

RICHMOND TEAM MINISTRY

Annual Report 2018

Our Vision Statement:

We celebrate and share
God's love for all people by:

- offering a place to belong
- exploring faith honestly
and with an open mind
- living out Christ's care and
compassion for everyone

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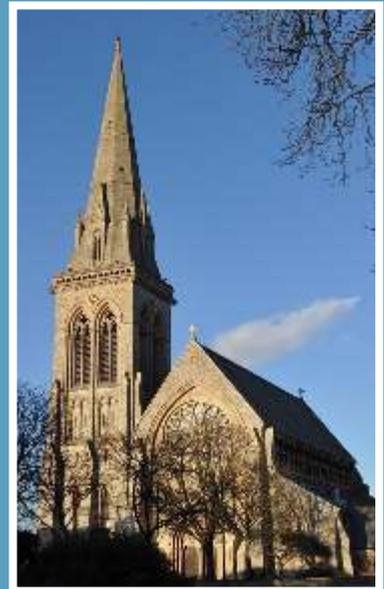


St John the Divine, Kew Road

Our Churches



St Mary Magdalene, Paradise Road



St Matthias, Church Road

GLASS DOOR

Following the success of last year's venture with Glass Door, RTM decided again to open the doors of St. John's and St Matthias' every week for one night each to provide shelter and an evening meal to homeless men and women during the winter season from 8 November 2018 - 7 April 2019.

Once again, the response and commitment from volunteers was enormous across all three churches. Mary Ricketts has, for the second year, been the lynch pin at St John's in addition



Dinner at Glass Door

Photo: Huw Morgan

to her many other commitments. Helen Williams has organised the baking rotas for pudding for both evenings. A large number of last season's volunteers signed up for this season but we have also welcomed new volunteers from other churches and the wider Richmond community. Over 40% of the regular congregation from the 8am service at St Matthias volunteer, but there are only about 10 of us! The Church has thus provided the framework for a diverse group of people to come together to make a contribution to our community. People have offered their talents in so many ways, despite juggling busy lives: we have soup makers, cooks, bakers, some of whom are from a local school, the Scouts, Cubs, Eaglets or local families. There are junior folk, too young to volunteer, who have collected items for the project (socks and

gloves, for example). One volunteer raised awareness at an outside stall one rainy Saturday before Christmas and others have spread the word by having leaflets and information to hand when they are out and about. Many have offered conversation and a listening ear, which adds to the humanity of the project. The generosity of all those involved has been overwhelming and humbling and, as Volunteer Coordinator, I thank each and every one of you, who has contributed to make the project work. The atmosphere on each evening has been unfailingly cooperative, good humoured and energetic, with everyone working together (and we have weathered a few cooking crises) to ensure that our guests are looked after as well as possible and are able to get a good night's sleep after a hot meal. As the new Chief Executive of Glass Door, Lucy Abraham, has written recently, *'It truly takes a village; each person, each contribution is essential to producing a collaborative community that comes together to give shelter and support to those who need it most.'*



Stuffed Peppers Photo: Huw Morgan

Glass Door has increased the numbers admitted to the shelters to around 28-30 maximum each night. This has presented additional challenges: on our facilities, because we are preparing 50% more food each evening, and for each team because the evening is now longer for volunteers, especially for those who valiantly tackle the mountains of washing up. The charity has a cold weather policy, where no-one is turned away if the temperature dips below freezing and this was implemented once this year in early February, when an additional 148 guests were fed and accommodated over the four circuits (Kensington and Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham, Wandsworth and Richmond) operating in West London. We are grateful to the Charlotte Wade Trust, who have offered to help with the costs of the project.



There are currently 551 guests across the four circuits of whom 20% are women. The charity reports that they have seen a 26% rise in the number of women registering, which is described as 'unprecedented'. So far this season, 70 guests have been helped into housing. In Richmond, one guest has been reunited with a brother, some have been helped with complex, long-term health issues, several have been helped to obtain replacement identity documents and several more have been helped into work or apprenticeships.

