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#### **CHURCH SERVICES— DO JOIN US!**

**THIS SUNDAY 18 May** the **Parish Eucharist** will be celebrated at 9.30 am. The Gospel will be John Chapter 13, verses 31-35 and Joseph Vambe will speak to us about the work of Christian Aid in combatting poverty and responding to crises. The Ecumenical Group will be offering pastries after the service in the hall, for which there will be an opportunity to donate to Christian Aid. Your support for this charity would be greatly welcomed.

On Wednesday 21 May the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in church at 10 am and the ashes of Jean Crittenden will be laid to rest in the Memorial Garden at 10.45 am

Next Sunday 25 May Eucharists will be celebrated at 8 am and 9.30 am.

## DAVID GOODE - PIANO RECITAL SUNDAY 18 MAY 6 PM

Internationally acclaimed pianist David Goode returns to St Mary's to play works by Bach, Schubert and Rachmaninov. Entrance is Free to all, with a retiring collection in aid of St Mary's Church. Refreshments will be available at the performance.

#### S.O.S ST MARY'S SCRUBBERS

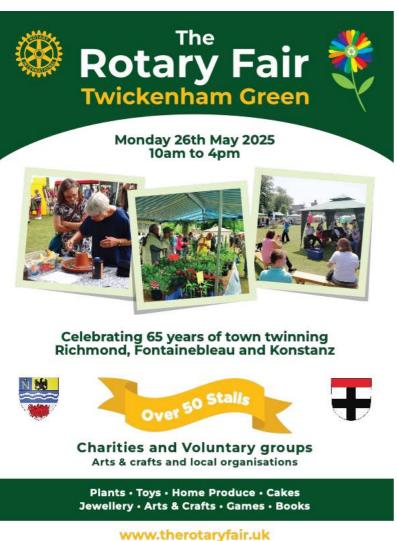
Do you fancy some time enjoying moments of real job satisfaction? If so, please consider joining us. In the past two weeks we have lost four of our scrubbers and I am wondering if

anybody in our congregation would like to join our lovely group. There are five groups each cleaning once every five weeks. It usually takes about an hour and each group decides on what day they will they will meet. We welcome all ages, male or female. You would be so welcome. Jenny Kelly j.kelly209@btinternet.com

## **TEA @ 2.30. ST MARY'S CHURCH – 21 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, once a fortnight, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month between 2.30 and 4 pm. Our next meeting will be on 21 May. On the 4th June, there will be a Tea at 2.30 meeting at another venue TBC.

#### THE ROTARY FAIR – TWICKENHAM GREEN – MONDAY 26 MAY



rotaryhandsfair@gmail.com

The Rotary Fair on Twickenham Green on Monday 26 May will be a great opportunity for an enjoyable family day out. Following the great success of the fair in 2023, and 2024, Rotary look forward to welcoming you again this year when you will be able to see the great work that charities and voluntary organisations are doing all over our local area and beyond. They will be publicising their activities and displaying their wares, together with a few local arts and crafts and information stands. There will, of course, be opportunities to buy food and soft drinks and to listen to some great entertainment. This year the fair will have a more international flavour as it forms part of the reaffirmation events for the town twinning between Richmond, Fontainebleau and Konstanz. www.therotarvfair.uk

#### SUMMER FAIR - SATURDAY 7 JUNE 11 AM TO 3 PM — CALL FOR DONATIONS



We are ready to start receiving your donations for the Summer Fair. Please bring them to the church and leave them where indicated at the back of the north gallery. Cakes can be brought the day before or on the morning of the fair. We shall need donations of:

Books
Jewellery & accessories
Toys
Bottles for the tombola
Quality bric a brac
Homemade cakes for the cake stall
Homemade cakes and traybakes for the tea tent

Thank you for supporting this.

# EMBRACING AGE CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 6 JUNE 7.30 for 8 PM

With Quizmaster Sean Carey, who writes for The Chase. A previous attendee said it was "the best charity quiz night I've ever been to!".

Doors open at 7:30 pm for 8 pm start. Bar and light refreshments available. Suggested donation £5.00 per ticket. Come as a team (up to 6 people) or join one on the night.

