

Thursday 30 September 2021

Dear Friends,

Due to unforeseen circumstances there is no 'letter' part of our e-newsletter this week, but there is lots of information on things inside, and outside, the parish below.

With our prayers and blessings,

Richmond Team Ministry

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Please pray for:

...**Fr. Jamil Khadir and the Anglican congregations in Nablus** in the West Bank and the Anglican Church in Beirut; also for the peace of Jerusalem

...**Christ's School**, for all staff, students and governors

...**Glass Door staff** and for all volunteers as we plan for the next winter season and our involvement

...**the sick and those in need** – Hermione Lockyer, Ron Bond, Madge Thorns, Joy Clarke, Harold Gill, Alan Sykes, Pat Mygjnd, Veronica Huci, Penny and Michael Carleton-Smith, Megan Vaughan-Jones, Claire and Peter Day

...**the departed, may they rest in peace** – Molly Lambert

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### Church Services:

At St John the Divine this Sunday, the 11.00am service will be both in-person and live-streamed via their [Facebook page](#).

St John's midweek service is an hour of contemplation, between 6.30-7.30pm on Tuesdays, with the Blessed Sacrament as the focus. If you would value a time of quietness, thought and prayer, you are welcome to drop in for as long as you like during the hour.

St Mary Magdalene will be holding in-person Sunday services at 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.30am (third Sunday only) and 6.30pm. The 9.30am service will also be live-streamed via their [Facebook page](#). During the week St Mary Magdalene will be holding an in-person service at 10.00am on Wednesdays.

St Matthias' 9.30am Sunday service will be both in-person and online via Zoom (please [contact Revd Anne Crawford](#) for log-in details). The midweek Eucharist at St Matthias is held on Thursdays at 10.00am.

Orders of service and readings can be found here <https://www.richmondteamministry.org/orders-of-service-readings>

### Children's Services at St Mary Magdalene – the next one is a Pet Service this Saturday, 2 October at 4pm!

On 2 October we welcome pets into church for a real Pet Service as we are close to the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, which is on 4 October. Bring your dog, your tortoise, your stick insect and other well behaved animals (or should I say: animals, bring your well behaved owners?). Talk to Charlie or Wilma for more info.

### Harvest Thanksgiving this Sunday, 3 October

This Sunday we take time to thank God for all the good gifts of the earth, for food and for those who grow it. You are invited to bring your harvest gifts (most needed items are: tinned meat, tinned fish, long life milk, long life juices, chocolate, crisps, toiletries (e.g. deodorant, shower gel, shampoos), household cleaners (e.g. spray, bleach), toilet paper) to any of the services in all our churches. Most will go to the Foodbank and some will be kept for distribution throughout the year.

### **Private Prayer:**

St Mary Magdalene will be open for private prayer on Saturdays between 10.00am and 12.00noon when you will be able to light a candle, and reflect or meditate.

St John the Divine is normally open on Tuesdays between 9.30am and 12.30pm, Saturday mornings between 10.00am-12.00noon, and at various other times when Fr Neil is working in the office.

### **Morning Prayer, Monday – Fridays, at 8.30am:**

Morning Prayer is now taking place in church and via Zoom. We will meet at St Mary Magdalene on Mondays, on Tuesdays we will be at St John the Divine, Wednesdays and Thursdays are at St Mary Magdalene and Fridays at St Matthias.

From 1 September, Monday – Friday

Topic: RTM Morning Prayer in September

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85014691745?pwd=UEdSQWhESklIZFZRcWxWaUMwbXQ5UT09>

Meeting ID: 850 1469 1745

Passcode: RTMSept

From 1 October the Zoom link will be as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82668051680?pwd=ZXkwSmNmMkNsdjNXWEhvdGhTeVg3QT09>

Meeting ID: 826 6805 1680

Passcode: RTMPrayer

**Evening Prayer**, in person, takes place in St John's on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 4.30pm. All welcome. Please note that **there will be no Evening Prayer from next Monday, 4 October to Monday 18 October inclusive.**

On **Sunday 31 October** we will mark **All Souls' Day** with a Sung Eucharist at 6.30pm at St John the Divine. Please write the names of departed loved ones on the lists at the back of church (or, if you're unable to get to church, please [email me in the Parish Office](#)) so that their names may be read out during the service, and come to the service to commemorate and give thanks for them. **Please note there will be no Evensong at St Mary Magdalene on 31 October.**

### **Church, Community and other news:**

#### **Recitals at St Mary Magdalene**

Here are some dates for your diary of lovely music at St Mary Magdalene on the first Saturday of each month at 12.30pm. This **Saturday, 2 October**, Alex Ledsham, tenor and Choral Scholar at SMM, will provide a programme of Oratorio Arias by Handel.

Free entry, with a retiring collection for the St Mary Magdalene Choral Foundation.

#### **Glass Door:**

Glass Door's annual Sleep Out will be taking place **TOMORROW, Friday 1 October 2021**.

