

ST MARY'S CHURCH, THAMES STREET, HAMPTON

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HARVEST 2019

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

• SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER •

9.30AM TRADITIONAL HARVEST FESTIVAL
AND HOLY COMMUNION

11AM FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

5PM HARVEST HOG ROAST



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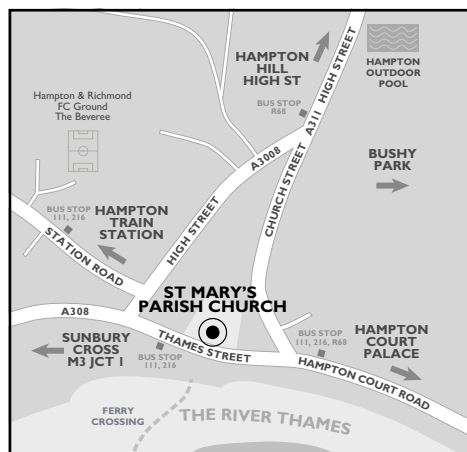
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HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

This year Harvest Festival is on
Sunday 6 October

So that there's room for everyone, we're having two services:
9.30am Traditional Harvest Festival & Holy Communion
11am Family Harvest Festival Service

we are also having **Toddler Harvest Praise** for babies, toddlers and their grown-ups at **10am** on **Wednesday 9 October**

Our Harvest food collection will be donated to Hampton Foodbank which is committed to providing food for families and individuals in the area who are struggling financially and therefore going hungry.

All of your Harvest offerings will be gratefully received by Hampton Foodbank, although this year it is specifically appealing for tins of meat, fish and vegetables, powdered milk, pasta sauces, tinned fruit, porridge and cereals, biscuits, long life fruit juice, tea, coffee and sugar.

The Foodbank also welcomes baby products such as disposable nappies, baby wipes, loo rolls, toiletries (especially toiletries for men) and pet food.

If you would like to know more about the Hampton Foodbank please visit: www.richmond.foodbank.org.uk

From the Registers

Baptisms

- 16 June Evia Eleanor Rose Blower
14 July Ted James Ingle
8 September Kaia Charlotte Joanna Watkiss

Admission to Holy Communion

- 14 July Jasmine Fowles, Karina Fowles
. Emily Lovell, Ella McLachlan
. Mia McLachlan, Beatrice Parish, Amy Razza
21 July Harrison Gurney, Rosie Gurney, Ruby Short Dean



Weddings

- 1 June Wesley John Brill to Mege Sebeikaite
2 August Erikas Jakstys to Georgia Nicole Elliott
7 September Alastair Daniel Peter Sykes Tomlinson to Bethany Anne Jamieson

Blessing of a Civil Marriage

- 13 July Robert Martin to Léonie Jill Wood

Funerals

- 21 May Lynne Catherine Evans, aged 69 years, of Sandown Court, Hampton Road,
. to South West Middlesex Crematorium
1 July Hassan Rezaee, aged 86 years, of High Street, to Teddington Cemetery
16 July David White Hannah, aged 62 years, of Egham, to South West Middlesex Crematorium
28 August Ravi Kumar Sood, aged 80 years, of High Street, to South West Middlesex Crematorium
30 August Raymond Henry Frank Wait, aged 87 years, of Park Close, to St Mary's Church,
. then to South West Middlesex Crematorium
10 September William Mackenzie MacKay, aged 89 years, of Nightingale Road, to Teddington Cemetery

Interment of Ashes

- 13 June Irene Muriel Baker
11 July Reginald Charles Fordham

SERVICE TIMES AT ST MARY'S

SUNDAYS

- 9.30am Holy Communion
A choral service with traditional hymns
11am Sunday Praise
A family friendly contemporary service with youth and children's groups and crèche
6.30pm Prayer Book Evensong
A gentle, traditional service

WEEKDAYS

- 6.20am Start the Week Prayers (Monday)
9am Morning Prayer (Monday – Thursday)
11.30am Holy Communion (Wednesday)
10am First Steps Toddler Praise (Wednesday)
A service for pre-school children with craft, games and refreshments.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



Everything is connected.

Nearly every day I carry around a device that connects me to almost the whole wealth of human knowledge. The technology in my phone allows me to look up nearly every fact I want, contact anyone I know, and purchase anything I want (that I can afford!). The implications of this on our societal framework have not yet been fully understood or explored.

