

Thursday 26 February 2026

Dear Friends,

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**, and other schools in the parish

... **All who work in the media**, especially those who risk their lives working in places of war and conflict.

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

... **Christians of Congo**

... **the sick and those in need** - Epp Jones, Sarah Pryce, Georgina Merchant, Gerald Fearn, Julie Burman, Paul & Caity Manning, Christa Browne, Irene Chalmers, Sabine Staton, Frances Irwin,

... **the departed, may they rest in peace** – Gilly Valentine, Robert Thorp, John Cliff, Susan Cox, Margaret Myatt, Chris Harrison (former verger), Andrew Cregeen

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.

Prayer needs: The SMM prayer group meets regularly to pray in confidence over specific prayer needs. Please send your prayer requests to: richmondprayer.request@gmail.com or post a request anonymously on the prayer board at the back of SMM.

If you (or a loved one) would like to receive home communion, or if you would welcome a home or hospital visit from one of the pastoral care team, please do get in touch with the church office (admin@richmondteamministry.org)

PRAYER & WORSHIP:

St John the Divine's Sunday service at 11.00am is both in-person and live-streamed via their [Facebook page](#). 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. The last Tuesday of the month is a Eucharist for Healing and Wholeness, with the opportunity to receive the Ministry of Laying on of Hands with Prayer and Anointing for yourself or on someone else's behalf.

St Mary Magdalene's Sunday services are at 8.00am, 9.30am, and 6.30pm.

Midweek Said Eucharist at 10.00am every Wednesday, followed by coffee and biscuits.

St Matthias' Sunday service is an in-person service at 9.30am Midweek Said Eucharist at 10.00am every Thursday followed by coffee and biscuits.

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

Morning Prayer, Monday – Fridays, at 8.30am:

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

Morning prayer will be here every day:

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 331 749 912 278

Passcode: 96s9Aa

You may already have Teams downloaded on a Microsoft computer. However, if you are joining from an iPad or other device, you may need to download the App.

Please contact John Palmer if you have any concerns about this or need a hand with the tech.

Evening Prayer Wednesday at 5pm, St Matthias

Private Prayer:

St Mary Magdalene is normally open for visiting and prayer Monday – Friday 8am until 3pm and Saturday 10.00am until 12.00noon.

Lent & Holy Week:

Stations of the Cross will be led on Saturdays at 11:30am at St John's during Lent.

Also at 9:00am on Good Friday.

All are welcome to this devotional act of prayer.

CHURCH NEWS:

NEW: Glasses, Specs and Sunglasses

As part of our Green efforts, we are again collecting all your old prescription (or otherwise) glasses and sunglasses. We will be sending them off to the Lions Club who use them to improve the sight of children and adults living in other less developed countries. All donations are washed and regraded then sent directly to those in need throughout the world. There will be boxes from now until the end of March in all three churches - please hunt through those desk drawers and bring all those unwanted spectacles to church.

NEW: The English Chamber Choir performs Stainer's Crucifixion, Sunday 29 March, 3pm at St Mary Magdalene

Stainer's dramatic and poignant portrayal of the Passion is preceded by a rare performance of a modern choral classic in Vidi Aquam, a forty-part acapella motet by James Macmillan.

Fresh on the heels of recent performances at The Royal Albert Hall and Buckingham Palace, the English Chamber Choir will be joined by acclaimed soloists Martin Hindmarsh (tenor), John Holland-Avery (bass) and SMM's very own Assistant Organist Andreeana Chan on the organ - do come along!

Get your tickets here! <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/english-chamber-choir-the-crucifixion-stainer-palm-sunday-2026-tickets-1982542287350>

JOANNA MACGREGOR CBE - Richmond Piano Series (begins Friday 13 March)

Tickets are now live for the Richmond Piano Series at St Mary's! A limited number of Earlybird tickets are available, so book quickly!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/music-at-st-marys-120776753351>

Green Tips - Spring Issue

Please do read our latest newsletter about all things GREEN – a small number of printed copies can be found at the back of church, or visit - <https://richmondteamministry.org/get-involved/>

We have lots of events planned and news about our previous successes. In the future we are intending to send out this newsletter as a separate email once a quarter - please do let us know if you do not want to subscribe. We hope you enjoy this quarter's update.

Another GREEN project

Recycle your Birthday cards - please do drop these into the boxes at the back of the three churches. Richmond Soup Kitchen volunteers will recycle these into beautiful gift tags for fundraising - thank you

Recital+Choral Compline (6.30pm) at St Mary's

Following on from our successful pilot in Advent, the following two Sunday evensongs will be replaced with a recital followed by Choral Compline.

Sunday 1 March - Biber/Bach - Violin Sonatas

Maxim Del Mar (Violin)

Seb Gillot (Harpsichord)

Sunday 8 March - Scholars and Friends

Music from SMM Choral Scholars to mark both the penitential season and International Women's Day

Lent Groups to discuss the book 'Easter in Disguise'

To accompany this book, we will be offering two Lent Groups:

- Rev'd Anne will lead a daytime Lent Group on Mondays at 10.00am at St Matthias, beginning on Monday 23rd February.
- Rev'd Joe will lead an evening Lent Group on Tuesdays at 7.45pm at St John's, beginning on Tuesday 17th February.

Both groups will run for six weeks and will be open to all. If you are planning to come along, please do email us to let us know:

- Rev'd Anne: anne.crawford@richmondteamministry.org
- Rev'd Joe: joe.moore@richmondteamministry.org

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 taxpayer. 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.

Parish Safeguarding Team:

The Richmond Team Ministry takes its responsibility to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults very seriously. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact our Child Protection & Vulnerable Adults Representatives

[Jo Kitson](#) - St Mary Magdalene

07880 500528

[Gertrude Seaborne](#) - St Matthias

[Helen Peatfield](#) - St John the Divine

Or, [contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor](#)

Diocesan News:

Community News:

With best wishes,
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