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CHURCH SERVICE– DO JOIN US!

Please join us for our Holy Week and Easter Services at St Mary`s.

PALM SUNDAY: EUCHARISTS will be celebrated at **8am** and at **9.30am**.

(At 10.45am, a meeting will be held in the vestry for those who are interested in supporting the fundraising initiatives at St Mary`s.)

Wednesday 10am The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in church.

THE HOLY TRIDUUM

7.30pm MAUNDY THURSDAY: The Eucharist of the Last Supper will be celebrated in church, followed by prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane until **9.30pm**.

GOOD FRIDAY: 9am Walk of Witness. Beginning at St Mary`s Church and ending 20mins later at the Green.

12 noon Bishop Emma, Bishop of Kensington, will lead us in meditations at the foot of the cross, culminating in

2.30pm The Liturgy of Good Friday.

HOLY SATURDAY: 3pm Blessing of the Graves in the Memorial Garden, as we pray our departed loved ones into the death and resurrection of Christ.

EASTER DAY: THE FESTIVAL EUCHARIST will be celebrated at **9.30am**.

FUNDRAISING MEETING 13 APRIL AFTER THE EUCHARIST

There will be a quick meeting in the vestry after the 9.30 service on Sunday. This will launch a new fundraising campaign for some of the big things we want to do over the next year or so. Do come along at about 10.45 or let me know if you are interested in taking part.

Stephen Tetley

FLOWERS FOR EASTER- RETIRING COLLECTION SUNDAY 13 APRIL

There will be a retiring collection at the end of the service on Sunday 13th April for those who wish to give towards the cost of flowers for decorating the Church for Easter. We are grateful for all donations. Thank you. The Flower Team

PCC MEMBERSHIP – CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 27 April we will need to elect new members of the Parochial Church Council - the PCC. This is an important group in the life of St Mary's Church. It makes key decisions about how we operate; how we spend our money; our priorities and new initiatives. We also ensure that the correct safeguarding arrangements are in place. The group needs more people with financial and communication skills, but the most important quality is an enthusiasm for getting things done. Jeff chairs meetings on Monday evenings about 6 times a year.

If you think you might be interested in contributing to the life of our church in this way please do talk to either of the Wardens.

Stephen Tetley (07399 495258) and Margaret Mence (07774 282677)

TEA @ 2.30. ST MARY'S CHURCH – 16 APRIL

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, once a fortnight, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month between 2.30 and 4 pm. Our next meetings will be on 16 April and 7 May.

NOTES ON A GREEN THEME

Earth Day is the world's biggest environmental campaign. It's a day that calls for people and world leaders to take action on climate change. On 22 April every year, people come together to recognise the changes needed to address the climate crisis.

- **Purpose:**

Earth Day serves as a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability, encouraging people to come together and take action for a healthier planet.

- **History:**

The first Earth Day was held in 1970, marking the beginning of the modern environmental movement.

- **Global Participation:**

It's a worldwide event, with people in over 192 countries participating in various activities to promote environmental awareness and action.

- **Activities:**

Earth Day involves a wide range of events, including conferences, street marches, art displays, beach clean-ups, and other initiatives aimed at raising awareness and inspiring change.

- **Themes:**

Each year, Earth Day has a different theme, focusing on specific environmental issues and encouraging people to take action.

Earth Day 2025 Theme: "OUR POWER, OUR PLANET", inviting everyone around the globe to unite behind renewable energy, and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030.

Type **Earth Day** into your browser to get a bigger picture of whats going on around the neighbourhood and further afield.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS - 18 APRIL 2025

You are warmly invited to join with all the local churches and other Christian denominations in this walk, to be led by the Right Reverend Dr. Emma Ineson Bishop of Kensington. This year the walk will follow a reverse route because of the redevelopment of Twickenham riverside. We shall meet in the churchyard of St. Mary's Church Twickenham and leave from there at 9 a.m. We shall then walk along Church Street, King Street and Heath Road to Twickenham Green, where a short service will be held. Those wishing to join at the Green should arrive by 9.20.

For any queries, please contact Sophy Fisher on 07531850630.

2025 APCM SUNDAY 27 APRIL

St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and the Election of Churchwardens and PCC Members will take place on Sunday 27 April in the church after the 9.30am Eucharist. All members of the congregation on the Electoral Roll are very welcome to attend and participate in our APCM. We will start the meeting around 15 minutes after the end of the 9.30 service; please feel free to go over to the church hall for a coffee before the meeting.

Papers for the meeting will be available on our website a week before the meeting <https://www.stmarytwick.org.uk/pccnotices> . A small number of paper copies will also be available from the back of the church. We hope you will be able to join us.

Clarinda Chan, PCC Secretary pcc.secretary@stmarytwick.org.uk

EASTER FLOWER ARRANGING – SATURDAY 19 APRIL



WEST LONGDON CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT 26 APRIL 7.30PM

West London Chamber Choir presents a concert of choral music with a French theme on Saturday 26th April at 7.30pm: Fauré Requiem and music from other French composers including Messiaen, Bonis, Poulenc, Duruflé and Vilette. Directed by Hilary Campbell with Ian Shaw on organ. Tickets from Ticketsource or on the door. U16s free. Refreshments available.

