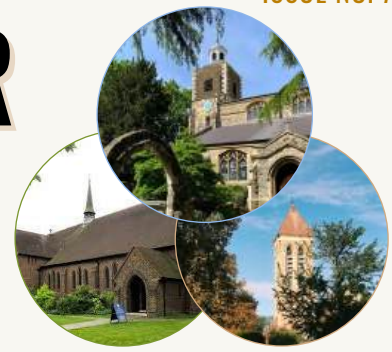
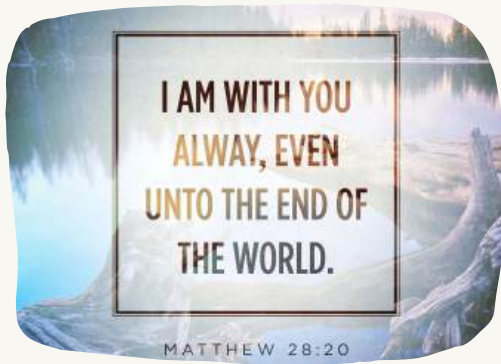


# PARISH NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Mortlake with Christ Church & All Saints East Sheen



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Rev'd Dr Sylvie Collins-Mayo, Assistant Curate

Training to be a priest is a lengthy process: two to three years at theological college as an 'ordinand' studying for a theological degree, then three to four years as a curate in a parish under the watchful eye of the vicar, where all the learning from college gets put into practice.

Only after curates have demonstrated competency in the parish can they be signed off and, as it were, drop the 'L-plates.' And so it is that after nearly four years in this parish as curate to All Saints, East Sheen, I've come to the end of my training, and will be leaving to take up a position as assistant priest at All Saints, Kingston. Whilst I look forward to the new opportunities which lie ahead, I will be sad to leave East Sheen. I could not have wished for a better training parish or a happier curacy.

It has been a great privilege to share in the lives of people here and to worship with the community week-by-week. This is where I learnt to celebrate Holy Communion; where I took my first wedding, baptism, and funeral, where I learnt the rhythms of daily prayer, and enjoyed the seasons of the liturgical year with the church beautifully decorated with flowers, especially on high days and holidays.

This is also where I discovered that the whole of the Christmas story could be told through chocolate, that jigsaw puzzling at the 'Holiday at Home' week is a fun but serious business, and that the excellent choirs in each of our three parish churches are very patient with a curate who doesn't always hit the right note!

Most of all, this is where I've found people who have patterned their lives on faith in Jesus Christ, sharing His love, offering their prayers, and building a life-giving, welcoming community that is open to all.

If theological college lays the foundation of priesthood, it is the parish which forms the priest. How blessed I've been. Endings after happy times can be bitter-sweet. The anticipation of new adventures sits alongside the sadness of leaving friends behind. I'm reminded of the Bible story when Jesus met with the disciples for the last time after the first Easter. The disciples were joyful that Jesus had defeated death. No doubt they wanted to spend many years with him in person, hearing more of his teaching, observing more of his miracles. But they had come to the end of their training.

Jesus sent them out to share the good news of God's love for all people, which they had learnt through his life and work.

Jesus' last words to the disciples were, "remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt 28:20, NRSV).

Like the disciples, I go to share the good news in another place and will have Jesus with me in Spirit, but I will also have this parish and its people with me too in my training and memories of my time here.

I offer my great thanks to Fr Alex Barrow, my training vicar at All Saints, and to the other parish clergy, and the congregations of All Saints, St Mary's and Christ Church for helping me to develop into the priest I have become. I have had a wonderful four years.

- Sylvie.



## ASH WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTS

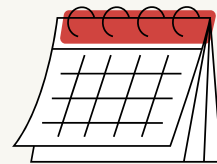
**St Mary's** 8pm with imposition of ashes

**Christ Church** 10:30am with imposition of ashes  
8pm with imposition of ashes

**All Saints** 8pm with imposition of ashes  
Ave Verum, Byrd

# PARISH DIARY

*Save the date*



Venues for events are listed: **SM** - St Mary's, **CC** - Christ Church, **AS** - All Saints, **CCCH** - Community Hall

Whether or not you attend church you are welcome to join in these community events either as a guest or a volunteer.

