positive.News)
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RICHMOND LIGHT ORCHESTRA CHRISTMAS CONCERT - SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER, 7.30PM

Film music, show tunes, Christmas favourites and sing-a-long carols. Performed by the 60-piece Richmond Light Orchestra, it's an event not to be missed. Fun for all the family. For more info and tickets (from £10) visit <https://www.richmondlightorchestra.com>



RICHMOND FOOD BANK REQUESTS

The Food Bank will be very grateful for tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, biscuits, crisps, shower gel and coffee. Many thanks

KNITTING GROUP – FRIENDS OF FAITH

This multi-faith, ecumenical local group knitting to provide clothes and blankets for babies, children, homeless and elderly people welcomes all those interested in knitting and is also grateful for balls of wool, size 4, or the old 8 short knitting needles and buttons for baby jackets or children's cardigans.

Meetings are from 10.30-12.30 on the third Saturday of each month in St Mary's church hall Windsor Room - so the next meeting will be on 21 December. For more details do get in touch with our organiser, Lynda Imir, by emailing knitting@stmarytwick.org.uk

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND CARD DELIVERY

Advent Sunday 1 December: 6 pm Advent Carol Service with the Marble Hill Singers

Sunday 8 December: 4 pm Cringle Service

Sunday 15 December: 9.30 am Eucharist and Nativity Play featuring the children of St Mary's

Sunday 22 December: 6 pm Christmas Carol Service

CHRISTMAS EVE, Tuesday 24 December: 3.30 pm Crib Service, 4.30 pm Crib Service, 11 pm Midnight Mass.

CHRISTMAS DAY, Wednesday 25 December: 10 am Festival Eucharist

Each year, we invite all those who live within the parish to join us for our Advent and Christmas services. Bundles of cards, in designated roads, are available for collection at the back of the church this Sunday. Please help us invite people into the Church's life over the coming weeks by delivering these cards around the parish. Many thanks.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS – INCLUDING LITTLE FISH

Little Fish for newborns to 3.5 year olds and their carers runs during the 9.30am service every Sunday in term-time, except the 3rd Sundays of the month when we all join the full service in the Church. Please join us in the Vestry after the gradual hymn (before the Gospel) for bible stories, songs, prayer and a snack. We return to church in time for Communion. Please contact Sarah Waller on minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk with any questions.

Our 3-5.5 yrs, 5.5 yrs-9 yrs and our 9+ Sunday schools have also begun their term, running every Sunday at 9.30 am in term time excluding the 3rd Sundays of the month when we all worship together in the Church. Please contact Julie Hall sundayschool@stmarytwick.org.uk for more information.

MINNOWS – MONDAY MORNINGS

Our Minnows group for parents and carers of children aged 0-4 will meet in the church every Monday from 16 September to 9 December, except 30 September, 28 October, 4 November, and 18 November.

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!

Please contact Sarah Waller on minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk with any questions. We hope to see you there!



For parents and carers
with 0-4 year olds

St Mary's Church, Twickenham
9.30 - 11.15 Mondays term-time
Dates at www.stmarytwick.org.uk

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

£3 suggested donation per family,
including refreshments

Contact minnows@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.