Glass Door has also conducted a guest survey and 90% of the guests have reported that the volunteers have been either 'excellent' or 'very good' and the rating for meals, accommodation, safety, staff and volunteer interaction is over 4/5. Richmond circuit has been voted the best circuit for food, friendliness and accommodation. One guest has reported, 'I've been feeling more optimistic about the future', while another has written, 'I'm really touched by the help of everyone involved. This has saved my life'. Our guests show their appreciation in many ways and it has been a pleasure to get to know them over the season. Some have sat in St. Matthias' nave quietly on Saturday evening before dinner and some have attended our services the following day. Others have wanted to learn about the church's history. We kept the partition door to the main church open during dinner over Christmas, so that the altar and tree were visible from the dining area and many commented on how beautiful and peaceful the church is.



Afternoon Tea for all the volunteers
Photo: Revd Anne Crawford

The season is now drawing to a close and we must reflect on what went well and what could be improved. The difficulties for people facing a crisis in their lives sadly remain a constant in our society and there are no easy solutions to resolve homelessness. Glass Door and the Richmond community have striven to help and to embody the commandment 'Love thy neighbour as thyself' and the principle, in Martin Luther King Jr 's words, that, 'The good neighbour looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers'.

Alex Millbrook

ST JOHN THE DIVINE

The church building is an important part of the mission of St John's. Having the office situated in the narthex means the church doors are open regularly during the week, in addition to the parishioners' drop-in time on Tuesday mornings. An interesting mix of people come in: locals; visitors to Richmond from the UK and around the world; those with an



HAC at St John the Divine

Photo: Revd Neil Summers

interest in the art and architecture (the Arts and Crafts influences are a particular draw); people looking for a quiet place to just sit and reflect; some to say prayers and light candles; others for conversations about things going on in their lives. Though we wouldn't expect to see many of these people at a Sunday service, the church is here for all of them, too.

On the building theme, three of the nave windows were restored in the autumn, the start of a rolling programme. The side garden was stripped out and re-planted. We are also embarking on another long-term project – the restoration of vestments, altar frontals and other textiles.

Community links have developed during the year. We have a very good relationship with Falcons School for Boys, who hold their weekly whole-school assembly in church on Friday mornings, and in which Helen Williams and I participate on occasion. We also get invited to school events, such as the Art Fair and Remembrance commemorations. It was great to welcome back Christ's School for their start of term Eucharist in January and also an Easter service at the end of the spring term, and two other schools, Old Vicarage and Deer Park,



Falcons School Assembly

Photo: Falcons Prep, Richmond

for their Christmas services.

For a second year, we are part of the Glass Door winter night shelters in Richmond, this time for a longer season, from November to April. Up to 30 homeless people share an evening meal on Thursdays, and then sleep overnight in the hall. A wonderful team of volunteers has enabled this

to happen, from the Team and further afield. Our thanks go to everyone who contributes to this very important work. We also continue to host a couple of Vineyard lunches each year, and to support the local Foodbank. We have a good working relationship with SPEAR: St John's Lodge continues to house one of their initiatives, an intermediate accommodation arrangement for particular individuals, prior to more independent living. We are also pleased to be the base for the local Street Pastors.

Eaglets, led by Helen Williams, with the support of another committed team of volunteers, continues to be a popular Tuesday afternoon activity for the local community. We regularly have up to 40 adults and children in the hall to enjoy play, chat, snacks and songs, and the sessions are clearly very much appreciated by those who come. In 2018, as restoration work continued at St Mary Magdalene, we were very happy to host the Wednesday morning ABC group here as well.



Making Christingles at St John the Divine

Photo: Revd Neil Summers



Shoebox Appeal

Photo: Revd Neil Summers

We give thanks to God for the lives of Sheila Cann and Rob Buckingham, faithful members of our church, who both died in 2018. And - as always - thank you to everyone who makes a contribution to the ongoing life of St John's, in caring for the building (so often remarked on by visitors), participating in worship, joining in community activities, and also making it such a friendly and welcoming church community.