Participants give up their bed for one night to give someone a chance to leave homelessness behind. This year, Glass Door is encouraging people either to take part remotely or to sign up for one of the limited spaces available at Duke of York Square in Chelsea. Either way, you will be helping someone find a route off the streets.

The charity is expecting more demand on their services as the furlough scheme ends and evictions begin. Glass Door has ambitious plans in place to support people in need this winter, and the funds raised through the Sleep Out will help to ensure they can open their doors to the large number of people expected to need shelter and support. Registration is FREE and to find out more about Glass Door's plans and how to get involved at [www.glassdoor.org.uk](http://www.glassdoor.org.uk) or get in touch with [sleepout@glassdoor.org.uk](mailto:sleepout@glassdoor.org.uk)

## Eco Church

This **Saturday, 2 October** Dr Martin Hodson and Revd Margot Hodson from the **John Ray Initiative** in Oxford ([www.jri.org.uk](http://www.jri.org.uk)) will come to St Matthias and share their expertise and learning with us, offering hope and advice as we address the challenges of climate change. **Our aim is for all three churches to be awarded 'Eco Church' status**, and this day will help us to begin our journey together in a positive and practical way. The day will start with coffee at 9.30am and will be finished by 4.00pm. Please feel free to come and go as you want/need to – an outline of the day is provided on the Team's website: <https://www.richmondteamministry.org/eco-day-2021>. Please note that unfortunately there will be no activities available for children as originally planned.

## Monday 4 October at 7.00pm - "Young Voices from Israel-Palestine" online event.

Richmond Inter Faith Forum invites people from Richmond, Kingston, Hounslow, Wandsworth, Merton and neighbouring areas, from every religion or belief background - including the non-religious - to join us for "Young Voices from Israel-Palestine".

This rare opportunity to hear and interact directly with young people in the region from Palestinian and Israeli backgrounds will be led by "[Solutions not Sides](#)", a charity aiming to tackle antisemitism, anti-Muslim prejudice and polarisation around the issue of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the UK.

Register at <https://riff-young-voices-israel-palestine.eventbrite.co.uk>. Registrants will receive the Zoom link at least 24 hours before the event.

## Confirmation? Admission to Holy Communion?

What is the next step on your journey of faith? Is it baptism, if you have not yet been baptised? Is it being Admitted to Holy Communion, particularly for young people? Or would you like to be confirmed?

Whatever your next step is, we want to help you and provide preparation classes. Do talk to a member of the clergy for more information.

## There is space in the choir stalls.....

The Choir of St Mary Magdalene is looking for new Choristers to join the church choir. If your child is aged 8+, then joining the choir is a wonderful opportunity to learn to read music, develop classical vocal technique, build confidence and socialise with other musicians. Choristers have the opportunity to sing at both of the Sunday services (Eucharist and Evensong), with choir practice on Thursday evenings. Choristers also receive a small payment based on attendance, competence (e.g. most improved singer) and ability.

There is of course also space for adult choristers in all voices!

If you'd like to know more, please contact the Director of Music, Alex Knight via email

[music.stmarys@richmondteamministry.org](mailto:music.stmarys@richmondteamministry.org)

The [Children's Book Project](#) – has your child / children out-grown some of their books? The Children's Book Project would very much like to clean, sort and distribute those books via teachers and schools to children in the UK who are 'book poor' and do not have any (or many) books at home. When books are available at home children spend more time reading thereby helping with their literacy. To donate books please send an [email to the Parish Office](#) and, if possible, drop them off at St Mary Magdalene which is now a drop-off point.

## Memorial Service

The family of Byron Criddle, who died in February 2021, would like to invite you to a memorial service to celebrate Byron's life on Tuesday 19 October, 11.30am at St Mary Magdalene.

Ever thought about being a **local trustee**? If you're interested in finding out more please join an online Trustee Recruitment Event on Thursday 14 October 2021, 6.30-8.00pm and hear about the difference you could make. To find out more and to register, go to [www.richmondcvcs.org.uk](http://www.richmondcvcs.org.uk)

**Weekend Retreat Saturday 20 - Sunday 21 November** at The Royal Foundation of St Katherine, Limehouse. This short retreat will focus on preparation for Advent, and we will be helped by a retreat conductor who will guide us prayerfully through the peace and stillness of this extraordinary place. More information will follow shortly, but it's not too early to register your interest with [Revd Anne Crawford](#) as places for overnight accommodation will be limited.

### Can you help?

The Riverbank Trust is looking to fill two posts working with young single mums and vulnerable families, one in Richmond and one in Ham. To read more please see their website:

<https://riverbanktrust.org/recruitment/>

### Give A Little

We are hugely grateful to so many who continue to make their weekly or monthly contribution to the finances of the Team, by standing order or direct debit. Contributions can also be made electronically in church and there will also be a plate for cash collections at the back of each church. However if anyone would like to make an additional donation to the work of our churches this can be done at <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/5260a080-4ee0-49b6-a1c3-d552ef9a0700> Whilst this is a challenging time for many, financially as well as emotionally, I hope we can continue to count on your support for the work of our 3 churches.

With best wishes,  
Tina

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