Advance booking is essential. Please visit <a href="https://www.embracingage.org.uk/quiz.html">https://www.embracingage.org.uk/quiz.html</a> or phone 020 3778 0035.

Embracing Age is a Richmond based Christian charity mobilising trained volunteers to befriend older care home residents.



#### RICHMOND CHURCHES SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

The Sunday Lunch held here at St Mary's on Sunday 11 May was a huge success. Thanks to a wonderful band of volunteer shoppers, cooks, bakers and helpers on the day 29 very happy guests went home extremely well fed. They were hugely appreciative and grateful to you all and to St Mary's for hosting such a lovely event.

The next lunch is on Sunday 31 August and Chris and Liz will be signing up volunteers after church on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **NOTES ON A GREEN THEME**

As the weather heats up and we learn from the Environment Agency that we have just had the driest spring for 69 years it seems timely to think about water conservation in the home.

A National Awareness Water Saving Week ran last week and with it lots of water saving ideas were published across the news. Quoting directly from WaterWise who said "from reducing shower times, flushing less often, fixing leaks, harvesting rainwater and using water efficient appliances there are numerous ways for households to make a difference. By embracing water saving habits households can contribute to environmental sustainability."

WaterWise highlight many top tips to reduce household water usage including;

- Make sure your dishwasher and washing machine are fully loaded before using
- Use a washing up bowl rather than rinsing dishes under a running tap.
- No need to pre-rinse dishes before loading into the dishwasher, simply scrape the food particles into the bin and then load
- Keep a large bottle of water in the fridge so you have a ready supply of cold water rather than having to run the tap to get the water cold enough
- Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth
- Reduce your shower time. A 1-minute reduction can save 10% of water usage

What top tips do you have for household water conservation? If you would like to share them please send to me Liz Webborn on lizskiv@hotmail.com. Thank you.

## **KETTNER CONCERT – SAT 17 MAY 6 PM**



## LINNET BAROQUE CONCERT – SUNDAY 8 JUNE 6 PM



Creation & the Vital Spark Linnet Baroque returns to St. Mary's Church, Twickenham with vocal and instrumental music celebrating creation, including a selection of Handel's Deutche Arien, music from the cantatas of Telemann and Bach, Addison's Spacious Firmament Hymn set to music from Haydn's Creation & Harwood's setting of Alexander Pope's ode, 'The Dying Christian to his Soul', at the magnificent church opposite Eel Pie Island where Pope's remains are laid to rest.

The team for this concert is:
Elin Harries - soprano
Thomas Pickering - baroque flute/recorders
Ibrahim Aziz - bass viol
Matthew Brown – harpsichord
Tickets: £12, conc. £8 students, under 18s at the door or from

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/creation-the-vital-

spark-tickets-1311565400419 There is no fee for advance booking

#### **GREENBELT: HOPE IN THE MAKING THURSDAY 21 – SUNDAY 24 AUGUST 2025**

Greenbelt is a Christian festival of music, comedy, craft, theatre, dance, food, spirituality, talks, poetry and more held at Boughton House, near Kettering. It also has a dedicated programme for families with children of all ages. It takes place over the August Bank Holiday weekend although day tickets are also available. Most people camp although you also bring your own caravan/camper van. Anyone interested in coming this year and being part of a St Mary's group please talk to Donna. There is also more information (including the line-up of music and speakers) on the website:

https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/

## ST MARY'S GROUPS FOR FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE

**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 9.30 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 <a href="mailto:minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk">minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk</a> with any questions.

**Minnows** 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 <a href="https://www.parishgiving.org.uk">https://www.parishgiving.org.uk</a> or call them on <a href="mailto:0333 002 1260">0333 002 1260</a> or email on <a href="mailto:info@parishgiving.org.uk">info@parishgiving.org.uk</a>

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 <u>Give to St Mary's</u> <u>Twickenham</u>. 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 <a href="mailto:notices@stmarytwick.org.uk">notices@stmarytwick.org.uk</a>
The deadline for submission is close of business on Wednesday for inclusion, if approved, in the Weekly Parish Notices issued on Friday.