

Please pray for

...all those who help as Sacristans at St John the Divine

...**Rose and Holly Whittaker**, who were baptised at St Matthias last Sunday, their family and friends

...**Oliver Bowen & Jade Sweeney** who were married at St Matthias yesterday

...**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.

Morning Prayer at St Mary Magdalene at 8.30am on Monday to Friday to start your day (**no MP on bank holiday, 26.8.19**).

Evening Prayer at St John the Divine on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4.30pm to end the day with quiet reflection (**no EP on bank holiday, 26.8.19**).

You are invited to join with other Christians in Richmond for our monthly prayer meeting this **Thursday, 29 August at 1.45pm** in the Chapel at Hickey's Almshouses on Sheen Road. We start with a cuppa and a chat followed by a time of prayer. All welcome.

Coming Up

St Mary's Junior Choir restarts on Thursday 5 September – existing Junior Choir and new members all welcome. Contact Helen or Alex Knight for more details

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.

Please note that the **London Duathlon takes place on Sunday 8 September** and Richmond Park will be closed—please plan your journey to church with this in mind.

SMM 800th - Save the Dates: Saturday 28 September, 2.30pm. The Regimental Band of the Honourable Artillery Company will be leading us for a spectacular 800th Anniversary Singalong Concert and on **Sunday 29 September, 6.30pm** Pam Rhodes will join us for a 'Songs of Praise' evening—come and sing your favourite hymns. Pam will introduce each hymn with fascinating stories as to the background to the hymn, its writer, why it became so popular and what was going on in the world at the time it was written, (not televised). Pam says "I can promise you a lovely occasion that combines really moving and inspirational stories with a lot of laughter!" Both events are at St Mary Magdalene.

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

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.

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).

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 £48 and includes a pub lunch.

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 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.

Meetings

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

3.9.19	SMM Church Committee
4.9.19	Standing Committee
9.9.19	SJD Church Committee

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. 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.