

Please pray for

...all those who have helped with all our Christmas Services

...Fr. Jamil Khadir and the Anglican congregations in Nablus in the West Bank

...Rory Cook, his family and friends, being baptised at St Mary Magdalene on Sunday 30 December

...the sick and those in need - Ron Bond, Toby Vickers, Prem Barmi, Suné Hull, Kathryn Kirkland-Handley, Eileen Vickers, Nick von Berg, Frances Irwin

let us know if you would like to add someone to the prayer list - usually added for 4 weeks. Contact admin@richmondteamministry.org

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from 5.00pm on Thursday 20 December to 9.00am on Wednesday 2 January 2019.

Today & this week

Can you help with Christingle making after the 9.30am services today, Sunday 23 December at St Mary's and St Matthias—please stay for half an hour to help.

Morning Prayer at St Mary Magdalene, 8.30am, Mondays to Fridays to start your day. **There will be no Morning Prayer from Tuesday 25 December to Tuesday 1 January inclusive.**

Evening Prayer at St John the Divine on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 4.30pm to end the day with quiet reflection. **There will be no Evening Prayer from Monday 24 December to Monday 31 December inclusive.**

Please note that there will be no **midweek Eucharist services** from 6.30pm on Tuesday 25 December to Tuesday 1 January inclusive.

Coming Up

SevenUp—for those 7 years old and upwards on Saturday 12 January 4.00-5.30pm in the Vicarage basement, Ormond Road, Richmond TW10 6TH. This month we have a games session—bring along your favourite board game. As always, snacks and prayer to close. Names to Helen beforehand please

PoDs—for our secondary aged youth on Sunday 20 January, 12.45–1.45pm at Ole & Steen, George Street (to include our postponed Secret Santa). Games, conversation and drinks. Names to Helen beforehand are helpful.

On Sunday 3 February there will be a **Team Service for Candlemas** at 10.30am at St Mary Magdalene followed by refreshments. There will be no 9.30am service at St Matthias or 11.00am service at St John the Divine, or 11.30am Matins service at St Mary's.

Looking ahead – a date to go in those new diaries and calendars: Are you looking for inspiration for ways to share your faith as a family? Please come to our **'Faith at Home' Workshop** (suitable for families, grandparents and those who work alongside children) on Saturday 18 May – do join us for both the morning and afternoon sessions, hosted here in the Richmond Team Ministry. The cost is £10 for families (free for 'unaccompanied' RTM children's work volunteers). The two different sessions will be led by Victoria Beech of GodVenture <http://godventure.co.uk/> Victoria is practical, passionate, fun and full of more creativity than a 'Baker Ross' Catalogue! There will also be free takeaway goody bags to help you try out things at home. More details in the new year. Contact Helen to Register. We hope you can join us.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CLERGY AND STAFF IN THE RICHMOND TEAM

The clergy and staff team are very grateful for all the cards and good wishes for Christmas we have received and for all your support during the past year. We wish all parishioners and their friends and family a very happy and peaceful Christmas and every blessing for 2019.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

A services card is available at the back of church

St John the Divine

Christmas Eve, 11.00pm: Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, 10.30am: Christmas Morning Eucharist

St Mary Magdalene

Christmas Eve, 3.00pm: Christingle Service; 5.00pm: Christingle Service; 11.30pm: Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, 8.00am: Holy Communion; 10.00am: All Age Eucharist with Carols

St Matthias

Christmas Eve, 4.00pm: Christingle Service; 11.30pm: Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, 8.00am: Holy Communion; 10.00am: Christmas Morning Eucharist

Pre-school/adult groups

Our pre-school/carer and toddler group **Eaglets** is now taking a Christmas break and will return on Tuesday 8 January 2019.

The **ABC Group** for Adults, Babies and children is now taking a break.

Various

A **big thank you** to all those that both helped decorate our three churches—how beautiful they look—and everyone who helped out at our Christmas Services.

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed towards the Christmas shoe boxes. Wonderfully, we had 52 boxes to give to Glass Door. Thank you everyone for your varied and thoughtful contributions, it is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Emma for all her hard work as our (Silver Award) Duke of Edinburgh Volunteer. She has been with us for two terms and her help has been greatly appreciated. She has been a wonderful asset to the team and she will be missed. Wishing

her all the best with the rest of the award and with her studies.

After her knee surgery and illness **Revd Anne Crawford** will be making a phased return to work in the new year and we look forward to welcoming her back.

The Christian Meditation Group is now taking a break—more details in due course.

Glass Door - new volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Alex Millbrook for more information and to sign up—alexandramillbrook@gmail.com

The Vineyard Foodbank urgently need to replenish their food stocks and need the following (in order of need): UHT milk (1 litre); Long life fruit juice; Sugar; Mashed potato (packet); Rice; Tinned fruit/puddings (400gms); Tinned meat; Coffee; Jam/marmalade; Breakfast Cereals. These can be dropped off at the Vineyard (M-F 8.30-11.00am) or in the boxes at Waitrose (Sheen Rd) / Sainsburys (Friars Style Rd). Thank you