## Licensing of Revd Ayoob Adwar

Wed 26th March 7.30pm **SM**

*The Bishop of Southwark, Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, will license the new Team Vicar in St Mary's at an Eucharist celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation, sung by the parish joint choirs; the preacher will be the Venerable John Kiddle, Archdeacon of Wandsworth.*

*Followed by refreshments. All welcome!*



## Lunchtimes in Lent - preparing for Easter

Wed 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March 1pm **CCCH**

*Please sign up to join this lent course exploring The Nicene Creed which celebrates 1700 years of usage in the Christian Church 325-2025. Light lunch provided. Donations to Bishop's Lent Appeal.*

## Climate Change Workshop

Sat 15th March 10:30-12:30pm **CC**

*Plus exhibition 'Letters from the Global South'.*



## Choral Evensong

Sun 16th March 5am **CC**

*Each third Sunday of the month, choral evensong is sung at Christ Church. This service will be sung by the choir; the officiant will be the Revd Claire Whitmore, Asst curate St Anne's Wandsworth and the preacher will be the Team Rector.*

## Sung Compline, Wednesdays in Lent

Wed 12th, 19th March & 2nd, 9th April 7.30pm **CC**

*All are welcome to spend 20mins in quiet and reflection, following this ancient night prayer. Candlelight, plainsong and stillness - a quiet night and a perfect end.*

## Lent Quiet Day

Fri 21st March 9.15am-1.30pm **CC**

*All welcome to spend some time in quiet prayer and reflection this Lent. Coffee and tea provided; bring a packed lunch if you wish.*

## Feast of Annunciation

Tues 25th March 7.30pm **AS**

*A said Eucharist.*



## Community Ventures Lunch

Thurs 27th March 12.30pm **AS**

*Parish bring-and-share-lunch.*



## Mothering Sunday across the Parish

Sun 30th March 10am **SM CC AS**

*Join St Mary's, Christ Church or All Saints for traditional services of Mothering Sunday, including posies for all and activities for children. Messy Church at Christ Church.*



## Lent Lunches

various throughout Lent - **SM CC AS**

*Please see church notices for Lent Lunches across the parish.*

**MU Lent Lunch at St Mary's**  
*The Mothers' Union Lent Lunch.*

Sat 8 March 12.30 - 2.00pm **SM**



**Boat Race Teas**

Palm Sunday 13th April **SM**

*Teas, cakes and refreshments at St Mary's and the finish-line of the famous Oxford & Cambridge Boat Race. (Women's Race starts at 13.21 Men's Race starts at 14.21).*



**All Saints choir at Westminster Abbey**

Easter Mon 21st April 5pm

*Do come and support the All Saints choir as they sing Choral Evensong at Westminster Abbey!*



**APCM**

Mon 19th May 8pm **SM**

*All the parish is welcome & encouraged to attend this annual meeting, The APCM is then followed by a PCC meeting for elected members.*



**FiSH - Sheen Open Gardens**

Sun 1st June from 1pm

*Once again pray for sunshine as FiSH neighbourhood care hosts Sheen Open Gardens. Teas as usual at All Saints & Christ Church.*

*This is the same day as the Parish Patronal Service at Christ Church and the parish will be celebrating with a floral flourish. The Sung Eucharist will take place at 10am, and we welcome Revd Lyndon Webb associate chaplain at Merton College, Oxford as preacher. Revd Webb has a particular focus on ecology, conservation and the relationship between gardening and mental health. Save the date!*



**St Mary's Churchyard Garden Party**

Sun 29th June 3pm-5pm **SM**

*A summer celebration with homemade cakes, teas, music - and sunshine!*



**Holiday at Home 2025**

Mon 28th July - 1st Aug **AS**

*All aboard for the annual parish holiday at home! This year's theme is 'On the Railway': Guests and volunteers - save the date, dust off your Bradshaw's Guide and get ready to embark on a transport of delight!*



**50 years of the Team Ministry Thanksgiving Service**

Sun 5th Oct 3.30pm **CC**

*All welcome to attend this service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life of the parish and half a century of the Team Ministry. Save the date for our Golden Anniversary!*



**Mortlake, the Mouse is away for this issue, he will be back...!**

# NEW TEAM VICAR

Revd Ayooob Adwar

joins the team ministry with special responsibility for St Mary's Mortlake.