We live in an age of infinite connection. I have family and friends across the world that I am in contact with regularly. I receive photographs of the most mundane aspects of life from the other side of the world. I interact with experts and heroes of mine on social media. I joke and share my burdens with people I've never met.

I am part, although on the older end of the spectrum, of a generation of people popularly called millennials. Those who grew up as the information age came to fruition. People whose whole lives have been shaped by digital communications and information gathering. Those who never have known adult life without the internet being a significant presence.

There is a growing movement within those of my generation who know that this is not enough. In a connected society we have loneliness soaring. Where we share everything but we feel more distant. The problem is not in the technology or process of sharing but in believing that digital connection is sufficient for us to feel part of a community. 'Connectedness', if that is even a word, has to be more than just pictures or words shared but needs to be part of a more vibrant engagement with those around us.

HARVEST CONNECTIONS

This is part of the message of harvest festival. That we are a connected people. We do not live as self sufficient islands communicating solely through data,

but our food supplies are dependent on the community around us. We flourish when we speak, engage and hang out with those who are friends, strangers, neighbours and those we can learn from.

One of the things that strikes me as I read the Gospels is that Jesus is never content to just sit and teach. He seems to be constantly on the move; engaging and connecting with people. Eating and telling stories with friends, disciples and even enemies. He could have been a wise teacher on a hillside but instead he walks, weeps and calls people to spend time with him.

It is not just about sharing information, whether that be whimsical pictures or serious news; life is about a deeper connection. The digital interactions are, in the most part, good and healthy, and help us to be better people but they do not substitute for living in community, hearing the laughter of a colleague or sharing a meal with a friend.

A SOCIAL COMMUNITY

As a church we are part of the wider village life in Hampton. When we baptized people in the river the RNLI and the sailing club were wonderful in helping make it possible. At our Harvest Hog Roast Shaun the Butcher and the Jolly Coopers help make the event possible. You'll find us alongside the community at the amazing events throughout the year.

This carries through into what we do as a church. If you come along on a Sunday we spend almost as much time sharing coffee and chatting as we do in our service. On the Alpha Course you get to know people through sharing food and discussion. The life we share in the faith community is not just an intellectual ascent to some truths but a shared and lived out life of discipleship. It is a sharing of the real life we all have, in a real way.





HARVEST FESTIVAL

For Babies, Toddlers and Pre-Schoolers

HARVEST STORIES, CRAFTS, SNACKS AND SONGS

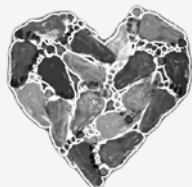
10AM WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2019

St Mary's Church, Thames Street, Hampton

Contact Laura Woodhead for further details

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FIRST STEPS BABY & TODDLER PRAISE

An opportunity for babies, toddlers and their grown-ups to get together for singing, stories, crafts and Jesus.

Every Wednesday during term time at 10am.

St Mary's Church, Thames Street,
Hampton TW12 2EB

Contact Laura Woodhead for further details:
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BIBLE STORIES SINGING
CRAFT & JESUS



OASIS FOR BABIES, TODDLERS & THEIR GROWN-UPS

A safe space for your little ones to play while you relax, have a cup of tea and make friends.

Our weekly activities include craft, singing and story-telling. If your baby is still too young to join in with some of these activities then we have baby mats so your baby can still enjoy watching the older toddlers play.

We are here every Monday during term time, 1.30–3pm

St Mary's Community Hall,
Church St, Hampton TW12 2EB

Contact Laura Woodhead for details:
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TOYS CRAFT STORY SONGS
COFFEE CHAT FRIENDSHIP

cosmos

FOR CHILDREN OF JUNIOR SCHOOL AGE

COSMOS meets in the hall during our 11am service for activity, craft and fun.

We meet on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month during our 11am service.

We come back in time for a blessing in the service.

Sponsored by...
 St Mary's Hampton
 TREDINNICK & BOWER
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ST MARY'S SCHOOL

Autumn Fair

Café & cakes, rock painting, raffle, tombola, obstacle course, Heena's kitchen curry, mega slide, nerf gun alley, toys & books, BBQ, face painting and much more!