Revd Neil Summers, Vicar, St John the Divine

ST MARY MAGDALENE

It would be easy to say that 2018 has been all about building work at St Mary Magdalene, but that would not tell the whole story. Yes, we have battled with dust, with an ever decreasing sized church and with temporary access to the building.



However, throughout the most of the year we were able to keep the building open, for worshippers, visitors and those who were looking for a place to pray. Keeping the church open was one of our Mission Action Plan points and it has been good to be able to do so. Worshipping in the south aisle required some creativity from our choir and organists and our servers, but everyone rose to the challenge. Despite an imperfect

appearance we have been able to hold baptisms, funerals, as well as all regular services.

We are grateful to our brothers and sisters at St John the Divine and at St Matthias for helping out when we needed more space for recitals and meetings and offering us their buildings.



Above Left South Aisle before moving in
Above Right Flooring almost complete

Photo: Revd Wilma Roest
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Iona Pilgrims, October 2018

Photo: Revd Wilma Roest

It was lovely, in July, to welcome and pray for two young lads from St Mary's, Richmond (Yorkshire), who together with their dad, cycled from Richmond to Richmond to raise money for their local hospice. We are connected to them in more than name only!

Our links with Christ's School (CofE secondary school) were strengthened this year through the confirmation of Phil Rushby as Chair of Governors. We have supported the school through our

prayers, through taking part in collective worship and by working with the Chaplain, Tom Rutter.

In October a group of pilgrims from all three churches went to Iona, where we didn't have to battle with dust but with the elements. However, it was so good to be there together as Richmond Team, and friendships were formed and strengthened.

November was a month of Remembrance, with a moving evening service on 11 November when we heard stories of those whose names we see on the War



#Tommy Richmond at Richmond Riverside
Photo: Charles Stiller



After the Christmas Services
Photo: Revd Wilma Roest

Memorial. #TommyRichmond was taken round the town and our churches and schools and became a symbol of the Acts of Remembrance.

All the troubles with worshipping on a building site were quickly forgotten when in December, on Advent Sunday, we had the whole floor space back and sat for the first time in our new pew benches. During Advent we filled the church with angels, which became our signs of hope for the year ahead.

At the end of December, we rejoiced by having a baptism at the font in its new place, where it is providing a powerful visual reminder of God's welcome into the church.

We are looking with hope at what lies ahead as we prepare to start celebrating 800 years of Christian presence in Richmond. We stand in a long line of people who have faithfully worshipped and we give thanks to all who keep that worship going in our time: the Churchwardens Jackie and Ron, the Church Committee members, the Junior Church leaders, the bell ringers, the flag master, the choir and organists, the sacristans, the servers, the flower team, the cleaners, the welcomers, those who do tasks very quietly and those who fulfil more public roles: together we are St Mary Magdalene.

I thank God for what each of you bring and are to the church and pray that God may continue to bless us as we look to the future.

The Revd Wilma Roest, Vicar, St Mary Magdalene



Flowers at St Mary Magdalene
Photo: Revd Wilma Roest

ST MATTHIAS

During 2018 we have continued to focus our attention on our Mission Action Plan, working to create an outward looking, welcoming church, eager to serve the needs of our community.

St Matthias as a place of Worship

Refreshing our worship so that it continues to inspire, sustain and strengthen our faith has been a major focus this year.

Throughout the year it has been a joy to welcome people for baptism and for weddings. Offering a welcome and a place to belong is fundamentally part and parcel of our Christian witness and ministry, and it's