His licensing is at St Mary's 26th March 7.30pm



Revd Ayooob Adwar hails from the ancient Chaldean Church in Iraq. He was baptised and grew up in a Christian family. He joined the Chaldean Catholic monastic order of pontifical right. He trained for ministry in Babel College in Baghdad, which is affiliated to the Pontifical Urban University in Rome. He also studied at Al-Mustansiriya University in Baghdad and he gained his bachelor's degree in Social Anthropology.

In 2008, he was ordained a deacon and priest in the Chaldean Diocese of Alqosh in Nineveh. Later he travelled to Italy, to study for a master's degree in Social Pedagogy at the Salesian Pontifical University in Rome. He emigrated to Canada when ISIS took over the city of Mosul-Nineveh in 2014. He declared that he wanted to test his vocation as an Anglican priest. He went through the process of discernment including taking courses at VST and training in the Diocese of New Westminster to develop his Anglican formation.

In 2017, Archbishop Melissa Skelton recognised Ayooob's priesthood and welcomed him into the Diocese of New Westminster and the Anglican Church of Canada. He served his curacy at St Stephen's Anglican Church in West Vancouver. Later he worked as Priest in Charge for the Parish of St Timothy in Burnaby and St Hilda's Church in Sechelt. He gained the Overseas PTO through the Diocese of London, Willesden Area. He worshipped at Christ the Saviour Church in Ealing Broadway.

All are welcome to join in the celebrations on 26th March as Bishop Christopher, keeping the Feast of the Annunciation, will license Ayooob as Team Vicar with special responsibility for St Mary's.

# 50 YEARS OF THE TEAM MINISTRY

2025 marks half a century since the parish became a team ministry



By a pastoral scheme made by the Church Commissioners on 19th December 1975 provision was made for the establishment of a team ministry for the area of the Benefice of Mortlake with East Sheen. This was an important developmental step in the long history of the church in Mortlake and East Sheen. The original St Mary's Church was built in 1348, the second in 1543, followed by Christ Church in 1863 and then All Saints in 1929. There was also *the tin tabernacle*, St Andrew's on Clifford Avenue which was demolished in the 1970s.

Christian witness in the area has been, and is, a constant and always developing reality. To mark the 50 years of joint ministry we would like to celebrate everyone who is part of this beautiful parish, whether living, working, being educated or worshipping here, in a service of thanksgiving and celebration which will take place on **Sunday 5th October at 3.30pm at Christ Church.**

If you would like to share any memories, photos, reflections of the time from 1975 - 2025 please do email or contact the Parish Office.

*(St Mary's will have hosted the parish in September for their patronal, and All Saints will be preparing to host us in November).*

## THE BOAT RACE - 195 YEARS

195 years and counting. Sunday 13th April.



Join in the fun 13th April (Palm Sunday)

Women's Race starts at 13.21

Men's Race starts at 14.21

Fill up with Boat Race Teas at St Mary's before!!





## HOLY WEEK & PASCHAL TRIDUUM

### PARISH JOINT WORSHIP

**Palm Sunday** - Sunday 13th April

Liturgy of the Palms, an ecumenical service with donkey, at the Cross Roads 9.30am (followed by services at each church)

**Holy Week Parish evening worship at St Mary's** 8pm

Holy Mon 14th, Holy Tues 15th, Holy Wed 16th April (Lifts available for those who need, please contact the parish office, a warden or member of the clergy).

