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CHURCH SERVICES

Please join us **this Sunday 19 November** at St Mary's for the **Parish Eucharist** at **9.30 am** which will incorporate a special Celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Guides in Twickenham.

On Wednesday the church will be open for private prayer at **10 am**.

FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS STALL, 19 NOVEMBER

Advent Calendars with fair-trade chocolates and the Christmas story leaflet will be on sale for £3.00 on 19 November, along with half-price Traidcraft stock including Christmas cards, bars of chocolate, and a few gifts. Find us in the Hall after the 9.30 service. Thank you for supporting this final Traidcraft sale! Diana Wells and the Eco Group

ECUMENICAL VESPERS AT ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY – FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER 4.30 FOR 5 PM

We are invited to join a Solemn Ecumenical Vespers in honour of All Souls' Day at the Chapel of St Mary's University, Twickenham, 692 Waldegrave Road, TW1 4SX. The service starts at 5 pm and there will be drinks in the Chaplaincy afterwards.

TWICKENHAM GUIDES CENTENARY CELEBRATION – 18 & 19 NOVEMBER

8th Twickenham (St Mary's) Guides are proudly celebrating their 100th birthday this Autumn, their certificate of registration having been signed by Robert Baden-Powell on 10th October 1923. Always closely linked to St Mary's Church, the fascinating Guide record books claimed in 1931 that the Guides were 'very keen on marching and drill, and once every month the Guides of St Mary's would march along to St Martin's (All Hallows) Church, the sister Church of St Mary's, for Church Parade.'

The Guides haven't skipped a beat through the last 100 years, always embracing tradition whilst aiming to push boundaries; from knitting 'babies woollies' in 1924 to giving a 'charming display of country dancing' in 1940 to holding a 'Beatnik Party on the night of the thickest fog ever' in 1961, to joining thousands of screaming Guides at the 'Big Gig' at Wembley in 2009 and to taking the 'Vlogging' badge in 2022.

Countless local girls and young women have been proud members of St Mary's Guides and we look forward to celebrating with the congregation in Church during the 9.30 am service on Sunday 19 November and afterwards for coffee and a chance to look through the incredible Guide records of the last century of 8th Twickenham. We are also having a celebratory party on the evening of Saturday 18 November also in the Church Hall. For more information on that, please do email: centenary2323@gmail.com

St Mary's Church
Hall, Church
Street,
Twickenham

**8th
Twickenham
(St Mary's)
Guides**

All Guides, former Guides, leaders, families and
supporters are warmly welcome to our...

Centenary Party

**Saturday 18th
November**

Please do let us know you
are coming by filling out this
form or scanning here :

<https://forms.office.com/r/u7VNaxyUwu>

6.45 - 11pm

Please feel free to bring
your camp blankets

1923-
2023

EMBRACING AGE CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT - FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 8 PM - ST STEPHEN'S

Embracing Age is holding a concert at St Stephen's. Doors open at 7:30 pm for 8 pm start. Bar and light refreshments available.

Free entry, but booking is essential. There will be a collection at the concert and donations made on the night will be match funded through The Big Give.

To book visit embracingage.org.uk/concert or phone 07735 332584

TEDDINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY – CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 9 DECEMBER 7.30 PM ST MARY’S

Teddington Choral Society and its Music Director Julian Collings are delighted to announce their forthcoming Christmas concert which will be preceded by the lovely sound of St Mary’s Church’s bells.

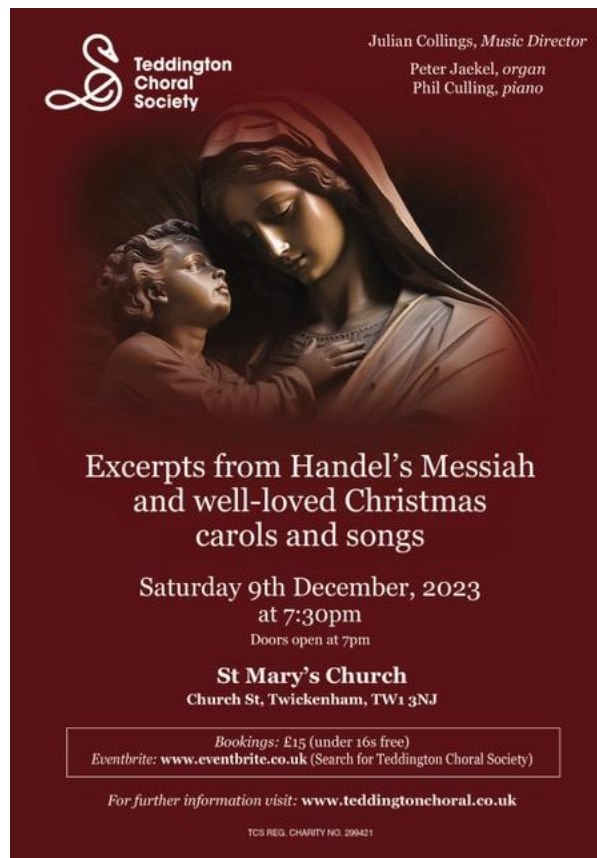
The evening will feature a large selection of thrilling and dramatic pieces from Handel's Messiah. The programme will also include a variety of Christmas favourites composed by Morten Lauridsen, Tomás Luis de Victoria and others. The audience will have the opportunity to join the choir for some Christmas carol singing.