Flowers in the Lady Chapel for the Easter Vigil
Photo: Revd Anne Crawford



Easter Paschal Candle
Photo: Revd Anne Crawford

at the font that the

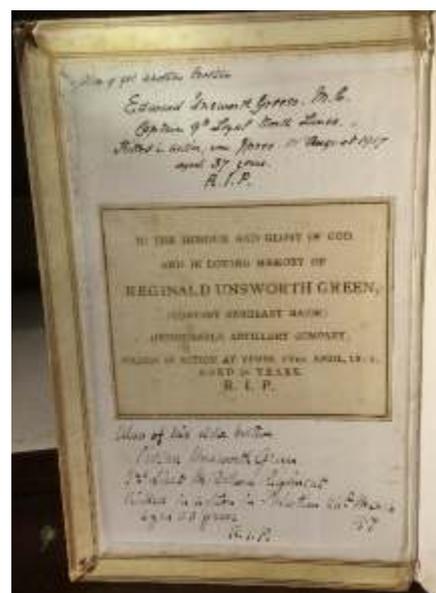
welcome takes on a particular meaning. Our regular worship has benefitted from the presence of young people, who enjoy Junior Church and Diddy Disciples.

2018 was a year given to commemorating the end of the Great War. The suffering endured by so many families in Richmond was brought in to sharp focus with the discovery in one of our safes of a beautiful leather bound book given in memory of three men from the same family, who died between 1915 and 1917. This book, a President's copy of the Order for Holy Communion from the BCP, holds three sad inscriptions. The intention is for the priest to use the book at the 8am BCP celebration of Holy Communion on every Remembrance Sunday, and for it to be placed on the altar at the 9.30am Common Worship

Eucharist as a reminder of the sacrifices which continue to be made by so many people caught up in conflict across the world today.

St Matthias as a place of Welcome

Our thanks go to all those volunteers who open up our Coffee Bar on weekday mornings during term time. They do a magnificent job welcoming visitors and providing refreshments to all who pop in. We are also indebted to the small team of reliable volunteers who provide coffee and biscuits (and cake!) after our Sunday services, as well as providing refreshments for special services and fundraising events.



Order for Holy Communion in memory of 3 sons
Photo: Revd Anne Crawford

Taking Church out in to the Community

Making connections and building relationships with older people in the community has been a priority over the last year. I regularly visited Greville House Residential Home in Queens Road and offering support and friendship to residents, families and staff.

Once again Marinus and Glenn Viljoen-Reynolds worked their culinary magic in the kitchen, producing sumptuous Sunday lunches for guests to our Vineyard Lunches. Our thanks go to them for their very generous hospitality. Thank you too to those faithful volunteers who offer their help in setting up, serving and clearing away.

Geoff Bates again organised our annual collection for Christian Aid, and our thanks go to him for his dedication and

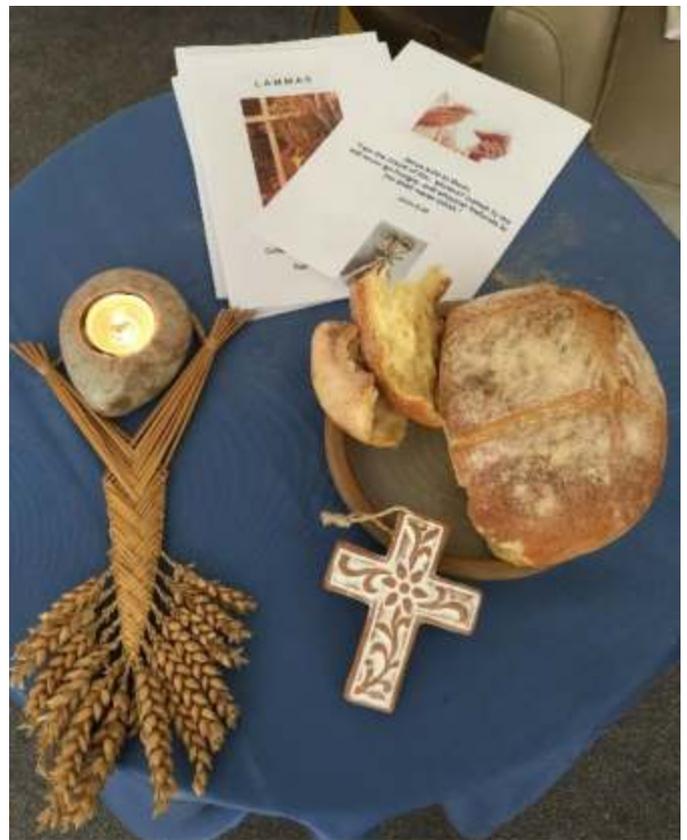
perseverance. Christian Aid walkers also enjoyed some Matthian hospitality, as they gathered for a blessing and coffee ahead of their fundraising walk in September.

