

Thursday 18 April 2024

Dear Friends,

With prayers and blessings from the Richmond clergy team,  
Anne, Charlie, Joe and Wilma

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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

...**the sick and those in need** – The King & Princess of Wales, Gill Doling, Liz Velluet, Marc Cranfield-Adams, Mark and Susie Cox, Rose Nagawa, Jim Cross

...**the departed, may they rest in peace** - Dr James Andrew Wyatt

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:**

**Electoral roll revision**

We have begun revising our Church electoral roll and will continue to do this up to and including Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. It is necessary to be on the roll if you wish to attend the Annual General Meetings and vote for church officers and representatives. If you are already on the roll and have had no changes to your contact details, you need do nothing. If you wish to be added to the roll, had any changes to your contact details or wish to be taken off the roll then please complete one of the forms at the back of church and leave it in the electoral roll 'letterbox' at the back of church or post it/drop it into the Parish Office (address below). If you have any questions, please talk to your Church Wardens or the Electoral Roll Officer (Margot Gallie - 020 8948 2775 / [margot.gallie@gmail.com](mailto:margot.gallie@gmail.com))

**Annual Church Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Sunday 19 May**

Soon it is time for our annual meetings at which Church Wardens, members of Church Committee and PCC, and Deanery Synod are elected. Do think about how you can serve your church and the Team in one of these roles. Lists for nominations will soon be in the churches. Do remember that in order to vote or stand for office, you do need to be on the Electoral Roll!

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

Eaglets restarted on 16/04/2024. We explored Spring and read the book 'Guess how much I love you' by Sam McBratney. Our term dates are now on the website with half term being 28<sup>th</sup> May - <https://richmondteamministry.org/children/>

**A message from Heidi**

I am delighted to announce that, subject to the successful completion of my training and preliminaries, I will be serving my curacy at the Benefice of Saint Thomas Norbury in Chester Diocese. Norbury Church is close to Stockport, just south of Manchester. We have been planning a family move to this part of the country for some time, as my husband's parents live in the area. But we will miss all our friends in London. I will particularly miss everyone at Richmond Team Ministry: my last Sunday with you all will be on 2 June. I have learnt so much since you welcomed

me into your family in October 2022. Thank you for your kindness and patience as my appreciation for all things sacramental has deepened and my understanding of the Holy Trinity has enlarged. It has been a truly blessed time for me, which I know God will greatly use as I move to pastures new. God-willing my ordination to deacon will take place at 10.30am on Sunday 30 June at Chester Cathedral. I would be grateful for your prayers as I follow God's call. The service will be broadcast on the Cathedral's YouTube Channel, and there are also a limited number of places for people to attend the service in person. If you would like to come, please complete [this](#) form by 30 April and I'll get back to you.

### **Upcoming meetings and special events**

24 April PCC at St Mary Magdalene  
9 May Team service for Ascension Day @ St Mary Magdalene, 8pm  
19 May ACM, following Sunday morning services in each church  
APCM, following Evensong at St Mary Magdalene

### **Summer Club (Advance call out)**

We're looking ahead to the Summer Holidays. We're really keen to offer some holiday activities for children in the local community. We're unsure of exactly what it will consist of, but we're currently looking at whether anyone would be able to support us. Depending on how much support we have, we could either offer a week full of activities or a slot once a week (a little like Eaglets but for all ages). If you have any free time over the Summer and could lend a hand, please do reach out and let us know. The summer dates are usually middle of July until end of September.

### **Exploring Together (Dates for the Diary)**

After an amazing service exploring Lent together, we have a couple more coming up for you to put in your diary:

- Exploring the Life of the Spirit (26<sup>th</sup> May 2024) - St Matthias at 4pm
- Exploring Pilgrimage (22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024) - Pilgrimage day to St Albans (more details in a note from Anne below)
- Exploring Wild Church (14<sup>th</sup> July 2024) - St Matthias at 4pm

If you could help at either - please do let Emma or Anne know.

### **Alban Pilgrimage Saturday 22 June 2024**

Revd Anne will once again be leading a parish pilgrimage to St Albans on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June, leaving Richmond Station at approx. 8.30am. The Preacher and President this year will be the Bishop of Chelmsford and former St Matthias family member Guili Frances-Dehqani. I am hoping that a good many pilgrims from Richmond will want to come along and experience the spectacular pilgrimage procession, the Eucharist in the ancient Cathedral and Abbey Church, and the beautiful Festal Evensong with rose strewn procession to Alban's Shrine at the end of the afternoon. I know that Bishop Guili will be thrilled to meet up with friends old and new, and I can guarantee that the day will not disappoint. If enough people sign up then it may be possible to travel by coach, otherwise it's an easy hour long journey by train. More information available from Anne [anne.crawford@richmondteamministry.org](mailto:anne.crawford@richmondteamministry.org)

### **Reflective Art Afternoons – 'One hour of quiet creativity.'**

The First Reflective Art Afternoon – 28 April 2024 3pm in St John's Hall.

Our first prompt is *Sanctuary*.

Some art materials will be provided, or you are welcome to bring your own. All are welcome! Do feel free to invite friends who don't usually come to church, but would appreciate a space for peace, reflection, and creativity.

