

Please pray for

...all those who help as Lay Assistants at St Mary Magdalene

...Isabella Gibbons, who was baptised at St Mary Magdalene, her family and friends

...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, Jane Orr, Mary Healey

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

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 (**no EP next week, 2.9.19-6.9.19**).

St Mary's Junior Choir restarts this 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 this Saturday, 7 September at 12.30pm where Alex Knight, our Director of Music, will be playing a programme that will include Liszt and Bach.

Coming Up

The Parish Eucharist service at St Matthias **next Sunday, 8 September, begins at 11.00am**, followed by a congregational BBQ—all welcome.

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

SevenUp - for those young people 7 years old & upwards (secondary school age youth can assist as young leaders) restarts on Saturday 14 September, 4-5.30pm meeting in the Vicarage Basement, Ormond Road

TW10 6TH. This session will include games, prayer and refreshments as well planning for our year ahead. Bring your ideas along, we'll provide the rest! Please let Helen know names beforehand.

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.

PoDs – for our secondary school age youth, restarts on Sunday 20 October, 12.45pm at Knot Pretzels, Richmond Station. Everyone will be treated to a drink of their choice and we will then spend up to an hour chatting and playing games. Please let Helen know names beforehand.

Exploring the **Spirituality of artist**

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 **next Sunday, 8 September, 3.00-4.30pm** in the Parish Room (upstairs).

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 **Rev d 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

Eaglets, our pre-school children and their adults group returns this Tuesday, 3 September, 2-4pm at St John the Divine.

Mary's Little Lambs, our new Toddler Group, begins at St Mary Magdalene this 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.

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

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

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).

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.