Thanks to the Friends of St Matthias we have money to spare for special projects and events. Lots of fun was had at the May Fair BBQ despite the rain, and the Christmas Fayre offered an opportunity for local crafts people to show and sell their wares. The Friends very kindly funded some new wooden planters for the garden at the west end of church, which we hope will soon be producing a blaze of colour on the corner of Friar Style and Church Roads.

We are blessed with hard working and dedicated churchwardens in Judith and Margaret, and

we thank them. Together we have worked hard to ensure that our MAP values are kept in focus, and we all for their insight and for the time and energy they have given. We look forward to all that God will ask of us in 2019, and we listen out for his voice urging us onwards, secure in his love.

The Rev'd Anne Crawford,
Vicar, St Matthias



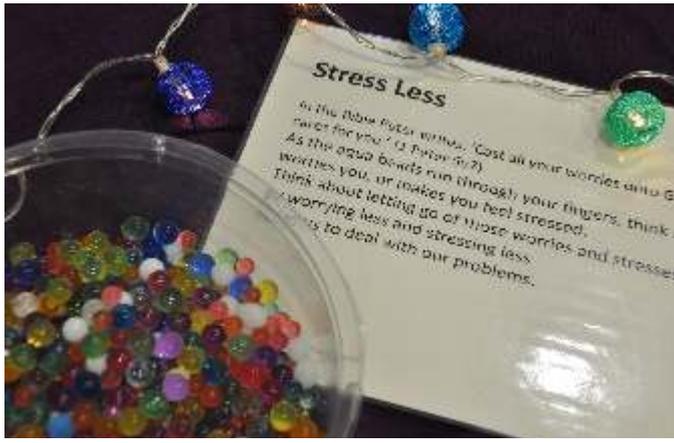
Service at Greville House to bless the first bread of the wheat harvest
Photo: Revd Anne Crawford



A team from St Matthias serving up a BBQ at the May Fair
Photo: Revd Anne Crawford

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

The Children & Youth Ministry is in a strong position thanks to a dedicated team and plenty of prayer and a super bunch of young people and families!



Prayer Space Sessions in the Chapel at Christ's School, which 450 students experienced Photo: Helen Williams

What our Adult Eaglets say: 'I hold on to the thought of Tuesday afternoons when I have Eaglets to look forward to, it helps get me through', 'It's so nice to have a coffee brought to you. So often I don't get around to it, or it just gets cold!' and 'The best group I have been to yet... and I have been to a lot!'



Enjoying strawberries from the garden and ice cream at the ABC picnic



Photo: Helen Williams

Junior Choir at St. Marys - Our four original choristers have now completed their first full year and have their RSCM White level signed off and are now beavering away towards their first medals. We have also had some new starters. It is so encouraging to see their confidence and understanding grow and how much they have learnt from Alex and the adult choir who are very supportive and helpful.

SevenUp (for seven year olds and upwards) has now levelled out with around 8 children attending. We value help from our Secondary aged youth as young leaders at these sessions. We have a focussed activity (normally on a Christian Theme) and share snacks, games and prayers together. Homelessness was clearly an emotive topic and the young people are keen to be able to help others. Prayer Spaces also



Junior Church praying using the world map

prompted some great conversation and some creativity.

PoDs was launched last year, in response to the need to support our Secondary age youth, helping them to stay connected with one another outside of our church buildings, meeting with others of faith and having space for open conversations about anything they choose, all aided by a few games.

Messy Church is set to relaunch after Easter as a way of marking our Church festivals. We will be running these on Wednesday afternoons after school. This will be informal, creative worship for all ages together and will combine a Bible story, activity, singing, prayer and sharing food together.

