

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Women's Quiet Morning - 5 September - 10.00**  
At Ham Convent; with Cynthia Peppiatt

**Autumn Launch Evening - 11 September - 19.30**  
Eat, worship and pray together

**Richmond Book Launch - 14 September - 20.00**  
*The Promise of Blessing*; with Kate Patterson

**Alpha Supper - 24 September - 19.30**  
Introducing our autumn Alpha Course

**Harvest Sunday - 27 September - 10.00 & 18.30**  
Celebrating God's provision

**Alpha Course - 10 Thursdays from 1 October**  
A chance to explore the meaning of life

**Church Day - 10 October**  
With Mark Marx from Causeway Coast Vineyard

**Barn Dance - 31 October**  
An evening of riotous fun for all ages

**Joint Churches Worship & Prayer**  
Evenings on 16 September & 18 November

**Vineyard Lunch - 8 November - 12.30**  
Hosting the weekly lunch run by local churches



All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
for all his love

## VERSES TO LIVE BY

Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations. The Lord has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your Saviour comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.'" They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted. (Isaiah 62:10-12)

The Lord gave me these verses that my Dad, who I had not seen for 25 years, would come over from Australia. Having prayed for years, one day I decided to trace him. He was in his late 80s and had Parkinsons when he came. Trying times, but a lot of old wounds were healed. I thought that if the Lord can do this he can do anything. Dad died the following year.

*Elaine Gibbons*

## TREVOR'S NEW APPOINTMENT



On 19 April this year, we welcomed Richard Cheetham, Bishop of Kingston, as he licensed Trevor as Area Dean for Richmond and Barnes. It is now

Trevor's job to look after the clergy in his Deanery and also to preside, with a lay chairman, over the Deanery Synod.

## RICHMOND'S HIDDEN CHURCH (3)

Regarding the location of the foundation stone, Annita James has come up with a copy of The Surrey Comet dated 28 August 1869. The article lists all the good and the great who were at the laying of the stone by Princess Mary of Teck and goes on to tell us in great detail every inch of the plans of the Church. Then it says 'The pulpit will be situated at the north-east corner, *near the foundation stone*. That would mean where we place the flowers, by the organ. So the pulpit has been moved then!

## THE LAST WORD FROM TREVOR

### Full Life!

'There must be more to life than this!' I wonder has this ever been said to you or if you have ever felt this way yourself?

God wants people everywhere to have 'life to the full' (John 10:10). This means knowing Him and His love for us, and that He has a purpose for each of our lives. The problem is that the mess of our lives gets in the way of this relationship and we get so turned in on ourselves that we cannot hear God or see His purposes for us.

The words above from John 10:10 were spoken by Jesus, God's Son, through whom God made Himself known to the world and by whose death and resurrection made it possible for us to live full lives forever as He always intended. The way to God is open and we are invited in - the Bible says if we look for Him we will find Him.

Why not join us at church or on our Alpha Course this autumn? This could be your opportunity to step into full life.

## WELCOME TO HTR

If you are passing on a Sunday and the service has started, come in and join us anyway - there will be someone to greet you and show you to a seat - nothing embarrassing! If you hear the music and have musical talents, come in and talk to the band afterwards. If it sounds as if we're having fun, we are! Do join us!

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Sunday Services - 10.00 and 18.30  
Wednesday Service - 11.30

# CORNERSTONE

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## NO ESCAPE!



The world as we know it will change between 18 September and 31 October. The third largest global sports event is coming to the UK with a potential economic impact, to London alone, of £1bn; global TV audiences of over four billion and Twickenham hosting

the opening and final matches amongst others - who knew there was so much excitement in store for us?

It's the first time every host city will have a Fanzone, each of which will include big screens, entertainment, food, drink and rugby activities organised by the rugby community for the whole family. Even the local churches are running Sports quizzes and other events connected with the game.

Choirs from 20 schools in England and Wales have been selected to be part of the ceremonies that will officially welcome the participating teams to Rugby World Cup 2015, with Queen's School, Kew welcoming Italy and Chase Bridge Primary School, Twickenham welcoming Namibia. It is hoped that this will lead more children to rugby union and its values, encouraging pupils to watch, take up the sport and join local clubs.

We can't get away from it. So, enjoy!