RICHMOND SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

We would like to share some feedback from the first Sunday Lunch Club held on March 30th in the Church Hall.

We were overwhelmed by the support from parishioners who volunteered to cook the meals needed for the possible 30 guests we thought might come based on the turnout at other churches in the Borough.

We had a team of 4 volunteers on the day helping to present the food, serve it and clear away.

And we had so many messages of goodwill from you all, we felt very supported.

26 guests attended and they all expressed their thanks to St Mary's and to the volunteers for the delicious food and attentive service. All the food was either eaten or taken away in containers we had provided. There was minimal waste. Word will spread amongst that community and we could have even more guests next time!

We all agreed the day had gone really well and we believe we are now well prepared for our next date, the 11th May.

Chris and Liz Webborn will be outside church on the 27th April with the sign-up sheets.

Thank you

RETREAT - MAY 17 2025

The Discipleship group are organising a day retreat on Saturday, May 17 at St. Katharine's, Parmoor, Frieth (near Henley on Thames). The retreat will be led by Donna and the programme is under discussion. The day will start at 10.00 am and close at 4 pm.

St. Katharine's is a former convent in a peaceful, rural setting. There is no cost for attendance but refreshments are available at reasonable prices.

There is a maximum of 17 places. If you would like to come please sign up at the back of the church and say if you will need a lift or are able to give lifts to others.

If you would like more information please contact Margaret or Peter Mence either in church or on m.p.mence@btinternet.com or 020 8977 3679.

RETURN OF THE SUMMER FAIR - SATURDAY 7 JUNE 11 AM TO 3 PM – CAN YOU HELP?

To coincide with a weekend of celebrations for the borough's reaffirmation of its European twinning we will be holding our summer fair and flower festival. Please put the date in your diaries and think about how you might contribute to the success of the fair. At this stage we are appealing for volunteers to help with refreshments and stalls and to offer their time generally in various aspects of the preparation. These are the stalls we have in mind:

Tea tent - BBQ - Pimms - Raffle - Cakes & produce - Jewellery & accessories
Books - Toys - Bric a brac - Tombola - Children's activities....

Help will also be needed for set up and take down and general prep...

If you can help or have any suggestions, please sign up in the church porch or contact Charlotte (charlottewest7@outlook.com or 07903 550221) or Liz (Liz.sledge18@gmail.com). Thank you.

FRIENDSHIP CONCERT – SUNDAY 27 APRIL 5.30 – 7.15 PM

On Sunday 27 April 2025 the Richmond in Europe Association will be hosting an international concert at St Mary's with musicians of the Royal Academy of Music in aid of charities supported by the Association's patron, the Mayor of Richmond, Cllr. Richard Pyne.

The concert forms part of a series of events celebrating Richmond's partnerships with Fontainebleau in France and Konstanz in German. These will culminate in a weekend of celebration from 6-8 June 2025 to reaffirm our enduring friendship.

It follows on from the very successful 'Togetherness' concert which was staged in April 2024. The ensemble of singers, Regina Gössel, Milette Gillow, Clara Orif and Elinor Popham, accompanied by pianist Jack Redman, will perform works in French, German & English to reflect the three European towns. The theme of the concert is 'Friendship' and our shared European heritage.

Tickets are £20 for adults with no charge for those aged 18 or under and are available from

JOIN THE MAYOR OF RICHMOND,
CLLR RICHARD PYNE FOR
THE MAYOR'S CHARITY EVENING

REA

Amitié Freundschaft Friendship

The Power of Music Bringing People Together
Hosted by The Mayor, Cllr Richard Pyne
and Richmond in Europe Association. Featuring:

Jack Redman (Piano) Regina Gössel (Soprano) Clara Orif (Soprano) Milette Gillow (Mezzo Soprano) Elinor Popham (Soprano)

5.30-7.15pm
Sunday 27th April 2025
Tickets £20 per adult
Under 18s Free

St Mary's Church
Church Street
Twickenham
TW1 3NJ

Light Refreshments
sold in the interval

THE MAYOR'S CHARITIES THIS YEAR ARE: HOME START RICHMOND AND RICHMOND MIND

Advanced booking is recommended given the success of last year's concert.
Tickets £20, available now by booking online:
www.richmond.gov.uk/council/councillors/mayor/mayors_charities

www.richmond.gov.uk/council/councillors/mayor/mayors_charities .

Refreshments will be sold during the interval.

ST MARY'S GROUPS FOR FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Our groups for families and young people are now on their Easter break. We would love to welcome you when we resume, from Sunday 27th April.

Sunday School (age groups 3-5.5 yrs, 5.5 yrs-9 yrs and 9+) runs 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.

Little Fish for newborns to 2 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 contact Sarah Waller on minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk with any questions.

Minnows (resuming Monday 28th April) is 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 9.30-11.15am. All are welcome! Contact Sarah Waller on minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk with any questions.

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