

Thursday 2 November 2023

Dear Friends,

Please find the Richmond Team Ministry Newsletter below with requests, information and much more. There's lots going on, so read the newsletter to the end!

If you have any news that can be shared, please email it to the parish office by Wednesday evening for inclusion that week.

Next week the clergy letter will return, as part of this newsletter. We hope you will enjoy that.

With best wishes from the RTM Parish Office,

John  
Parish Administrator

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**Please pray for:**

...**Fr. Jamil Khadir and the Anglican congregations in Nablus** in the West Bank; for the peace of Jerusalem, and for an end to conflict

...**Christ Church**, the Anglican Church in Kyiv, and the people of Ukraine

...**Christ's School**, staff and students, and other schools in the parish

... **Richmond Soup Kitchen** and all guests and volunteers

... **Those to be baptised**, including Osian Heasman, to be baptised at St Matthias on Saturday

...**the sick and those in need** – Gill Doling, Liz Velluet, Marc Cranfield-Adams, Mark and Susie Cox, Hermione Lockyer

...**the departed, may they rest in peace**, including David Fry

*Please note that the **Prayer List is renewed at the beginning of each month.***

*If you would like your own name added, simply [email the parish office](#).*

*If you would like to add someone's name, please ensure you have their agreement, if at all possible.*

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## **Church, Community and other news:**

We are now **sending out this e-Newsletter from an Outlook circulation list** (as opposed to MailChimp) because we're hoping that it will arrive in more people's Inbox rather than going into junk! If you'd like to Unsubscribe you'll find a link at the bottom of the email; If this newsletter has been forwarded to you (and you've not been sent it directly) or you've read it on our website and you would like to Subscribe, [please click here](#).

### **NEW: News from the Parish Office**

The post of Property and Facilities Manager has been advertised for four weeks and we have received several applications. The interviews will take place on 9 November. Hopefully we have more news soon.

### **NEW: Upcoming meetings within RTM**

Monday 6 November: St Mary Magdalene Church Committee

Monday 13 November: St John the Divine Church Committee

Monday 27 November: Property and Finance Committee

### **NEW: Eaglets @ St John the Divine – a message from Emma, Children and Young People Ministry Leader**

Eaglets started again last Tuesday morning. We had a lovely time exploring the desert with sand and arts and crafts. We love that each Eaglets session allows us to share a story together and sing some silly songs. If anyone has any children's books, they would be willing to lend or donate to us for our Eaglets sessions, that would be really helpful. Please try and catch me either on a Sunday or drop them off to the Parish

office. We would ask these to be secular in content, but it would be important to have Christian themes, such as kindness and sharing.

As always, these events couldn't happen without my lovely team of volunteers. If you have Tuesday mornings free and could lend a hand, please do let me know. We have lots of exciting ideas for Children's Ministry, but unfortunately a lot of them won't be able to happen if we can't get volunteers.

### **NEW: Light Party 29/10/23**

We had an amazing light party on Sunday. Filled with Candles, glow sticks and a fire pit (and most importantly, toasted marshmallows) we explored how Christ is the light of the World. We are in the planning stages of more all-age events for the lead up to Christmas and in the New Year. Please keep your eyes out for any future events.

### **WhatsApp Group for Church Families**

We're setting up a WhatsApp group for all the families in each church. If you are a family and come to any of the churches and would like to be added to these chats, please send an email to [cypml@richmondteamministry.org](mailto:cypml@richmondteamministry.org) with your phone number and I will add you.

### **Recitals at St Mary Magdalene**

The next recital will be on Saturday 4 November at 12.30pm. Stephen King, organist at Brentwood Cathedral, will bring an interesting programme of organ music: Fanfare (No 4 of Four Extemporisations) by Percy Whitlock; An Air for Holsworthy Church Bells by S S Wesley; Canon in B minor by Robert Schumann; Pastorale by J S Bach; Lament by Heathcote Statham; Pièce pour grand orgue by Joseph Jongen. Free entry as always.

### **Next Children's Service at St Mary Magdalene – 4 November at 4pm**

We will be thinking about saints and remembrance. We will also together make a poppy wreath, which will be laid at the War Memorial the following Sunday, which is Remembrance Sunday.