## HEALING ON THE STREETS ...

... was founded by Mark Marx in 2005 at Causeway Coast Vineyard Church in Coleraine, Northern Ireland, and is witnessing remarkable results. Already in 17 countries, people are invited to sit down and be prayed for; to know God's love for them. In an 80-day period last year, over 600 people, in Coleraine alone, came to know Jesus.



Please join us to welcome Mark when he comes to Richmond, as part of a joint churches event at HTR, on the weekend of 10/11 October. He will be teaching on the Saturday morning and evening, leading people to pray for others on the streets in the afternoon, and speaking at the 10.00 Service at HTR on the Sunday.

## WHERE WAS GOD WHEN ...

... that disaster struck and killed so many people? Who can believe in a God who allowed that atrocity to take place? Don't all religions lead to the same God? How can you trust the Bible? You know, the questions so many of us ask?



Or, have you been reading about **ALPHA**, or noticing Alpha signs, or it's cropped up in conversations? Have you been thinking 'what a coincidence' or have you got as far as asking 'Is Alpha for me?'

Our Autumn Alpha Course kicks off with our introductory supper on Thursday 24 September when we will share food and wine followed by a brief presentation. The course runs for the following ten Thursdays at our church, always starting with a meal and followed by a short talk and discussion in small groups. It would be great if you could join us this autumn.

At our supper, James Hallam, London Scottish young and rising rugby prop, will tell you his story. Come, share food, make new friends and be surprised. No obligations will be placed on you. Make 2015 the year you do this!

## A PICTURE PAINTS ...



... a thousand words? Cookie with John William Cooke, born 14 May 2015 and weighing 8lb 1oz (and now much heavier!) to David (Vicar of Holy Trinity Barnes) and Rachel ... aah those sleepless nights!

## WAKEY, WAKEY, CAMPERS



Thousands of Holy Trinity Brompton church family and their associates have recently come back from their week-long FOCUS get-together at Camber Sands, Sussex. Booking for 2016 is already open! This summer's comments:

'Wind, rain and more wind were our introduction to camping at Focus, but we soon saw a different side. We experienced the encouragement of fantastic worship with thousands of other Christians and inspiring speakers including the Archbishop of Canterbury. The kids loved their groups and made friends and when our daughter was asked what she enjoyed about Focus she said, "everything!" - *First-timers Catherine and Craig Brown*

'It is awesome for the kids to see that Christians are cool. Love the beach and Pontins pool too. A good chance to kick back and get to know people better.' - *Sue Petrie*

'Focus this year was excellent. What I enjoyed most was the great feeling of community and family as we all camped together, survived the weather together and had great meals together. If you didn't go it's a must for an excellent start to any summer.' - *Erin Gilmour*

'A wonderfully fun and inspiring week! It's so exciting to see and hear about all that God is doing across our nation and city and I loved being away with our church family! Highlights - morning walks along the beach and the most amazing BBQ I've ever had!' - *Ellie Hughes*

## OUTSTANDING ON ALL FRONTS

Holy Trinity School has been judged an outstanding primary school in its recent Ofsted inspection. The School, with a roll of 450 pupils, was given the top grade in all areas of scrutiny of the School's effectiveness. These include leadership and management, quality of teaching and achievement of pupils.

The report highlighted the pupils' impeccable behaviour, positive attitudes to learning and how well children from different backgrounds get on together. Their enjoyment of Holy Trinity was evident.

The School was praised for removing barriers to effective learning and providing effective support to pupils vulnerable to under-achievement. Consequently, all children make exceptional progress. Chair of Governors, Gerry Stride, commented, "We are extremely blessed in having staff who are hardworking, committed to driving up standards and doing the very best for our children.

We were also commended this year as 'outstanding' by SIAMS (national society Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools Report)." A loud cheer for everybody!

## OUR 2015 GIFT DAY



In June we raised over £35,000 through the wonderful generosity of our church members. The money will be used to:

- support a major building at our link church of St Peter's, Wandegeya, Kampala, Uganda
- provide trauma counselling through Open Doors to help African churches working to bring healing to many who have suffered persecution and kidnap
- help run the Sycamore Tree restorative justice course at Feltham Young Offender Institution
- fund post primary education and summer camps for children we support through Karis Kids

## GLOW AND COLLIDE

This September brings change to our children's and youth ministry.

We are very excited that our youth ministry, Collide, is going to be a weekly event every Friday night at 20.00 in the Church. We will have all sorts of fun stuff going on, as well as giving space for our young people to meet with Jesus and hear great teaching from some very amazing speakers.

