

Please pray for

...all those who have helped with flower arranging at St John the Divine
...Fr. Jamil Khadir and the Anglican congregations in Nablus in the West Bank
...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

Parish Office

Tina will be away from the Office on Wednesday 16 January, returning to work on Monday 4 February. The Parish Office will run on reduced capacity on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday mornings. It will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Today and This Week

Morning Prayer at St Mary Magdalene, 8.30am, Mondays to Fridays to start your day.

Evening Prayer at St John the Divine on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 4.30pm to end the day with quiet reflection.

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

Coming Up

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

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

you try out things at home. More details soon. Contact Helen to register. We hope you can join us.

Pre-school Group

Our pre-school/carer and toddler group

Glass Door

A big thank you to everyone who has helped with the Glass Door sessions so far this season. In the first 30 days a total of 298 guests stayed (*in all of the Glass Door shelters*), an average of 116 per night. Demand for shelter was up 28% from the same period last year.

Casework: After five weeks caseworkers had already rehoused 27 people and helped nine guests into employment.

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

Eaglets meets on **Tuesdays 2-4pm**, St John's.

Various

After her knee surgery and illness **Revd Anne Crawford** will begin a phased return to work this month—please bear with her as she picks up the reins again.

RTM Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—12-20 October 2019. We now have a brochure giving the full itinerary—please pick one up at the back of church. The cost will be £2,295. **Now is decision time—we need to give final numbers to the tour company very soon.** If you'd like further information, contact Revd Wilma Roest (contact details on back of sheet) or Revd Alan Sykes (8549 3887 or alan.sykes10@btinternet.com). Wilma and Alan will be leading the trip.

Emergency Food Box at St Mary Magdalene—for those in urgent need of food we have a box at the back of church. If you would like to donate food, please feel free to do so. Items should be non-perishable and easily consumed without the need for a tin opener or cooking equipment. Thank you.

What Can I Bring Him?

Gifts of time! There are volunteering opportunities for all ages at all of our churches who need the following:

- ◆ Sunday Welcomers
 - ◆ Servers
 - ◆ Choir members
 - ◆ Intercessors
 - ◆ Children's work volunteers
 - ◆ Flower arrangers
- as well as many other roles. Individual churches also need:
- ◆ SMM Weekday Welcomers
 - ◆ SMT Servers—URGENT
 - ◆ SJD Saturday morning cleaners
 - ◆ SMM bell ringers

For all of these volunteering opportunities training will be given and on-going support will be provided.

If you'd like to know more or would be willing to volunteer, please speak to one of the Churchwardens or a member of the Clergy. Thank you.

Meetings

Please pray for the following meeting taking place over the next few weeks:

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| 15.1.19 | SMM Church Committee |
| 22.1.19 | Property & Finance |
| 26.1.19 | Standing Committee Away Morning |
| 6.2.19 | PCC |

Prayer List

On Sunday 3 February we will begin a new prayer list (see box top to the left). Please email Wilma if you would like to remain on the list. **Please note** we cannot add anyone to the list without their express permission.