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CHURCH SERVICES– DO JOIN US!

THIS SUNDAY 27 April our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will begin with the **Eucharist** at **9.30 am** when the Gospel will be John 20 v 19 to end, and continue with the election of Church Wardens and members of the Parochial Church Council and Deanery Synod, reports about the life of our parish and prayers for God's grace and guidance over the coming year. There will also be an earlier **Eucharist** at **8 am** and we shall be hosting the Richmond in Europe concert, details of which are given later in this newsletter, in church at 5.30 pm.

On Wednesday 30 April the **Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated in church at **10 am** and we shall be remembering SS Philip and James.

Next Sunday 4 May the **Parish Eucharist** will be celebrated at 9.30 am when the Gospel will be John 21 v 1-19.

NORTH TOWER DOOR TO BE TURNED BACK INTO A FIRE EXIT. NEW CHURCH FRONT DOOR KEYS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE.

All those with North Tower Door keys (2 yale lock keys). Please contact the Parish office buildings@stmarytwick.org.uk and finance@stmarystwick.org.uk or 020 8744 2693 to pick up a new front door key.

This is because the North Tower door will be changed back into a fire exit door to comply with regulations now the Church entrance and Vestry door are up and running.

In emergency, please call 07817873190 if you have an event this week and are unavailable to pick up a key on Mon, Tues or Friday.

2025 APCM SUNDAY 27 APRIL

Papers for St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and the Election of Churchwardens and PCC Members are now available on our website <https://www.stmarytwick.org.uk/pccnotices>. A small number of paper copies will also be available from the back of the church.

The APCM 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. 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. We hope you will be able to join us.

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

RICHMOND CHURCHES SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

The next Sunday lunch is scheduled for 11 May. Chris and Liz Webborn will be at church this Sunday, 27 April, with sign-up sheets hoping to attract volunteers to help with the cooking in advance as well as the set up and break down on the day. They will be stationed outside the church door immediately after the 9.30 service. Please note that the APCC meeting will be taking place in church too, starting at approximately 15 minutes after the service ends so signing up needs to be pretty prompt! You might like to register your support online and can get in touch with Liz on lizskiv@hotmail.com.

The menu for the day will be:

Leek, onion and potato soup x 3

Bread rolls x 36

Bolognese sauce x 3

Salad x 3

450g block of cheddar cheese grated x 2

Veggie ragu x 1

Cakes x 8 (No nuts)

The recipes can be emailed out. One recipe is used per meal because all contributions will be combined on the day when reheated in the kitchen.

WEST LONDON CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT 26 APRIL 7.30 PM

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 Villette. Directed by Hilary Campbell with Ian Shaw on organ. Tickets from Ticketsource or on the door. U16s free. Refreshments available.



NOTES ON A GREEN THEME

In recognition of this year's Earth Day which was held on Tuesday 22 April I thought I'd share this poem by poet called Joe Hill.

If The Earth Were Only A Few Feet In Diameter

If the earth were only a few feet in diameter
Floating a few feet above a field somewhere,
People would come from everywhere to marvel at it
People would walk around it marveling at its big pools of water
Its little pools and the water flowing between
People would marvel at the bumps on it and the holes in it.
They would marvel at the very thin layer of gas surrounding it
And the water suspended in the gas
The people would marvel at all the creatures walking around the surface of the ball
And at the creatures in the water
The people would declare it sacred because it was the only one
And they would protect it so that it would not be hurt
The ball would be the greatest wonder known
And people would come to pray to it, to be healed,
To gain knowledge, to know beauty and to wonder how it could be.
People would love it, and defend it with their lives
Because they would somehow know that their lives could be nothing without it
If the earth were just a few feet in diameter.

I would also like to recommend you follow St Mary Twickenham Primary School on Instagram (if you follow anything) because this week they have been showcasing some of the wonderful Earth Day inspired art work produced throughout the school.

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

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





Refreshments will be sold during the interval.



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

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)
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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

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HOME START
Richmond, Kingston
& Hounslow

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

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TEA @ 2.30. ST MARY'S CHURCH – 7 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 meetings will be on 7 and 21 May.

RETREAT - MAY 17 2025

Retreat Day: Blessing the Ordinary – May 17th 2025

We lead such busy lives and it can be hard to notice God in the midst of all that needs our attention. Join us for a day retreat on Saturday, May 17 in the beautiful former convent of St. Katharine's, Parmoor, Frieth (near Henley on Thames) when we shall be spending time with God: in prayer, in silence, in guided discussion, in poetry, in laughter, in nature, in contemplation, in community, in communion. Led by Donna we shall be pondering the question: where can we find God in the ordinariness and the busyness of our lives?

It will be a day of thinking, and listening, and creating space; a day of refreshment and restoration; a day that will hopefully ripple through the weeks and months ahead.

The retreat is free (refreshments are available at reasonable prices) but limited to 17 places. The day will start at 10.00 am and close at 4 pm. 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 to 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 for the Summer Fair, please sign up in the church porch or contact Charlotte (charlottewest7@outlook.com or 07903 550221) or Liz (Liz.sledge18@gmail.com). Thank you.

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/>

KETTNER CONCERT – SAT 17 MAY 6 PM

**Kettner Concerts in Twickenham:
Beethoven, a Cool Voice in Vienna – SAT
17 MAY 6PM**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kettner-concerts-in-twickenham-beethoven-a-cool-voice-in-vienna-tickets-1319848976819?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>



Kettner Concerts
In Twickenham

BEETHOVEN
THE REVOLUTION BEGINS
The Three Piano Sonatas Op. 2

Cristian Sandrin, piano

as featured on **BBC RADIO 3**

Join acclaimed pianist Cristian Sandrin for an extraordinary evening showcasing Beethoven's complete Opus 2 Piano Sonatas. Written to challenge the legacy of Mozart and Haydn, these three early piano sonatas mark Beethoven's explosive composition debut and his emerging unique voice within the musical world of Vienna.

Witness the complete cycle performed in the sumptuous acoustics of the St Mary's Church, in the heart of Twickenham - a rare opportunity to hear these sonatas live.

Tickets: £15 General Admissions
£10 Concessions (Under 18s, Students)

Saturday
17 May 2025
6.00 pm
St Mary's Church
Twickenham
Church Street
TW1 3NJ

Book tickets on [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) or scan the QR code

The Kettner Society is a registered charity (1161105)
Contact: kettnerconcerts@gmail.com

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 minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk 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 <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.