### ST MARY'S

#### Maundy Thursday

Sung Eucharist, washing of feet, stripping the altar 8pm

#### Good Friday

Children's service 10am

Good Friday liturgy for 3 hours 12noon

### CHRIST CHURCH

#### Maundy Thursday

Sung Eucharist, washing of feet, stripping the altar 8pm

#### Good Friday

Good Friday liturgy 12noon

Sacred Space 1pm

Stainer's Crucifixion 2pm

(sung by Christ Church & St Paul's Grove Park choir)

### ALL SAINTS

#### Maundy Thursday

Choral Eucharist, washing of feet 8pm

(music includes Miserere Allegri)

followed by The Watch/Vigil.

#### Good Friday

Liturgy of Good Friday & Veneration of the Cross 10am

(music includes Crucifixus by Lotti)

Stations of the Cross 2.30pm

#### Holy Saturday

Parish Easter Vigil, lighting the Easter fire 8.30pm

## EASTER SUNDAY ACROSS THE PARISH

### ST MARY'S

#### Easter Day

Parish Dawn Service, starting at the fire 6am

Sung Eucharist

for All Ages 10am

Easter Egg Hunt for children

### CHRIST CHURCH

#### EASTER DAY

BCP Holy Communion 8am

Sung Eucharist & baptism by full immersion 10am

Easter Egg Hunt for children

### ALL SAINTS

#### Easter Day

BCP Holy Communion 8am

Easter Sunday Sung Eucharist 10am

Easter Egg Hunt for children



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## ELECTORAL ROLL RENEWAL: 2025

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The Church of England requires each parish to compile a brand new Electoral Roll every six years. 2025 is a 'full renewal year' and we must create a new Roll from scratch by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in May.

No names will be carried over from the old Roll and so everyone eligible must apply to be included on the new one.

Being on the Electoral Roll (which is not the same as the Congregational List) allows you to vote in the elections to the PCC and Deanery Synod at the APCM. Registration forms are available from the back of church, along with a box for completed forms.

The new Roll will close on Sunday, 11th May, and reopen after the APCM on Monday, 19th May.

Further information from

Greg Kyle, the Parish Electoral Roll Officer –  
office@mortlakeparish.org.uk

# GREETINGS FROM OUR LINK PARISH



St Mary, Famona, Matabeleland Diocese  
Zimbabwe

The Diocese of Southwark has active links with Dioceses in three countries: four of the Anglican Dioceses in Zimbabwe, the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and the Diocese of Bergen in Norway, which is part of the Church of Norway.

The oldest of these Links are the ones with Zimbabwe, which began after The Rt Revd Peter Hall, who was then the Bishop of Woolwich and who had previously served as a priest in the Diocese of Harare, came to the Diocese of Southwark in 1984.

There are five Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Kingston Episcopal Area is linked with the Diocese of Matabeleland. The Parish of Mortlake with East Sheen is linked with St Mary in Famona, a suburb of Bulawayo. The clergy and parishes and their Bishop Cleophas Lunga are supported, both practically and spiritually, by the Kingston-Matabeleland Link which is undergoing some exciting development led by Bishop Martin. Part of that development was leading a visit to Zimbabwe with a team of clergy and laity from the episcopal area which included the Team Rector. More will follow about that trip in December 2024, but Greetings have been received by Rev Canon Amon Gonte, the Rector of our Link parish.



Double Rectors:  
Canon Amon & Revd Jonathan after Mass



## WE BELIEVE

Fr Alex and Revd Jonathan lead Lunchtimes in  
Lent Christ Church Community Hall Wednesdays  
across Lent

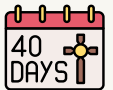


God has revealed himself through the Bible. God has revealed himself most clearly through the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ. God makes himself known personally to each believer through the work of the Holy Spirit. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians developed short, simple summaries to articulate the core meaning of their faith. These short statements became known as creeds.

This year marks 1700 (325-2025) years of the adoption of the Nicene Creed.