The choir is delighted to be accompanied once more by Peter Jaekel at the organ and Phil Culling at the piano.

Tickets: £15 (Under 16s free) can be obtained at the door, if still available, or in advance from **Eventbrite:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/teddington-choral-society-christmas-concert-tickets-715220412507?aff=oddtcreator>

Drinks and mince pies will be provided during the event



Teddington Choral Society

Julian Collings, *Music Director*
Peter Jaekel, *organ*
Phil Culling, *piano*

Excerpts from Handel's Messiah
and well-loved Christmas
carols and songs

Saturday 9th December, 2023
at 7:30pm
Doors open at 7pm

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

Bookings: £15 (under 16s free)
Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk (Search for Teddington Choral Society)

For further information visit: www.teddingtonchoral.co.uk

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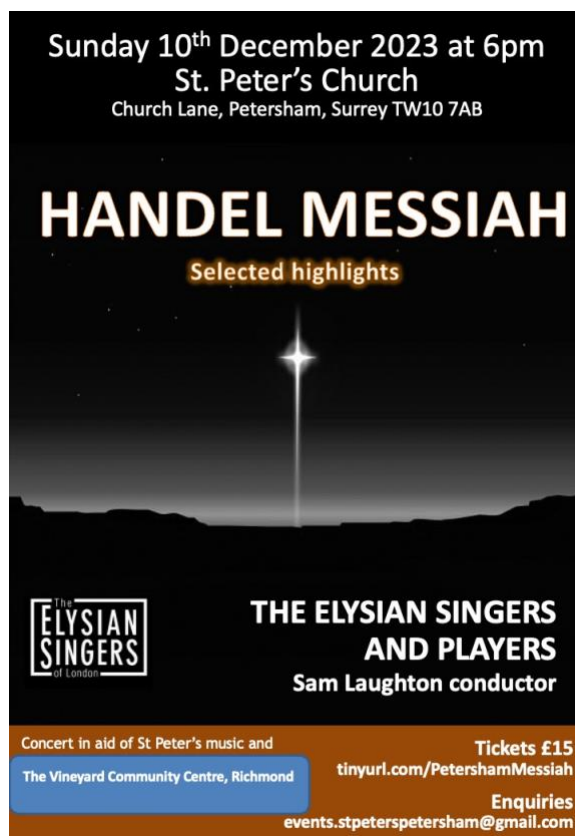
LEARN UKRAINIAN?

A new language class for adults (18+) has started “Ukrainian for Foreigners” at the Ukrainian Social Club Richmond every Saturday, 10-11am. The first class was on Saturday, 4th of November but you are welcome to join any time. Classes will run to the end of December and then start again in January.

The address is Ukrainian Social Club, Dickson House, Studio 1, 3 Grove Road, Richmond, TW10 6SP

The first lesson is free whenever you join! All levels are welcome. To book a spot, please email them on USC.RICHMOND@GMAIL.COM or if you have any questions you can call Maria on 07762 290303.

HANDEL MESSIAH – SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS – 10 DECEMBER 6 PM – ST PETER'S PETERSHAM



Sunday 10th December 2023 at 6pm
St. Peter's Church
Church Lane, Petersham, Surrey TW10 7AB

HANDEL MESSIAH

Selected highlights

**THE ELYSIAN SINGERS
AND PLAYERS**
Sam Laughton conductor

Concert in aid of St Peter's music and
The Vineyard Community Centre, Richmond

Tickets £15
tinyurl.com/PetershamMessiah
Enquiries
events.stpeterspetersham@gmail.com

If you want to hear the Elysian Singers and Players perform a concert of specially selected highlights from the Messiah on **Sunday 10 December at 6pm**, at St Peter's Petersham, supporting both that church and the Vineyard Community Centre, please buy tickets (for £15) online here: tinyurl.com/PetershamMessiah (when asked "Would you like a receipt?", please enter your email address and then press the "Send receipt" button. The receipt will act as your ticket, which you can bring along on screen or on paper). And if you wish to make a larger donation, or purchase a concessionary ticket for a child, please email events.stpeterspetersham@gmail.com first.

NOTES ON A GREEN THEME

Carrying on with the A-Z of recycling as published in the Waitrose Weekend paper of 19 October.

Q – Quilts, duvets and pillows are always very hard to recycle but you can try local animal charities such as the RSPCA and Dogs Trust Centers

R – Records and CDs; these need specialist recycling because of their polyvinyl chloride and polycarbonate content. Many, but not all, charity shops take them but failing that you could try taking them to record stores such as Eel Pie Records in Church Street, or your local recycling centre.