### **The Boys of the War Memorial**

#### **An Over Coffee Talk @ St Mary Magdalene, Sunday 5 November at 11.15am**

It's not long till Remembrance Sunday. Have you ever thought about the war memorials we have in our churches? Who are the people named? On 5 November, Maureen Metzger, a member of St Mary's, will talk about the research she has done on the War Memorial at St Mary Magdalene and tell some of the stories of the people who died during World War I.

### **Richmond Soup Kitchen needs your help**

Richmond Soup Kitchen has returned for its third season, continuing to provide a warm meal and a friendly ear to some of the most vulnerable people in Richmond. Last year we saw a huge shift in those using our service, in particular families and the elderly. We expect as the cost of living and energy crisis continues, we will see similar patterns and requests for help.

RSK will run on largely the same basis as last year, i.e. an outdoor takeaway service from St John the Divine, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 5.00-6.00pm (with access to the premises to prepare and clear away between 4.00-7.00pm), between 1st November and 25th April.

If you would like to know more about volunteering please do get in touch at [richmondsoupkitchen@gmail.com](mailto:richmondsoupkitchen@gmail.com) or take a look at [www.richmondsoupkitchen.org](http://www.richmondsoupkitchen.org).

Ways you can help:

- Can you bake or make soup? We are looking for bakers and people who can make soup at home and deliver it into St John's in the afternoon. Email [sarahpercival52@gmail.com](mailto:sarahpercival52@gmail.com) for more information.
- Can you help on-site in the kitchen? There is no requirement to be a gourmet chef at all but an organised team of two who can keep pace with lots of orders in a small kitchen is a must
- Can you get to the supermarket? We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help with food shopping on a Wednesday. This will require a car and being able to drop the shopping at the St John's on a Wednesday afternoon around 3.45pm.
- Are you up for a one-pot cooking invention test? Sometimes we receive large quantities of meat donations from the supermarket and transform these into hot, one-pot meals for our guests - bolognese, curries, stews etc. We can also supply vegetables, but we need your time. If you are a keen cook and happy to make a dish at home please do get in touch.

- We want your cash – but only if you can afford it. Currently we have funds for around half the season. If you know anyone who would like to make a donation they can be made at our JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/richmondsoupkitchen>.
  - Are you experienced at writing grant applications? We are actively fundraising and would greatly value some support and expertise in making sure that RSK can run to the end of the season in April 2024. By the end of last season, we were serving around 100 meals a week with the help of all our amazing volunteers. We look forward to another winter welcoming volunteers both old and new - we couldn't do it without you.
- Update on the first night, 1 Nov: at 5pm there was already a queue and 20 guests were served.

### **All Souls' – A Team Service on 5 November at St John the Divine, 6.30pm**

Lists for names of people you wish to remember in that service will be in each of our churches. Do write names you would like to be read out clearly if you can, to help those who are reading.

You are of course warmly invited to the service itself on 5 November, to remember loved ones and light a candle for them. A joint Richmond Team choir will sing the Fauré Requiem. The guest preacher will be Revd Dr Charlie Bell, psychiatrist and self supporting curate at St John the Divine, Kennington.

### **NEW: Remembrance Sunday, 11am at Whittaker Avenue**

With so much conflict in our world, it is important that we commit ourselves to working for peace and remember those who have given their lives for our peace. The annual Richmond Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, on Whittaker Avenue near the Thames is a time for the local community, including many of the uniformed organisations, to come together. You are invited too.

### **Organ Recital by Alexander Knight (former Director of Music at St Mary Magdalene)**

Sunday 12th November 2023, 4:30pm at St Paul's Cathedral.

Programme:

*Lamentation* from *Pièces dans différents styles* (Op. 45, No 1) - Alexandre Guilmant

*Eventide* from *Seven Chorale Preludes* (Set 2, No 5) - C. Hubert H. Parry

*Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten* (BWV 668a) - Johann Sebastian Bach

*Cortège et Litanie* from *4 Pièces* (Op. 19, No 2) - Marcel Dupré

You are invited!

### **NEW: Understanding Islam**

Dr Chris Hewer is returning to do a week of courses next month, I wondered if you would be kind enough to advertise them in your news letters or pew sheets. I also have posters if that would be more convenient. Below is the program for the week.

(1)- Tuesday 21st to 23rd, November a 3 day course on "Understanding Islam-the basics" this will take place in a home in Kew from 10am to 4pm and is limited to 5 places. Due to limited numbers anyone interested should contact me on 07804866349 or my email address below.