Singing by St Mary's School choir

Saturday 5th October
 11.30 - 2.30pm
 'Fun for all the family'

OLDFIELD ROAD, HAMPTON, TW12 2HP

Mini cosmos

FOR INFANTS 3 TO 7 YEARS

Mini-COSMOS begins in the church service and then the children leave for their own activities in the church hall.

We meet on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month during our 11am service.

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A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN

LIGHT PARTY

THURSDAY
 31ST OCTOBER
 5.30-7.30PM
 ST MARY'S COMMUNITY HALL

FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
FREE ENTRY
 COME DRESSED IN YOUR BRIGHTEST CLOTHES!
 (NO SCARY COSTUMES PLEASE)

JOIN US FOR GAMES, CRAFTS, SONGS, STORY, FOOD

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TRAVEL PASS FOR
BACKPACKERS
 HOLIDAY CLUB

BACKPACKERS

WHERE DID YOU TRAVEL TO THIS SUMMER?

The children at Backpackers Holiday Club explored France, Italy, Switzerland and the UK, all from our very own community hall!

Each day of the Holiday Club took us to a different country, where we learnt some of the language, tasted the food and learnt about the sights. Pizza making on the day we 'visited' Italy was a particular favourite among the children!

Through crafts, stories, video clips, games, songs and activities we explored Jesus' last week on earth. We followed Jesus from his entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, all the way to him dying on a cross and on Friday, we celebrated the greatest news of all, that Jesus rose again from the dead!

Look out for details of next year's holiday club and come and join in the fun!



The children decorated their own passports, ready to go on their travels around Europe.



Some of the leaders taught us a song about Switzerland!



Tasting brioche on the day we visited France.



Another favourite – the cookie challenge!



Flags for our return to England on the last day.

News from MTV Youth

Written by Nick Neilan

On Friday 12 July, we were joined by 153 people to mark 8 successful years of MTV Youth and the official opening of our 'new' venue – The Bungalow. It was a lovely, uplifting event to be involved with and great to see so many people come together to celebrate the achievements of our young people and the club. That we were joined by several of our original club members, along with PCSO Marek Regan and the Reverend David Lloyd, who were both pivotal in setting up the club in 2011, made it extra special.

It was also our Annual Awards night and we were very grateful to Gareth Roberts, Leader of the Council, and Sir Vince Cable MP who both presented the young people with their awards. It was particularly pleasing to hear Sir Vince speak about the impact of the youth club from his own perspective as a local MP.

Anti-social behaviour by youth in the area had been one of the biggest community concerns in his whole time as an MP, and he confirmed how he used to be bombarded by complaints about it from local residents – that is until MTV Youth opened its doors in 2011. Since then the amount of complaints he receives about anti-social behaviour in our area has markedly dropped and he paid tribute to the club and all the volunteers and staff involved in this 'source of hope', which has made such a positive difference to the local community.

The night also signalled the official start of our fundraising campaign to buy The Bungalow in order to guarantee the long-term future of MTV Youth and make the site a wonderful hub for the local community to come and use. We believe that this is just the start of something great and we would really welcome your support in making this vision become a reality.



Meanwhile a new academic year has already started, and it was great to have 45 young people come and get involved at our first club of term on Friday 13 September.

We would love to welcome more new members so if you are aged 8–14 years old and would like to see the club in action then please come and join us. We run on Friday nights from 7pm–8.30pm at The Bungalow, St Mary's School, Oldfield Road, Hampton TW12 2HP.

Each week we offer a variety of crafts, cooking and games (e.g. air hockey, table football, pool, board games etc) together with outdoor fitness, football and other sports on the floodlit courts. Young people are free to choose what they want to do throughout the evening.

The club is supported by professional youth workers and DBS checked and trained volunteers. Entrance costs £1 and we offer free squash, sandwiches and fruit, together with a tuck shop.

To attend, parents need to complete the consent form found on www.mtvhampton.org.uk/consent. Young people can then come on any Friday that they are free. There are also opportunities to join our Junior Council, become a Young Leader (13+) and to be nominated for a Jack Petchey Award (11+).

We can also offer a limited number of placements for the Duke of Edinburgh Award service section.