Contact Revd Charlie Middleton for more information

[charlie.middleton@richmondteamministry.org](mailto:charlie.middleton@richmondteamministry.org)

### **Song of Songs - Bible Studies 2024**

We will continue reading the Song of Songs together on 24 April & 1 May. All are welcome – no prior bible knowledge or reading required. Do bring your own bible along if you can. There are two opportunities to attend each Wednesday: 11am (in the All Soul's Chapel at St Mary's) and 7:30pm (in the Parish Office)

### **RTM Stewardship Campaign**

As we start to think about an RTM Stewardship Campaign, we would love to hear from those in our congregations across the Team who work in or have a background in PR or Fundraising to help us think strategically about this. Please email the Parish Office – [admin@richmondteamministry.org](mailto:admin@richmondteamministry.org) Thank you.

### **Donations for May Fair Saturday 11th May**

There will be a number of May Fair stalls and entertainments in and around St Mary's, raising money for the Richmond Soup Kitchen and we need your donations and your baking skills! From this Sunday - please bring to church:

- Any books in good condition - hard and paperback
- Unwanted gifts (new) for tombola prizes
- Unopened bottles of any description - wine, spirits, bubble bath, fancy oils and vinegar again for tombola prizes

There will be boxes at the back of St Mary's ready to be filled! We also need volunteers to provide baked goods on the day. We're also looking to borrow a tombola roller drum! If anyone has access to one please could they contact Charlie Middleton.

We will also be seeking helpers to run the stalls on the 11 May from 10am till 3pm and there will be a rota to complete on the boards at the back of St Mary's. Thank you.

During the day, we look forward to welcoming local schools to provide music in church. A more detailed programme will be available soon, but so far we know that the following schools are coming: Old Vicarage School, Archdeacon School, Kings House.

The Friends of St Matthias will be having their usual BBQ on the Green during the May Fayre, selling top quality burgers and sausages, as well as a cake stall. If you would like to help or would be able to bake a cake or two, please contact Chris Pearson [cvpearson@btinternet.com](mailto:cvpearson@btinternet.com) Thank you.

### **Music @ St Mary Magdalene**

The Choral and Organ Scholars will be showcasing their talents in the coming months. Do come to support them. All recitals are on Saturday and start at 12.30pm.

4 May	Holly Fry	Soprano
18 May	Toby Wright	Organ/Countertenor
1 June	Elliot Randall	Organ
15 June	Daisy Rushton	Tenor
6 July	St Mary Magdalene Scholars' Showcase	

These recitals are free entry, although there will be a retiring collection to keep the Choral Foundation going. All donations, small and large are welcome. If you would like to sponsor a scholar next year, 2024-2025, please get in touch with Wilma.

### **Auditions for St Mary Magdalene Choral and Organ Scholars 2024-2025**

We have received a good number of applications and auditions will take place in St Mary's on Saturday 20 April and Sunday 21 April.

### **St Mary's church building**

Further investigation into the damage to the round pillar at the back of church (nearest the prayer board) and the beam above it have revealed more extensive damage. Significant work is required to make the necessary repairs. This will involve scaffolding to allow further investigation before a solution for repair can be suggested. We aim to sheet the area off whilst this is in place. The church wardens are continuing to work with the RTM Property Manager; the architect; and the

diocese, to ensure that these repairs can take place as soon as possible. The church is safe and will remain open.

### **Litter Pick after church 28th April - St Mary's**

Please do stay for half an hour after church and help clean up the churchyard - all litter picking equipment will be provided! World Earth Day is the beginning of the week so we have signed up to the GREAT GLOBAL CLEAN UP as part of our commitment to looking after God's planet.

### **Reminder - Bells for your birthday?**

Church bells are the most historic things that many of us ever hear. The bells ring to call us to worship on Sundays and also as a joyful celebration of weddings and more sadly when tolling for funerals. Here at St Mary's we offer you the opportunity for a unique gift for those special people in your lives. We will ring to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, births of children and grandchildren and any other special occasions you can think of. We can also offer a personal tower tour as part of the gift. Contact Jackie Harrison, Tower Captain for more information and an indication of proposed donation [jackieharrison456@gmail.com](mailto:jackieharrison456@gmail.com)

### **Giving, one off, regular and planned**

At the end of each service you will find a plate at the back of church for your cash offering. Gift aid envelopes are available if you are a UK tax payer. You can also give by using the card machine. If you can, would you consider making a regular gift to the Richmond Team, for the upkeep of our churches and the work of the Team?

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:**

#### **NEW: Children's Service at St Mary Magdalene**

The next Children's service will be on Saturday 4 May at 4pm. The service will have an Ascension theme.

#### **Patronal Festival at St John the Divine**

St John the Divine will keep its Patronal Festival on Sunday 5th May. All are welcome to come to our Sung Eucharist at 11am followed by fizz and a Bring & Share lunch. We are delighted that The Rev'd Neil Summers, former Vicar at St John's, will be our Guest Preacher on this special day.

**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 via [St Mary Magdalene Facebook page](#). You can watch the service live as it happens, or once it is uploaded. 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 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.

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

With best wishes,

John

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