(2)- Friday 24th November 10am to 4pm "Talking about Christianity with Muslim Friends" at St Anne's Church Hall Kew. It would help to know numbers.

(3)- Saturday 25th November, 10am to 4pm. A study day "Women in the life of the Prophet". The Parish Rooms, 6 Church Walk, Richmond TW9 1SN.

All the courses are free but donations are welcome to help cover costs. Refreshments will be available during the day but participants are asked to bring their own lunch. For further information please contact me at 07804 866349 or [dianamills31@gmail.com](mailto:dianamills31@gmail.com)

### **NEW: News from Charlie**

The best laid plans of curates and chaplains...

Unfortunately, there was a complication with my accommodation in Cambridge, so I am now going on placement to King's College Cambridge 19-26th November. In the meantime, I am visiting other churches and experiencing how some of our Christian siblings worship together. So, you may see me around in the next couple of weeks!

### **NEW: Reflective Art Group**

Are you interested in reflecting on your life in creative ways? Charlie is considering starting a monthly art and reflection group and would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in coming along.

The group would offer an hour and a half, or so, of space and quiet to create art on a particular theme or prompt.

Themes might include: hope, embodiment, worship, water.

Get in touch with Charlie if this is something which you might be interested in:  
[charlie.middleton@richmondteamministry.org](mailto:charlie.middleton@richmondteamministry.org) , 07746695637.

### **NEW: Advent 2023**

If you are considering a book for Advent, with daily reflections, may we suggest to you 'Stick with love' by Arun Arora? It is the Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2023 and comes highly recommended. The book is published by SPCK and can be purchased from Open Book in Richmond or other retailers. There will be more info about other Advent events in next week's newsletter.

### **NEW: Christmas Tree Festival**

St Matthias will be holding our first ever **Christmas Tree Festival** from Fri 1<sup>st</sup> to Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> December - a festive celebration of life on Richmond Hill with trees decorated by schools, community groups and businesses.

### **NEW: Bronze Eco Award**

Congratulations to St Mary Magdalene for receiving their Bronze Eco Award. All three churches have now received bronze and will work towards silver.

### **Planned Giving**

Last year we introduced the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Many thanks to those of you have joined the scheme. If you are still making regular donations by standing order, envelope or GiveALittle, please do switch to PGS if you are able to. This will help us enormously by reducing the amount of administration and significantly improving our cashflow. If you have any questions, please [contact Jackie Harrison](#) or 07747 111525.

## **Church Services:**

**St John the Divine's** Sunday service at 11.00am is both in-person and live-streamed via their [Facebook page](#). St John's midweek service takes place on Tuesday evenings with half an hour of quiet contemplation focused on the Blessed Sacrament at 6.30pm, followed by the Said Eucharist at 7.00pm.

**St Mary Magdalene's** Sunday services are at 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.30am (third Sunday only) and 6.30pm. Our 9.30am service will be live-streamed on [Facebook](#), for a little while longer. **Thank you to all those who have signed up as subscribers to [St Mary Magdalene YouTube channel](#). We will be moving over to YouTube soon!**

There is a Said Eucharist at 10.00am every Wednesday, followed by coffee.

**St Matthias'** 9.30am Sunday service is an in-person service. The midweek Eucharist at St Matthias is held on Thursdays at 10.00am and is followed by coffee and biscuits. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

Orders of service / readings for all three churches can be found on the News page of our website – here: <https://richmondteamministry.org/news/>

### **Private Prayer:**

St Mary Magdalene is normally open for private prayer on Saturdays between 10.00am and 12.00noon, when you can light a candle and reflect or meditate.

The church is also open Monday – Friday, from 8.00am until 3.00pm.

### **Morning Prayer, Monday – Fridays, at 8.30am:**

Morning Prayer takes place in church and on Zoom. We meet at St Mary Magdalene on Mondays, at St John the Divine on Tuesdays, at St Mary Magdalene on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and at St Matthias on Fridays.

**NB: There will be no zoom Morning Prayer between 13 and 20 November. Back on 21 November.**

### **On Zoom, Monday – Thursday**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88554825313?pwd=cVVLdFkrUy95MFU4OTVld3hNNi9tUT09>

Meeting ID: 885 5482 5313

Passcode: 410548

### **and on Fridays**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81983343470?pwd=ejVpVnB4d3VGdkFtWjl2c2tTOC9XUT09>

Meeting ID: 819 8334 3470

Passcode: FriPrayer

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