For more information please contact us at info@mtvhampton.org.uk

Autumn term dates: 13 September – 13 December (not including half term on 1 November)



Begin your Alpha journey at St Mary's

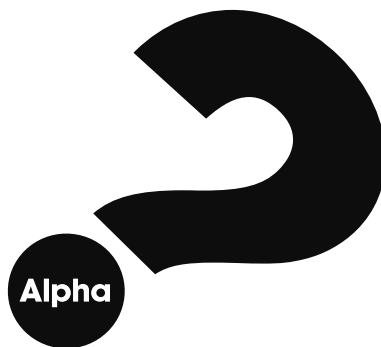
Over the past year you may have spotted a huge red banner on the metal railings of St Mary's Church on Thames Street. It has been particularly visible when you're sitting on the top deck of the 111 bus. Emblazoned across the red banner are the words 'Alpha Runs Here' and a large question mark. In case you have ever wondered what on earth this is talking about, all will now be revealed and you will be invited to join in!

Alpha is a free course lasting eight weeks which explores the Christian faith in an open, friendly, and non-judgemental context. People of all backgrounds and beliefs are welcome to come to explore and discuss the big questions of life – hence the large question mark on the banner. Each Alpha session includes enjoying food together, followed by a stimulating video, then discussion in a small group over coffee.

Over the next few months we will be running two Alpha courses in Hampton.

There will be an evening Alpha on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm at St Mary's Church on Thames Street starting on Wednesday 9 October. There will also be an afternoon Alpha on Sunday afternoons from 4pm on the St Mary's Hampton School site in Oldfield Road starting on Sunday 13 October. The Sunday afternoon Alpha will also have children's and youth work available, so you are welcome to bring your kids along to join in with some fun activities.

If you would like to take part in the next Alpha courses, either on Wednesday evenings or on Sunday afternoons, please sign up on www.hampton-church.org.uk/alpha



LIVING WITH BACK PAIN

10AM–12PM SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2019

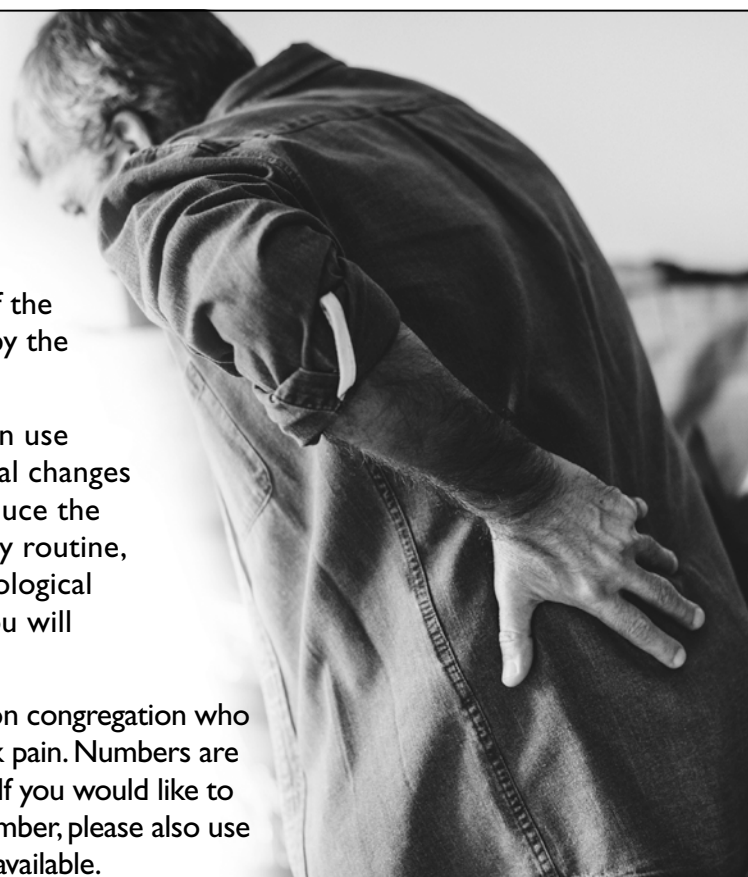
'The Bungalow' (next to St Mary's Hampton School), Oldfield Road, Hampton TW12 2HP