S – Stamps; Stamped envelopes can go straight in the recycling bin. Numerous charities such as Oxfam and Help the Aged collect used stamps to sell on.

T – Toothpaste Tubes Of the 300 million toothpaste tubes bought every year the vast majority go into landfill. Colgate and Terracycle run a free recycling scheme with nationwide drop off points taking any brand of toothpaste tubes, brushes and packaging. Our nearest drop point is the Refill Larder 18 High Street Teddington but that is closing in a few weeks. Unless they find new premises the next nearest drop off point is St Mary's Catholic Primary School at Isleworth, South Street South Street, TW7 7EE.

U – Utensils Workaid collects and repairs old tools, from spades to scissors to soldering irons, then supplies them to community groups and training projects tackling poverty in the UK and in East Africa. Tools With a Mission (TWAM) is a Christian charity that collects unwanted usable tools, refurbishes them, sorts them into tool kits and sends them to the developing world for livelihood creation. Paul Leonard paul.leonard.ed@btinternet.com has done several St Mary's collections for TWAM which we have advertised in this newsletter and you can also contact TWAM to find your nearest collectors.

V – Vacuum Cleaners along with other electrical items can be recycled at our local recycling centres.
W – Wrapping paper; An estimated 227,000 miles of wrapping paper ends up in the waste bin at Christmas alone. As long as it is foil, glitter, sticky tape and ribbon free it can go into your paper recycling bin.

Your recycling ideas and questions are all very welcome. Just send to me at lizskiv@hotmail.com or write them down and pop into the recycling basket at the back of church.

CALL FOR GUESTS (& VOLUNTEERS) – CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT ELLERAY HALL



at Ellera Hall

11 am to 3.30pm

The Churches in Teddington are again inviting the elderly and those who are alone to join them for a Christmas Day meal.

There will also be entertainment, mince pies and other refreshments plus a chance to join in carols and other activities.

Transport can be provided if required.

If you would like to attend or volunteer to help then please contact Colin on 020 8977 8000

or email

CTTChristmas23@gmail.com



JOB OPPORTUNITY – EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR IN THE BISHOP OF KENSINGTON'S OFFICE

An exciting opportunity has arisen within the Bishop of Kensington's office for an Events Coordinator & Administrative Assistant, supporting and enabling ministry in the Kensington Area of the Church of England through assisting in the administrative processes of the Ministry Team and Bishop's Office, and by coordinating events to equip and resource clergy and laity. They will be part of a supportive, friendly, and encouraging team based in the new Kensington Area offices in Regal House, Twickenham.

The role is 0.8 FTE with hours and days of work to be negotiated. Salary £27,500 FTE. There is potential for flexible working (min 2 days/week in the office, max 2 days/week from home). There will be an occasional requirement to cover evening events. More information on the role can be found [here](#) and if you know anyone who might be suitable please let them know.

RICHMOND FOOD BANK DONATIONS

It is always a good time to give but the coming of colder weather makes it even more important! There's a long list of items currently needed at the food bank including: Custard, rice pudding, long life juice, tinned meat tinned vegetables, tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, long life milk (semi skimmed and full fat), non dairy milk, jams & marmalade, marmite, peanut butter, cereal, tinned fruit, biscuits, tinned pulses, crisps, rice (500g & 1kg bags), squash, coffee (small jars) washing up liquid, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, washing powder/capsules, deodorant, razors, shaving foam, toilet rolls, shower gel and unwanted carrier bags. They **don't** currently need baked beans, nappies or pasta!

MINNOWS ON MONDAYS!



For parents and carers
with 0-4 year olds

St Mary's Church, Twickenham
9.30 - 11.15 Mondays in term-time
(dates at www.stmarytwick.org.uk)

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

£3 suggested donation per family, inc refreshments

Contact minnows@stmarytwick.org.uk



Our Minnows group for parents and carers of children aged 0-4 is running every Monday from 25th September until 18th December **except** 23 October, 30 October, 13 November and 11 December.

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!

TEA @ 2.30. ST MARY'S CHURCH

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 in St Mary's Church Vestry, once a fortnight, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month between 2.30 and 4 pm. The next few dates are Dec 6th and 20th.

THE ANATOMY OF SHADOWS – PANDEMIC PASTORAL LETTERS

You can still get a copy of the book of Pastoral Letters which Fr. Jeff sent out to us during Lockdown, complete with a selection of photographs and a Foreword by Bishop +Graham Tomlin, our last Bishop of Kensington. They are available on Sundays after church at a cost of £15 (in cash please). Please make sure you get your copy of these wonderful letters which provide an extraordinary record of an extraordinary parish at an extraordinary time in our lives!

THE ANATOMY OF SHADOWS

A NEW QUICK WAY TO GIVE TO ST MARY'S (IS WORKING AGAIN!)

This strange looking square is called a QR Code and, when used 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 just for making a donation. 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