Sign up to discover more about the history and nature of this creed which has remained important to the Church and is regularly used in our worship today.

## BISHOP'S LENT CALL



The Bishop's Lent Call for 2025 is raising funds for projects that help children and young people recover from trauma and which encourage their mental wellbeing.

It is supporting this type of work in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, in our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and here in our own diocese.

You can find more information on this year's projects and how to donate via the website: [www.southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/lent-call/](http://www.southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/lent-call/)

As we spend time in prayer and contemplation this Lent, we hope that you will feel able to generously support the projects chosen this year.

# HOME STYLE WITH VIX

interior styling column.



Hello, I'm Vix and welcome to my interior styling column. As a Home Stylist, I encourage you to get the best from your home and the possessions you already have by rethinking how you display what you love most.

My first piece of advice for anyone wanting to better understand their personal taste and the colours that make them feel at home, is to start by looking at your wardrobe. Take note of the clothes you love wearing most, the ones you get the most compliments on and feel great in. Chances are, these colours are the ones that suit you best. When it comes to choosing colours for your walls, it's important to think of them as something you 'wear' every day, as you're always surrounded by them.

Grey paint has been a popular trend in the UK for the past few years, but it's easy to forget how draining it can be to wear against your skin. Personally, I'm a big fan of a soft plaster pink; it's flattering for all skin tones. It looks gorgeous in flickering candlelight on cold, dark evenings and in the bright sunlight streaming through the windows on summer days.

I once worked with a woman who had no idea where to begin with her colour scheme. On her coffee table, she had books about snorkelling and diving, and it quickly became clear that the sea was where she felt happiest.

So, we took that as our inspiration, and the palette we created ranged from soft sand tones to turquoise and deep blues – the colours of her cherished underwater world.

She also had striking blue eyes, which were brought out beautifully by the scheme. The end result was a home that made her feel wonderful, both in terms of look and atmosphere.

Remember, you are the heart of your home, and it should reflect who you are and what you love.

# STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION

at Christ Church



Choir Director James Druce will be leading the choirs of Christ Church and the Parish of St Paul's Grove Park, Chiswick, in Stainer's Crucifixion on Good Friday, 18th April, at 2pm, marking the final hour of the Good Friday devotions at Christ Church.

The Crucifixion is scored for a SATB choir and organ, and features solos for bass and tenor. The well known oratorio is based on the traditional format of the Passions by Johann Sebastian Bach, with a Biblical narrative interspersed with choruses, solos and hymns reflecting on the Passion story and includes five hymns for congregational participation.

# ALL SAINTS CHOIR SINGS AT THE ABBEY

Easter Monday Evensong



When the Abbey Choirs are on holiday, the Abbey welcomes visiting choirs, upholding the Abbey's pattern of choral services. It is a delight to share that All Saints choir led by James Cryer will be singing on Easter Monday, 21st April at 5pm.

*Cryer Savoy Responses*

*Stanford Evening Service in C*

*Elgar Light out of darkness thou hast brought*

# LENT BOOK SUGGESTIONS



why not start/join a Lent book group this year?

***Twas the Season of Lent***, Glenys Nellist, Zonderkidz, 2024. 40-day devotional and storybook that encourages families to draw closer to God during Lent

***The Women of Holy Week***, Paula Gooder, CHP, 2021. Biblical fiction guide to the Easter story to help you reflect during Lent. Also available as a podcast.

***Lent and Easter for Everyone***, Rt Rev Tom Wright, SPCK, 2023. Devotional theology for the everyday Christian.

***The Healing Wounds***, Erik Varden OCSO, Bloomsbury, 2025. The Norwegian RC spiritual writer & Trappist monk guides readers through a journey of reflection, beginning with the raw reality of suffering and moving toward the possibility of redemption and renewal.



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*a verse to rehearse...*

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

*Matthew 6.19-21*

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Assistant Curate	Revd Matthew Watts	(currently stepped back from ministry)
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## BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

Please speak to the vicar of the church where you anticipate having the service.