All Age services have now been running at St. Mary's for over a year. These are on the first Sunday of the month. St. Matthias have begun their 'Worship Together' services to mark special occasions. These are a great time to come together and recognise all that our different 'ages and stages' bring to



First Communion Candidate

worship and to recognise the value of the whole church family being united.

20's and 30's has been really enjoyable. Relunched in 2018 after a new member of the congregation asked about the group (listed on a welcome card!) It was not running, but was something that, with an interested group of people, was able to be resurrected and has been really valued. It is lovely to meet with others of faith who are at a similar phase of life. To enjoy fellowship and fun and to support one another along the way.

The Passover Supper at St. Matthias was a very special time together, where people of all ages shared this special meal and liturgy, helping us to understand more about why Jesus and his friends were gathered together for the last supper and to look at our shared heritage with the Jewish people. Some of the older youth stayed on for the sleep over and an especially poignant moment was when we came downstairs to join the foot-washing part of the Maundy Thursday service. The next morning we joined those taking part in the Vigil, and reflected on the fact people had been praying all night while we [at least the young people!] slept.

We welcomed two more children to their **First Communion** on Pentecost Sunday, after they attended preparation classes. RTM has also had numerous **Baptisms** – such special occasions as we welcome these children and their families.

The summer brought some great weather and some time to enjoy the garden with an **ABC picnic, Volunteers thank you & Junior Church Picnic** – where members of all three congregations came together. We also had a **SevenUp BBQ** and a **PoDs sleep out**. Thank you to Wilma for enabling us to use this lovely space.

Junior Church (now with monthly Diddy Disciples/Godly Play). Junior Church continues with consistent numbers. We follow the Lectionary so look at the same readings as the rest of the church. We use a combination of Bible reading, prayer, activity and



PoDs sleep out

Photo: Helen Williams



Wilma being 'baptised' by her Baptism Candidate

Photo: Jessica Swinfen

worship. **Diddy Disciples** has been a welcome addition to our Junior Church programme. Once a month, we break away from our usual format, for the youngest to experience Diddy Disciples, while our older children (KS2) engage with **'Godly Play'** which takes a Montessori approach in exploring the bible stories, using simple visuals and 'wondering questions'. Diddy Disciples translates well into what happens at the regular service and is very accessible, especially for the youngest children.

The Posada (travelling crib) was a really special way of marking Advent again this year. The (knitted) Holy Family travelled around the Parish, hosted by different people each night, connecting up households.

1st Richmond **Scouts** have historical and strong links with St. Matthias and we enjoy having them with us as part of our services on Mothering



Sharing the peace at Diddy Disciples Photo: Fiona Morgan

Sunday and at Harvest. We also value opportunities to visit them at the Scout hut and to be part of their sessions.

Safeguarding continues to be an integral part of our ministry – seeking to keep everyone in our care as safe as possible.

Various **training courses** from the Diocese are also made available.



Posada bringing two families together Photo: The Morgan Family



Posada bringing two more families together Photo: Nana-Aba Andah

Looking ahead – we are excited about our 'Faith at Home Workshop' on the 18th May, where guest speaker Victoria Beech will come to inspire us with activities and ideas about how to share our faith with our family.

We are very fortunate with the calibre of our **Duke of Edinburgh Award Volunteers** who continue to be a huge asset to our Junior Church teams. These Secondary School aged students help take a lead on parts of the session and show initiative with tasks that need doing. They are a joy to have around – thank you.



Posada Photo: Maia Rushby

Thank you to our volunteers. We are very fortunate to be so well supported by such a capable and committed group of people. Thanks also to our church family who pray, encourage, support and enable our groups to happen and for our young people to have a community in which they can thrive.

Helen Williams
Children & Youth Ministry Leader

MUSIC IN THE TEAM

St John the Divine

Upon taking over the music director position from Mark, I found a small but talented choir. Since I arrived, membership has somehow increased in nearly every section of the choir! Our members are very devoted, and our music is deeply appreciated by the congregation.

We're very lucky to have the Beale and Thynne organ, and it really is delightful to play each week (even when it's being temperamental). The East Surrey Organists Association will be visiting on 16 March to learn more about the organ and spend some time performing on it.