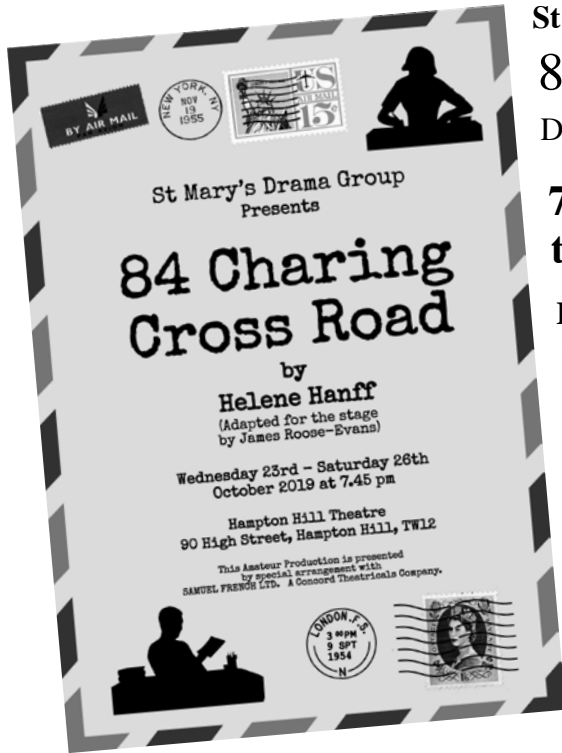
Back Pain affects about one-third of the adult population of the UK and can leave people feeling depressed and frustrated by the ways it limits their activities.

This free two hour session will focus on strategies you can use to live positively with back pain. It will think about practical changes you can make to everyday activities which can help to reduce the impact of back pain on your life, including pacing your daily routine, posture/ergonomics, good movement patterns, and psychological strategies. We will also look at the role of exercise and you will leave with some simple stretches and exercises to try.

The morning is run by two members of the St Mary's Hampton congregation who have many years experience of working with people with back pain. Numbers are kept deliberately low, so we will run a waiting list if necessary. If you would like to attend a future session, but are unable to make it on 23 November, please also use the link below and we will contact you when other dates are available.

To express an interest or to sign up for the 'Living with Back Pain' morning on 23 November 2019, please go to the sign up page of the St Mary's Hampton website: www.hampton-church.org.uk/backpain





St Mary's Drama Group Presents...

84 Charing Cross Road

Directed by Bob Dilley

**7.45pm Wednesday 23
to Saturday 26 October 2019**

**Hampton Hill Theatre
90 High Street, Hampton Hill, TW12 1NZ**

In 1949, Helene Hanff, a struggling American writer started a correspondence with a firm of British antiquarian booksellers that was to last for twenty years. The warm, compassionate and very human exchange of letters, mainly with Frank Doel, the bookshop manager, was published as a book and then adapted for the stage by James Roose-Evans. The play was a West End hit in the 1980s, and then made into a film starring Anne Bancroft and Anthony Hopkins.

'An evening of enchantment and charm the like of which is rarely encountered in the theatre' *What's On in London*.



Tickets are priced £14 for all performances. Here's how to book:

By Post: Please write down your specific ticket requirements and post them, together with your cheque and a stamped self-addressed envelope, to SMDG, c/o 14 Westbrook Avenue, Hampton, TW12 2RE. If no s.a.e. is enclosed with the order, your tickets will be held for collection at the theatre on the night of the performance.

By Phone: Call 020 8941 1267 (answerphone if no reply).

Online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/smdg-hampton (booking fee included).

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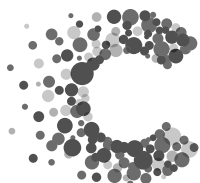
12 OCTOBER 2019 7.30PM
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KINGSTON UPON THAMES

Dreaming of a whole new world?

Journey through Rhapsodies and
Reveries with music by Brahms,
Popper, Piazzolla & Ravel

Cello – Amy Gould, **Piano** – David Harrod

Tickets £12 or £15 on the door
E-mail: amycgould@outlook.com
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The Friends of St Mary's help care
for the upkeep of the building by
fund-raising and social events.

Discretionary annual subscription fee

All welcome

Contact: Nigel Francis

020 8941 1467

Walking the Camino

Written by Hilary Hart

On 1 July I set off on a new challenge, to walk the last 115km of the Camino Way to Santiago de Compostela, in Galicia in Northern Spain.

