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### CHURCH SERVICES THIS SUNDAY

This coming Sunday we shall be celebrating Eucharist in church at 9.30am. Our Zoom service will be celebrated at 5pm. The church will be open for private prayer between 10 and 11 am on Wednesday. Do join us to share in worship.

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### ADVENT CAROL SERVICE 6 PM 28 NOVEMBER – NOTE CORRECT TIME!

You are all warmly invited to our evening carol service with the Marble Hill Singers to mark the beginning of Advent. Music will include pieces by Bennett, Byrd, Mendelssohn and Tavener and our own Adrian Mumford, together with Advent readings.



## PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS 2021

The cards for the entire Parish have now been printed and are looking very good.

They will be ready for everyone to collect their bundle this Sunday 21st December for delivery as soon as possible. They will be at the back of the Church and will be labelled to show the street and the name of the deliverer.

There are some bundles which have not got a deliverer. If you can, please pick up one of those as well as your own! That would be very much appreciated as our aim is to ensure that everyone living in the Parish receives a Christmas Card, listing the Services and inviting them to join us ...

THANK YOU.

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### DISCIPLESHIP GROUP – FROM 28 NOVEMBER AFTER THE 9.30 SERVICE

‘How to eat bread’ – 21 nourishing ways to read the Bible . By The Rev’d. Miranda Threlfall-Holmes .

The Discipleship Group of our PCC is arranging a short series of Discussion Groups to be held in Advent after the 9.30am Parish Eucharist . We shall be talking about How to Eat Bread. It is a short , easy to read paperback published by Hodder and Stoughton and available to order from Waterstones or the Open Book in Twickenham or Amazon. You do not have to have read it in order to benefit from our discussions !

Our first meeting will be in person on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 . Do join us ....

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### TEACHING EVENTS: THE NICENE CREED - A GENEROUS ORTHODOXY. AT ST STEPHENS 7 PM 23 NOVEMBER

These teaching events are open to all who live and worship in the Kensington Area of the Diocese of London.

*Many churches say the Nicene Creed every week. Written originally in 325 AD, 175 words in the original Greek, each one carefully chosen, it is the only Creed accepted across the entire Christian world, Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant. It is therefore one of the classic statements of the Christian faith that all Christians recognise.*

In these teaching evenings, Bishop Graham will explore the background to the Nicene Creed; how it came about, and how it offers us not just a list of doctrines we have to believe in, but a map for the journey of life, telling us what matters about the God who made us, the world we live in, who we are, and how we are relate to each other. The Nicene Creed opens up for us a world that is so much bigger and richer than any secular vision can offer.

Each session will be streamed online, and offered live, in person, in a different venue. You can come in person to each event, or you can access and interact with each session online. The first session has passed but the next one is at St Stephen’s in Twickenham. Each session will be different and you can come to as many as you can make. The evenings will start in person from 7pm, on Zoom from 7.30pm and conclude by 9pm.

SESSION 2: Tuesday 23rd November – St Stephen’s Twickenham

#### **A Map for Life: The Generosity of Orthodoxy**

[Eventbrite link book this event](#)

SESSION 3: Monday 6th December – St Hilda’s Ashford

#### **Living the Creed: The Orthodoxy of Generosity**

[Eventbrite link book this event](#)

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## SOUTH WEST LONDON PIANO GROUP 7 PM 23 NOVEMBER

The South West London Piano Group which provides informal performance opportunities for adult amateur pianists is meeting at St Mary's at 7 p.m on 23 November. Tickets for both performers and audience available at <https://billetto.co.uk/e/november-2021-performance-event-south-west-london-piano-group-tickets-578779>

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## CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA WITH FESTIVE FLUTES; 7 PM SAT 11 DECEMBER IN THE CHURCH



CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA  
with  
**Festive Flutes**

Saturday 11th December 2021 at 7pm

St Mary the Virgin, Church Street  
Twickenham TW1 3NJ

Featuring such classics as  
Nutcracker, Sleigh Ride, Santa baby, Silent night  
and many more...

Tickets £10  
available on the door  
or purchase now via the QR code...

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## CLOTHING DONATIONS FOR CARE HOMES

Embracing Age, a local charity, is putting together clothing packs for care home residents in need. They are looking for donations of clothes in good condition that are easy to take on and off, for both men and women. This includes: trousers, skirts, nightwear, blouses, shirts, cardigans and fleeces.

If you are able to donate any of these items please contact Mary Maloney - [mary@embracingage.org.uk](mailto:mary@embracingage.org.uk) or text/phone 07757450951 - who will organise a Covid-safe collection from your home/doorstep.

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## KNITTING PROJECT

Embracing Age is also organising a new project - knitted capes for care home residents. There are patterns available and if you would like to knit a cape or two, please get in touch with Wendy Siméon – [wendy@embracingage.org.uk](mailto:wendy@embracingage.org.uk) or 07422 502957.

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## INTERFAITH KNITTING GROUP

The Interfaith Knitting Group has restarted and is meeting again on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30-12.30 in the Windsor Room. All new and returning knitters welcome.

Best wishes, Barbara Witzenfeld, 020 8892 1731

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## A PUZZLING GRAVESTONE ENQUIRY

Calling anyone who remembers the churchyard before the gravestones were moved to the boundary walls in the 1960s when Rev. John Davies was the Vicar! Recently an unusual message was passed to me via the Parish Office:

"I lived as a boy up to the age of 11 in Syon Row, and went to Sunday School at St Mary's a few times. I moved further away... and have not been to Twickenham for close on 50 years. The thing I remember is a rather remarkable gravestone in the Churchyard... which stood to the east of the church between the path that leads to Riverside and the wall. It commemorated the unusual death of a man with the words *He dropped his razor and cut off his toe and five days later he died.*"

I was not able to answer his query fully despite searching in the archives and in the 2017 survey made by the West Middlesex Family History Society. If it was legible when the enquirer was a boy, it is puzzling that we have no record of such an unusual inscription!

Diana Wells, St Mary's archivist

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## COFFEE ROTA

Volunteers are sought to host coffee next year after the 9.30am Sunday services. There are many vacancies, and it would be nice to be able to 'spread the load' across a larger group of people. The vacant dates are: 19 December (this year!), 3rd April, 17th April, 24th April and 29th May. Please contact Heather Moulson - [heathermoulson2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:heathermoulson2@hotmail.co.uk) or 0208 892 1636 if you can help.

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## FOOD BANK

The Vineyard food bank would be grateful for any offerings of long life food, toiletries and used bath towels, in good condition, for the drop in centre each morning. There is now an orange crate at the back of the church where donations may be placed. Many thanks.

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## ST MARY'S COVID SAFETY REMINDERS

The emphasis is still on caution, distancing, and not taking unnecessary risks, but the balance between regulation and personal choice has shifted again.

To enable 'Test and Trace', on entry, please either use the QR code or write your name and contact details on the list at the door.

You can now choose to be in church in any size group, and within those groups you can agree how much you want to socially distance. You can sit together but do not have to do so.

However, while inside St Mary's buildings, we ask you to consider the sensitivities and health of all your fellow worshippers. You are strongly encouraged to:

- wear a face covering (unless exempt)
- use our hand sanitisers
- keep at least 1 metre apart from those who are not in your group

We hope that you will join us for our worship in church as soon as you feel able to.