Unfortunately, due to varying factors, I will be stepping down as Music Director in the spring/early summer 2019 and returning to the United States. While I'm looking forward to returning home, I will truly miss my family at St John's and RTM. It has been an honour to support the team musically this past year.

Cameron Wentz, *Director of Music, St John the Divine*



Recitals took place at St John the Divine for most of 2018 but have now returned to St Mary Magdalene
Photo: Revd Wilma Roest

St Mary Magdalene

The past year for music at St Mary Magdalene has been expansive and ambitious, especially given the extreme makeover the church has undergone. Both Junior and Adult choir have gone from strength to strength, with our Junior Choir ranks swelling with new additions



Junior Choir on receipt of their 'whites' at the end of their first year

Photo: Helen Williams

and the current members improving dramatically. The Junior Choir began the RSCM's Voice for Life scheme, which helps teach singers about their role within the choir and the church, as well as useful music theory and music's place within liturgy. Four members have recently passed their White Level, which has encouraged some members from the Adult Choir to begin the Voice for Life scheme as well!

The Adult Choir has expanded in both number and confidence, performing a wide

range of new anthems, canticles, responses and mass settings. Most notable in the past twelve months have been Howells's *Gloucester Service*, Stanford's *For Lo, I Raise Up*, and the excellent singing during the 100 Year Remembrance Service (including Holst's *Nunc Dimittis* and Harris's *Faire is the heaven*) and Advent and Carol Services in 2018.

The Choral Foundation continues in the 2018/19 academic year with the Soprano, Alto and Tenor Choral Scholars Corinne Hart, Joshua Elmore and Robert Richmond, and the Junior Organ Scholar Izzy Wideman. All have partaken in recitals in the Monthly recital series (held at both St John's and St Mary Magdalene due to the building works) to great effect. We bade farewell to Kelly Lenahan in 2018 as Senior Organ Scholar as she left for America, and thank her for her hard work for the last academic year. In addition to the aforementioned recitals, Rachel Smith (flute) and Edwin Dizer (baritone) provided excellent programmes. A choir comprised of members from St Mary Magdalene Choir and friends led by longstanding choir member Fay Johnstone performed a range of madrigals, barbershop and close harmony in two recitals in the past twelve months, received with popular acclaim. Finally, the Director of Music & Organist Alex Knight had two notable achievements that has been supported by the church: firstly, Alex passed his ARCO (Associateship for the Royal College of Organists) in the summer of 2018 and will be going for his FRCO (Fellowship) in the summer of 2019. Secondly, Alex performed an organ recital at Westminster Abbey in February 2019, with the programme a delightful blend of 20th Century English composers.



The joint Choirs of St Mary Magdalene, Richmond and St Mary, Maldon
Photo: Charles Stiller

As ever, recruitment is ongoing for both adult and junior choirs, please get in touch with Alex (alexk9@me.com) if you're interested, and visit www.stmarymagdalenechoir.co.uk for further information.

Alex Knight, *Director of Music, St Mary Magdalene*

St Matthias

Early in 2018 we took delivery of a new Allen organ and also felt that the time was right to choose a new hymn book to replace the worn out and well used 'Hymns Ancient and Modern'. We wanted to ensure that the language used in our worship reflected the inclusive nature of our theology and welcome, and 'Common Praise' became our chosen



The new Allen organ at St Matthias Photo: James Nicholson

replacement. This has given us the perfect opportunity to learn some new hymns, both ancient as well as more contemporary, alongside our favourites. Our small but faithful choir support the worship and on several occasions we have been led by flute and piano too, most memorably using Taizé chants and responses during the intercessions.