Apart from the challenge and achievement of walking so far, I think there were other reasons for going. A pilgrimage is a special type of journey usually in search of moral or spiritual significance. The pilgrims of old walked the Camino to visit the shrine containing the bones of St James in the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela. That was not the reason I went, as shrines do not speak to me in any way. However, walking with a group of Christians, through beautiful countryside, singing and praying together, and appreciating the beauty of God's creation definitely did speak to me.

There were twenty-two pilgrims, including a spiritual leader, Simon, a vicar from Bournemouth plus a Spanish guide, called Anton. We were quite a mixed bag, mainly over sixty and from different denominations and different styles of worship. However, we had one thing in common: we all love our Lord.

Having flown out from Gatwick leaving at 5.50 am, we arrived at our first hotel, in Sarria, just before lunch. This gave us time to explore the town and find some refreshments. Outside our hotel we saw our first Camino marker, which showed us that we were 115km from Santiago.

I was asked frequently if I had prepared in any way to take on the walking challenge. I do plenty of walking and the individual distances, up to 18 miles in a day, did not worry me. What did was repeating the walks on consecutive days – would my feet cope or my legs? I tried to be prepared with plenty of blister plasters and anti-inflammatories.

Each morning we met at 8 am for morning prayers before setting off whilst it was still cool.

Most of the walking was through oak and eucalyptus forests and small villages. Galicia has a mainly agricultural economy and is one of the least affluent parts of Spain but it is beautiful.

The symbol of the Camino is a scallop shell which is on the markers on the way. Anton, our guide, became known very quickly as Anton of the undulations.

He never spoke of steep hills or climbs, just of undulations, and the Camino has plenty of these. Most of the trail goes through wooded

areas and there are plenty of 'watering holes' along the way where drinks and snacks could be bought and our passports stamped. The idea of the Camino passport, is to show you have walked the trail by collecting stamps along the way. All the hotels and bars offer stamps and so do the churches and chapels that we passed.

We were aiming for Portomarin for our second night's stay. This turned out to be a beautiful and quite amazing place. The original town in the valley was flooded when a dam was built, but before that happened the church was moved brick by brick to its new site at the top of the hill. Our first view of the lake was breath-taking, and we had to scramble down a narrow gorge to reach the bridge over the lake. There was an alternative easier route! The only problem then, was that at the end of a 15 mile walk, we had to walk up a long staircase and then along cobbled roads to reach our hotel – not so good when your feet have walked 14 miles. We were rewarded, with a quick dip in the hotel's swimming pool before going to a communion service in the rebuilt church.

Day 2 took us back over the flooded valley and up hill and down vale – plenty of undulations. We stopped at a small chapel, Ventas Maron, where our passports were stamped by a very elderly blind gentleman, who seemed to be able to communicate with everyone, whatever language they spoke. We visited an ancient hill fort, very high up with superb views across the valleys. We stopped by a roadside cross which had the crucified Jesus on one side and the Virgin of Pain on the other. We sang 'Be still for the presence of the Lord' and read an account of the Transfiguration – with the wonder of God's creation around us, it was a very special moment. Eventually after 15 miles, a downhill walk took us to our next stop at Palais de Rei. This time the entrance to the hotel was only about 50 metres from the trail.



Day 3 was the longest walk, just over 18 miles. Early on we visited the church of St Daniel for a moment of quiet and to get our passports stamped. We then got held up in a cattle jam, a herd of friendly cows was sharing the trail. Lunch was in the town of Melide, still on the trail where we visited a famous octopus restaurant. We were able to see the live octopuses before they were boiled and then served hot to us –delicious. The final 15km from Melide were tough, two steep climbs followed by long descents. We stopped to buy fresh raspberries from a local farmer. Thunder was rumbling in the area so we hurried as much as tired legs would let us, to our hotel, arriving just before the rain. Now, over halfway to our destination, it was good to see the distance decreasing as we passed the milestones.

Day 4 was quite an eventful one as one lady fell and had to go off to hospital to be checked out. Apart from some good bruises she was fine. The walk was another 18 miles but not so hilly and mainly through eucalyptus forests and small sleepy villages. We had another cow jam, but this time it was at a drink stop. The final part of the walk brought us uphill to walk round the perimeter of the airport and then to our hotel at Lavacolla. Originally, pilgrims used to wash themselves in the river here so they were presentable for their arrival in Santiago.

After dinner we witnessed an amazing sunset, with the sky changing colour over several minutes. Luckily I was able to take photos of it for posterity.