Our growing and vibrant children's ministry, Glow, will continue to meet, at the new time of 18.30, fortnightly on Fridays in term time. This is a great place for children to come and enjoy games, craft, cookery and interactive teaching and have amazing fun!

Due to popularity please contact [sue.jackson@htrichmond.org.uk](mailto:sue.jackson@htrichmond.org.uk)

## MUSIC ON THE RIVERBANK



Riverbank Trust, our Christian charity supporting vulnerable mothers, had their very first Summer Fundraiser on a beautiful evening at the OSO (Old Sorting Office) Arts Centre overlooking Barnes Green by the Pond. Supported by talented musicians Emma Ballantine and My Good Man William, totally gorgeous nibbles from The Alberts Deli and, best of all, lots of friends, family and colleagues to enjoy the evening with us.

A wonderful night for all those who attended and over £2,000 raised for Riverbank work, from lots of money-can't-buy auction lots and raffle prizes worth several hundred pounds.

We couldn't have done it without support from our staff, trustees and so many friends who gave their time, expertise and resources to make the night a great success. We hope to have an even bigger party next year!

## BEM VINDO, JOAO WILLKOMMEN, VIVI



Just arrived to be our Church Administrator, is Joao Tavares, previously Operations Manager at St Luke's in Redcliffe Gardens, and his wife, Vivian (Vivi) who works with L'Arche which supports people with learning difficulties.

Joao has a degree in Communications and several years' experience in marketing, project and event-management and financial management, not forgetting an MA in Christian Leadership from St Mellitus College.

Nico, our Worship Pastor, and Joao worked together at St Luke's so I asked Nico for the lowdown! 'Sings, plays guitar, amazing percussionist and extremely loyal friend. Creative, artistic and a bit of a perfectionist. He loves good coffee, probably because he's Brazilian!'

So there you have it! We look forward to making them both welcome at HTR.

"Our English word 'Goodbye' comes from the phrase 'God be with you'. Francophiles will note the similarity with 'Adieu', which in Old French meant 'I commend you to God.' What a wonderful sentiment, and an important reminder that wherever we go we are always in God's keeping." *Rev Claire Renshaw*

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

*Isaiah 41:10*

## THE PROMISE OF BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

In this beautifully written book, Kate Patterson delves deeply and richly into this incredible blessing and leaves us with a greater understanding of what it means for us today. She writes with compassion, and parts of her own story and the stories of others are used to demonstrate God's intent to bless us, whatever we may be going through. In this fallen world, we will suffer but Kate reminds us that we have a Saviour who will remain with us always and who can bring good out of the worst circumstances.

Kate has a desire for people to know that God loves them deeply and wants to bless them, and for people to see themselves as God sees them. This shines through every page. It is impossible to read this book without being touched by it.

At the end of each chapter, there are questions that may be used to reflect and respond - great for personal or small group devotion. Feelings, that regularly rob us of God's peace, such as doubt, conflict, worry and issues around forgiveness, are addressed with sensitivity.

I have been so moved and so blessed by this book. I highly recommend it and believe it will be a blessing to everyone who reads it.

*Kate Webb*

You can buy a copy at [muddypearl.com](http://muddypearl.com) or at the Richmond Launch on 14 September

## MY FIRST YEAR AS ORDINAND



I've been at Holy Trinity for eight years but this last year has been very different from the first seven. Moving from volunteering on the church team to having a paid job and also changing roles from Churchwarden to Ordinand (one who is training to be ordained a priest and then to be a vicar) has been a steep learning curve. Thank you to Trevor and the whole church family for helping me to make this transition in a positive and healthy way. It's been wonderful to get involved in parts of the church I've not engaged

with up to now. The Wednesday morning Service, Collide and the All Age Services have exposed me to the complete age range and beautiful variety of the church family.

The other half of my week is taken up studying for a degree in mission, ministry and theology at St Mellitus College in Kensington. We have lectures every Monday and personal study on other days. The college speaks the language of the Kingdom as we know it: Jesus, worship, ministering to one another, church planting, excitement about the church growing. It's sometimes been challenging as what I thought I knew about the Bible and church leadership has only been scratching the surface - but the more I am taught, the more I appreciate how great God is.

I'm looking forward to how God will form me in the next two years and then I'll be ordained and off somewhere (don't know where) to be a curate and only God knows where my journey will go.

*Mark Anderson*