Megan Vaughan-Jones, *Director of Music, St Matthias*

BELLRINGING AT ST MARY MAGDALENE

One significant highlight of 2018 was the Ringing Remembers campaign to commemorate the ending of the First World War and the 1400 bellringers who lost their lives in it. There was a national campaign to recruit new ringers for Remembrance Sunday and beyond. The eight bells at St Mary Magdalene were rung before the morning service on Remembrance Sunday, 'half muffled' as a sign of respect for the dead, and then at 12.30pm the ringers took part in a countrywide celebration of the peace. The muffles were taken off and the bells rang out the good news just as they did a century ago. The Richmond ringing team worked tirelessly to bring on new learners – it takes many months to learn to ring church bells – and we had five new ringers ringing the bells at noon on 11 November at St Mary Magdalene as part of the National Celebration. Ringing Remembers attracted press coverage nationally, and our own local coverage in the Richmond and Twickenham Times.

For the first time this year the ringers had a stall at the Christmas Fayre at St Matthias. Everyone pitched in to produce goods to sell, including members of the congregation at St Mary's, and we were delighted to be there – and that the aprons, biscuits, wonderful photographic cards, lavender bags and decorations, and hand-turned bell shaped keyrings proved good fundraisers for the ongoing maintenance of the bells at St Mary's.

After all the building work in the Church, the feeling of being cut off, and the dust inevitably invading, it was momentous when the gallery was again open and we saw the fantastic view of the wonderful space that is St Mary Magdalene today. We also welcomed the new wall-mounted heater.



Our new ringers plus many of the regular band outside the door of St Mary's, from left: Jackie Harrison, Donatella Astratti, Asher Kaboth, Geoffrey Ogier, Ingrid Damaerschalk, Martin Crick, Siobhan Alden, Amanda Adams, Ian McKenzie, Andrew Harvey, Kate Wallis, Sarah Percival
Photo: Ingrid Damaerschalk

The bells are the voice of the church outside its walls, and welcoming people to the church with bells on Sunday is the most important thing that we do. Despite absences and illness we have done that almost every week, and hope to continue – with our new recruits – for many years.

Sarah Percival

CAMEO



Cameo Group Photo: Revd Wilma Roest

CAMEO ("Come and Meet Each Other") has been running now for eleven years, meaning that any regular diner would have enjoyed over one hundred and twenty meals! No one has achieved this total but a loyal core of regulars would be in for a silver medal. Obviously, people come as and when they can, according to the commitments of every day life. So numbers can be low or - more often than not – a merry throng assembles to choose from an excellent menu headed "St Mary's", a touch which makes us feel particularly welcome.

The venue, La Buvette, could not be closer to the Church and is extremely convenient for Wednesday morning worshippers as we meet on the second Wednesday of each month (except for August) at 12 noon. Newcomers soon find themselves rapt in conversation with their neighbour. The whole event is very convivial and great thanks are due to Bruce and his team for looking after us so well.

**With thanks to all those who help in the following ways
and as part of the following groups**

**All those who serve on
Committees throughout
the Team**

Staff in the Parish Office

Our Safeguarding Officers

ST JOHN THE DIVINE:

Churchwardens

Mary Ricketts

Cedric Lee

Bell Ringer

Choir

Cleaning

Financial Administration

Flower Arrangers

Gardening

Hospitality (Coffee etc)

Intercessors

**Junior Church & others
working with children &
young people e.g. Eaglets,
ABC**

Sacristy/Servers

Readers

Welcomers

ST MARY MAGDALENE:

Churchwardens

Jackie Harrison

Ron Hill

Bell Ringers

Choir & Music

Financial Administration

Flower Arrangers

Hospitality (coffee etc)

Intercessors

**Junior Church Leaders and
others working with children &
young people**

**Lay Assistants and Laying on
of Hands**

Readers

Sacristans

Servers

Setting up at 8am on Sundays

**Setting up at 10am on
Wednesdays**

Welcomers

**Southwark Pastoral
Auxiliary**

ST MATTHIAS:

Churchwardens

Margaret Morrison

Judith Pearson

Choir

Clock Winding

Coffee Bar (weekdays)

**Coordinator of
Congregational Lunches**

Flower Arrangers

Financial Administration

Hospitality (coffee etc)

Intercessors

Lay Assistants

Messy Church

Readers

Sacristans

Servers

Welcomers

**Junior Church Leaders and
others working with
children & young people**