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29 August 2025

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### CHURCH SERVICES – DO JOIN US!

**This Sunday 31 August the Parish Eucharist** will be celebrated at **9.30 am**. The Gospel for the day will be Luke Chapter 14 verses 1, 7-14

On **Wednesday 3 September** the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in church at **10 am**

**Next Sunday 7 September** will be our Patronal Festival when we give thanks and pray for God's blessing upon our church and school. The **Parish Eucharist** will be celebrated at **9.30 am**.

**Work on church building:** You might like to know that from Thursday 4 September men will be working on the exterior of the church building. They will be around for about a week. It will not involve scaffolding but men on ropes and pulleys who will be doing some repair work and checking areas which may need more work. So don't worry if you are passing the church and see them!

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### PATRICK TATE PIANO RECITAL – SUNDAY 31 AUGUST 6 PM

On Sunday our very own organ scholar, Patrick Tate, will perform piano classics by Mozart, Chopin, Debussy and Rachmaninov on our magnificent Schimmel piano.

Free entry - retiring collection. Refreshments available - do stay for a chat after the performance, which starts at 6pm on Sunday 31 August.

Music at St Mary's

# Patrick Tate

A Piano Recital



Works by Mozart, Chopin, Debussy  
and Rachmaninov

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 6pm**

St Mary's, Church St, Twickenham, TW1 3NJ

Free entry - Retiring collection  
Refreshments available

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### **TEA @ 2.30. ST MARY'S CHURCH – A CHANGE ON 3 SEPTEMBER**

The next meeting on 3 September 3rd will involve a little local outing. We shall meet at the newly opened 'Parsnip' cafe in Radnor Gardens at 2.30 as usual. The buses R68 and 33 stop very nearby and you can park at that time in Zone E - Tower Rd, Riverview Gardens, Bonser Rd etc. Do join us if you can. We will be back to normal in the vestry on 17 September. Julie & Julia

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**ST. MARY'S GROUP – FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2.30 PM**

Please come to the vestry at 2.30 pm on Friday 12 September to hear Harita Stavrou speak about Cyprus. Annual subscriptions of £8 for 2025/6 will be due from all members who have not already paid. Visitors are welcome.

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## KETTNER CONCERT - LENINGRAD SYMPHONY – FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 6 PM

**SHOSTAKOVICH'S LENINGRAD SYMPHONY** Arranged for piano-4-hands and featuring pianists JED DISTLER & CRISTIAN SANDRIN *Jed Distler: "A musician with smoke coming out of his ears" - Cristian Sandrin: "who is quickly establishing himself as a rising star in the UK and abroad"*.

Experience one of history's most powerful musical statements in the distinguished acoustics of St Mary's Church in Twickenham. This rare piano four-hands adaptation of Shostakovich's legendary Symphony No. 7 "Leningrad" was commissioned by the composer himself.

Born from the crucible of the 872-day Siege of Leningrad, this extraordinary work emerged as a beacon of defiance against tyranny. Composed by Shostakovich while serving as both head of piano at the Conservatoire and volunteer firefighter during the brutal siege that claimed 800,000 lives, the symphony became a rallying cry for resistance.

In April 1942, amid starvation and desperation, the work's premiere lifted the spirits of a city under siege—a historic moment that transcended music to become a symbol of human endurance.

Join us for this moving tribute to courage, resilience, and the triumph of the human spirit through music, brought to St Mary's as part of the Kettner concert series.

Buy tickets online here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beyond-the-siege-shostakovich-the-leningrad-symphony-tickets-1554528690159> and on the door.

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## NOTES ON A GREEN THEME

And, just like that, August has come to an end and the season is shifting into Autumn. It must be Autumn, the Christmas cards are already hitting the shops!!

A few diary dates from A Rocha that you may be interested in. There is going to be a webinar on 2 September from 2-3 pm with the focus on this year's theme 'Peace with Creation'. Each year, Season of Creation, or Creationtide, is an invitation to pay special attention to what God might be saying to us as individuals and the church about caring for

his creation. A Rocha invites us to be part of this special webinar, with stories, reflective prayer and ideas for individuals and church services to use throughout this season.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-what-does-peace-with-creation-look-like-tickets-1529806746159?aff=oddtcreator>

Another event that could be of interest is that on 20 September between 10 am and 3.30 pm A Rocha invite us to **Come and celebrate the bounty of autumn at our “For the Love of Harvest” event at Wolf Fields Nature Reserve, Southall.**

Learn how to adapt our eating habits to help reduce our food-based carbon emissions. Enjoy picking and tasting delicious seasonal produce while learning about the vital connections between growing food and nurturing a climate resilient planet – come savour the season!

Rev. John White from Hazelnut Community Farm in Bristol will be providing hands-on learning. He will demonstrate various creative ways to grow your own fruit and veg! You can come, pick and eat, as well as bring and share anything edible that you may have grown in your own garden or church land.

[Register to attend.](#)

Check out the A Rocha website for other events taking place in this season of mellow fruitfulness.

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### **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 20 September. For more details do get in touch with our organiser, Lynda Imir, by emailing [knitting@stmarytwick.org.uk](mailto:knitting@stmarytwick.org.uk)

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### **ST MARY'S GROUPS FOR FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE – RESTARTING IN SEPTEMBER**

**St Mary's Families** brings together parents and children at St Mary's. Email bulletins include information on events and ways to get involved at church, and there's also a friendly WhatsApp group. To be part of St Mary's Families please email [stmarysfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysfamilies@gmail.com).

**Our regular groups for families and young people are now on their summer break. We would love to welcome you soon when we resume:**

**Sunday School resumes 7 September** - (groups for ages 3+) 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](mailto:sundayschool@stmarytwick.org.uk) for more information.

**Little Fish resumes 7 September** - 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](mailto:minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk) with any questions.

**Minnows resumes 15 September** - 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](mailto:minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk) with any questions

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### **SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS, WHO TO SPEAK TO**

If you have any concerns or queries relating to safeguarding, please don't hesitate to talk to us:

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Liz Sledge ([liz.sledge18@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sledge18@gmail.com)) 07903 183930

Children's Champions: Judy Britton ([judy1britton@gmail.com](mailto:judy1britton@gmail.com)), Julie Hall ([julie\\_clive@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:julie_clive@yahoo.co.uk))

Adults Champion: Sue Pawsey([suepawsey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suepawsey@hotmail.co.uk))

Or Jeff or the Churchwardens

NB Local Authority Social Services - Children: 020 8547 5008 Adults: 020 8891 7971

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### **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](mailto: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

### 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.



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To submit a Notice, please send your text and any related image by email to [notices@stmarytwick.org.uk](mailto: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.