So Santiago was only a morning's walk away. With only 7 miles to walk, we were allowed a later start at



about 9 am. We followed the Lavacolla River until we reached Monte del Gozo, the Hill of Joy, where medieval pilgrims first saw the spires of the cathedral at Santiago – a very welcome site. Pope John Paul visited here and there is a large monument built to commemorate the visit. There is also a wonderful statue of two pilgrims pointing the way to Santiago.

From there we descended into the valley before climbing steadily through the old town until we eventually reached the cathedral square and journey's end. Quite an emotional arrival and many photos were taken – we made it, still in one piece and not a blister to be seen.

It was an amazing experience. An opportunity for lots of discussion with fellow Christians, quiet time to pray and to feel really close to God. Amazingly, I would do it again!



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

10 November 2019 10.50am
St Mary's Church, Hampton

*Two minutes' silence
will be observed at 11am*

1939-2019
80 YEARS



BELL RINGING AT ST MARY'S

If you live near St Mary's you will have heard the church bells calling parishioners to the Sunday 9:30 service. This old tradition of change ringing is a speciality of the UK and there are over 5000 towers with bells hung for ringing. Whilst the bells in different towers vary in number and weight, the principle of ringing is the same everywhere and once you have learnt to ring, you can practise the art in any location where there is a band of ringers.

We have a renewed bell ringing activity at St Mary's with a regular practice night on Wednesdays from 8pm to 9pm. We would welcome new ringers to our band, no previous experience is necessary. We are now training complete beginners, any age from about 12 upwards. It is not a strenuous activity – just a normal level of physical fitness is required.

Our eight bells are original to the present church building and will soon be 200 years old. As part of our ringing development we are working towards an overhaul of the bell mechanisms and a refurbishment of the ringing chamber. This is a substantial project and we will be embarking on fundraising soon, more to follow in future editions of The Parish Link. In the meantime, if you are interested in joining us as a ringer or just want to learn more about the bells and ringing, please get in touch.

JONATHAN WILLIAMS, Ringing Master
ALISON WARD, Tower Captain

For anyone who would like to combine
pleasant physical and mental exercise.

WEDNESDAY 8pm PRACTICE

JONATHAN WILLIAMS, Ringing Master
jonathan.williams@hampton-church.org.uk

St Mary's Parish Church, Hampton

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday
30 November
11am - 1pm

Entrance
FREE
ENTRY

St Mary's Church
Community Hall
Church Street, Hampton

A festive Christmas-themed graphic with decorative flourishes, stars, and hanging Christmas ornaments.



Sketch of St Mary's Churchyard by John Watson

Urban Sketchers come to Hampton

Nicky Browne and a small group of local artists were thrilled to be able to draw in St Mary's on 15 August.

Nicky organises a Drawing Week every year under the name of the Fountain Gallery in Hampton Court Village. This year's theme was All the Saints and they drew in St Andrew's, Ham, plus the St Mary's of Hampton,

Teddington, Richmond and Twickenham. The one really impossibly rainy day was the day when they were able to draw inside in Richmond. The Hampton day was fine and warm and some chose to draw both inside and out.

The days are open to anyone who wants to sketch, draw or paint in supportive company. The day is free and people provide their own materials. Next year the week will start on 10 August, although the theme has not yet been decided. **Email Nicky at nicky.browne@btinternet.com** if you are interested in joining in the fun. It is run along the lines of Urban Sketchers - look them up on the internet. The group is informal and meets up once a month around London. Around 60 people turn up and no booking is needed. The aim is to encourage everyone of all levels or experience and skill to draw (or paint) in a setting where they are supportive of each other.

Urban Sketchers have recently been to Walthamstow, Dulwich, Twickenham, Chiswick House and Hendon RAF Museum. Nicky is organising a day in December at The Natural History Museum.

The Drawing Week's subject last year was The Greens of Richmond – Twickenham, Richmond, Kew Ham and Barnes. The previous year had venues along the river. That last day was based at the Records Office in Kew, so that there were toilets and a cafe available – important! The day progressively threatened thunderstorms. Nicky and her granddaughter sat under the Underground Rail Bridge when the heavens opened. They felt very smug at finding a dry spot, while others were trying hard under umbrellas! Great!

