

Please pray for

...all those who help with **Junior Church and other youth work across the Team**
...**Fr. Jamil Khadir and the Anglican congregations in Nablus** in the West Bank
...**the sick and those in need** - Hermione Lockyer, Ron Bond, Mary Ricketts, Mireille (Mimi) Howe, Margaret Edwards, Elizabeth Morton, Kate Haines

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

Today and This Week

PLEASE NOTE for the month of August the Parish Office will only be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Friday mornings. Do email and leave phone messages, but it may take a little longer to receive a reply.

Today we celebrate the **Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary** at the 11.00am Eucharist at St John the Divine (transferred from 15 August).

Morning Prayer at St Mary Magdalene at 8.30am on Monday to Friday to start your day.

Evening Prayer at St John the Divine on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4.30pm to end the day with quiet reflection.

Coming Up

The next recital at St Mary Magdalene will be on Saturday 7 September at 12.30pm where Alex Knight, our Director of Music, will be playing a programme that will include Liszt and Bach.

Over Coffee at St Mary Magdalene on Sunday 29 September, 11.15am - 'War and Peace in the Holy Land—a very brief overview of the Arab-Israeli Conflict', a talk by Sir Michael Carleton-Smith.

Exploring the **Spirituality of artist Stanley Spencer**: Monday 28 October. A parish trip has been arranged to visit the Stanley Spencer Gallery in Cookham and

the Sandham Memorial Chapel at Burghclere. There will be a guided walk around Cookham to see places where Stanley painted his famous scenes and an opportunity to worship in his beautifully painted chapel at Burghclere. We will travel by coach and this will be a whole day outing. To register an interest and to provisionally book a place please contact Revd Anne via email anne.crawford@richmondteamministry.org Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis. Cost still to be confirmed, but likely to be approx. £45

Save the Date - a grand medieval banquet will be hosted in St Mary Magdalene on Saturday 5 October 2019. Singers, dancers and a court fool will be there to entertain! Tickets are priced at £100, by far the most expensive of our Anniversary Events, to cover the high costs of hiring and paying for all that is needed for such a banquet in the church. Tickets are now available—please see the leaflets in church for details, or go to www.stmarys800.org/events/celebration-banquet We understand that not everyone can afford a full price ticket; we still want you to come! Therefore some discounted tickets are available for congregational members only (not including guests), please contact Teresa on 07749 747041.

Pre-school Groups

Toddler groups are a really important and valued part of our ministry. We are expanding our team and would love to hear

Parish Centre Plans—What is happening?

The Parish Rooms on Church Walk are an amazing RTM-wide Parish Resource, used by many community groups and St Mary Magdalene Junior Church. Currently it also houses La Buvette, a French restaurant. As the lease (non-renewable) to the restaurant comes to an end, we have the opportunity to...

1. create more *accessible* space for community and church groups
2. create space for the RTM *Parish Office* as they prepare to vacate the Vicarage, which the Diocese intends to sell (a new vicarage will be acquired)
3. *improve* the building considerably as it is tired and in need of updating for all users.

Looking forward

Four firms of architects have been approached to give their initial ideas about what might be possible to bring this iconic building into 21st century. Have a look at their plans and share your views with us by filling in a feedback form. On 28 July, and for the following week, the architects' plans will be at St Matthias, on 4 August at St John the Divine and on 11 and 18 August at St Mary Magdalene.

Open Meeting

There will be an Open Meeting to share ideas, discuss the future and where possible answer questions on Sunday 8 September, 3.00-4.30pm in the Parish Room (upstairs).

from you if you would enjoy being part of the team (on a monthly or 6-weekly basis) helping with a range of tasks including setting up or clearing away, preparing drinks and snacks, chatting with adults and children, joining in with singing, praying and playing. Contact Helen if you'd like to know more.

Eaglets, our pre-school children and their adults group is now on summer break we will return on Tuesday 3 September.

Mary's Little Lambs, our new Toddler Group, begins at St Mary Magdalene on Thursday 5 September, 1.45-3.15pm and will then be held weekly. There will be time for play, conversation, refreshments and a mini service (including a Bible story, prayers & songs – all suitable for the littlest attendees!). Want to know more? Please contact Helen.

Various

New volunteers are needed for the St Mary's Sunday morning coffee rota.

Meetings

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

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| 3.8.19 | SMM Church Committee |
| 4.9.19 | Standing Committee |
| 9.9.19 | SJD Church Committee |

Normally volunteers do one shift every three months working in 'twos'. It is a good way to meet people and new volunteers would work with experienced team members. If you're interested or would like to know more, please contact Ros on ros.constantine@gmail.com

Please note there is no formal **Junior Church** during August. There will be resources available at the back of each church.

A **commemorative coin** designed by Rafael Maklouf marking the 800th anniversary of St Mary Magdalene Church is now available for sale from the Museum of Richmond or Charles Stiller at St Mary's (£15.00).