The Rail Bridge was opened in 1869 and has wooden slats under the rails. An underground train clattered overhead as they scribbled. Suddenly what seemed like a large bath full of dirty water sloshed all over them... and their work... eradicating it completely. The only thing they could do was laugh!



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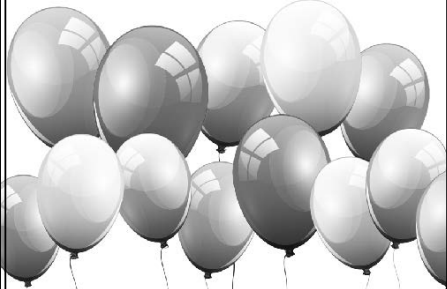
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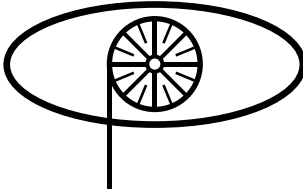
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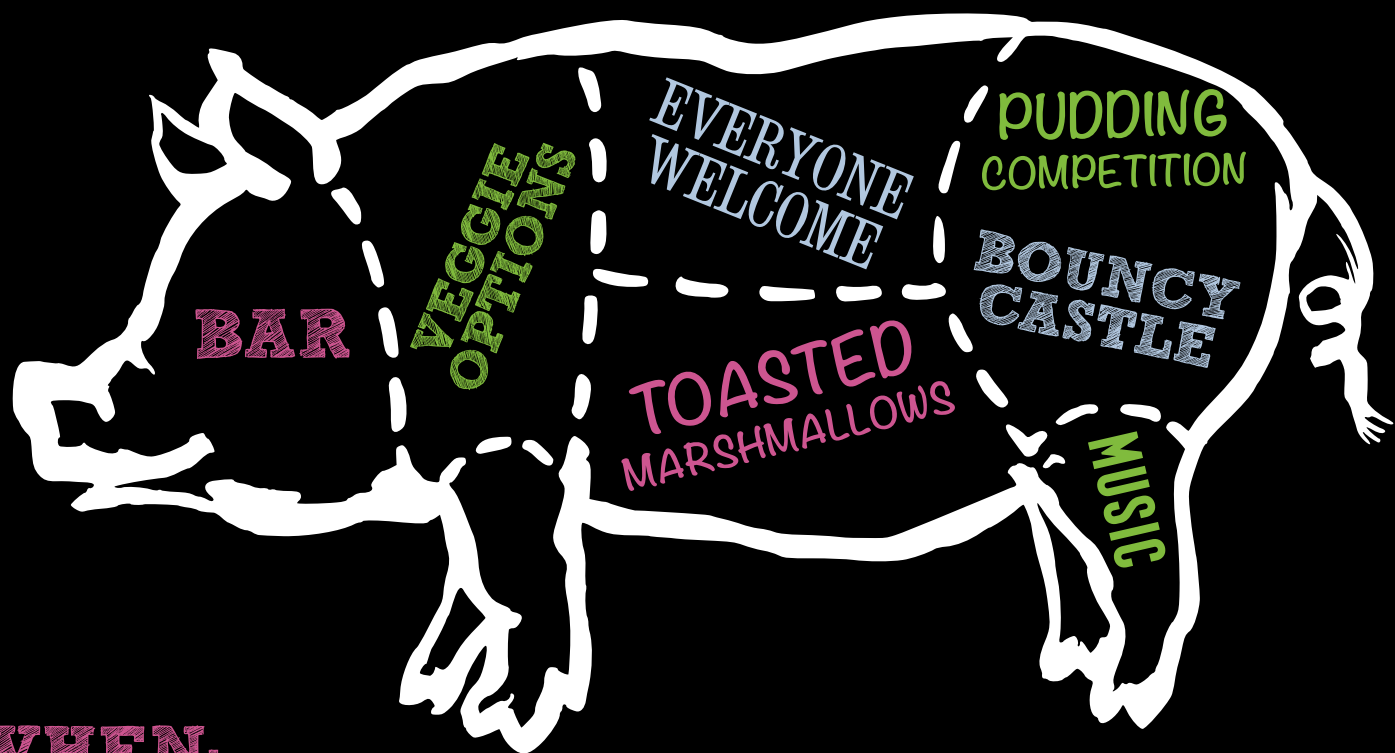
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