

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please join us for our Christmas celebrations this year

Sunday 13 December - 10.00  
Nativity Carol Service

Wednesday 16 December - 11.30  
Weekday Carol Service. Followed by lunch

Sunday 20 December - 18.30  
Carol Service with mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve - 16.00  
Christingle Service

Christmas Eve - 23.00  
Holy Communion

Christmas Day - 10.00  
All Age Holy Communion - celebrate with us!

Look out for the following in 2016

Vision Sunday - 17 January - 10.00 and 18.30

Joint Churches Evening - 20 January - 20.00

Giving Sunday - 24 January - 10.00 and 18.30

Alpha Course  
Fridays (daytime) - 8 January to 4 March  
Thursdays (evening) - 28 January to 17 March

Barn Dance - 30 January - 19.00  
An evening of riotous fun for all ages

Leaders' Day - 6 February - 09.45

VERSES TO LIVE BY

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?  
(Matthew 6:25-27)

I am a worrier. I worry about everything from what to feed the children for supper to big things like health and relationships. This verse has therefore always been a great comfort. It is also a challenge - do I trust God enough to hand both the little things and the big things over to Him? Not to abdicate responsibility, but to trust that He knows and is at the heart of everything that happens in my life? It is truly amazing that the God who created the Universe knows me and loves me enough to care about my worries. Thank you, Lord!

Mandie Lambert

RICHMOND'S HIDDEN CHURCH (4)

Thomas James Carless was on the committee that built our church and was a Churchwarden for its first 14 years. Along with the Carless family memorial tablets, the Church is endowed at its west end with two stained glass windows dedicated to the memory of Jane Cullen Carless, Thomas' wife. They are in fact replacements for the original ones which were destroyed by enemy action in October 1940.

The motifs of the glasswork are of St Peter and St Paul. The former windows, paid for by Thomas, were most probably in place a few years after the death of his wife in 1898. The replacements, which are in a more modern style, are likely to have been installed well into the post-war period.

THE LAST WORD FROM TREVOR



Joy to the world

'Joy to the world!' In light of recent events in our world, many of us would probably love some joyful news. This is exactly what an angel of the Lord announced to a group of shepherds some 2,000 years ago in Palestine.

He said, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people." Israel had lived under the cloud of bondage for hundreds of years and was at this time enduring Roman rule. Longing for their deliverance, hope rises on a winter's night near Bethlehem. "Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." But the angel declared that the birth of Jesus was not just for the people of Israel - the Saviour of the world had come. Jesus came to rescue people everywhere from the consequences of human selfishness, promising full life forever for all who follow Him.

Why not welcome the Saviour into the heart of your life this Christmas? In the midst of questions and uncertainty, God's son says that He will come when invited.

THANK YOU!

Our church has had a wonderful year. God has been good to us in so many ways, but much of what we've done wouldn't have happened without the support of the many people who generously give their time, skills and money to make things happen. We're very grateful to you all!

WELCOME TO HTR



Christmas is a great time of year to come along to church, especially if you're not used to joining us very often. There are lots of opportunities on Sundays and during the week, and the message of hope that Jesus' birth brings is one we all need to hear in a troubled and uncertain world.

Do join us!

At Christmas time, when we receive presents we don't really need, God offers us a gift we cannot do without

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WORKING TOGETHER

During September, a group of people from local schools and churches were rounded up on Facebook by Emma Wilson and Felicity Barkus, after being moved by the media coverage of the desperate situation of many refugees and internally displaced people in the Middle East. They face freezing winters and many fled their homes with just the clothes on their backs. Many will die from hypothermia.



Through Samara's Aid Appeal \*, winter clothes collections were arranged all over the local community. Kayleigh Butler and I organised the collection at Holy Trinity Church, Richmond on Saturday 19 September. We had an amazing and dedicated group of volunteers from HTR, Holy Trinity School, Grace Church and the local community, sorting and packing clothes, shoes, blankets, bedding, nappies and so much more.



We collected 96 boxes and 29 bags of winter clothes and other aid at HTR. Over 700 boxes were collected and over £4,500 raised by the overall project in Richmond. Jake Butler did an incredible job, through Woodland Global, the company he works for, helping with transport and storage in this country. The aid has already been taken to and distributed by local partners to Samara's Aid Appeal, in the Kurdistan region of Iraq.

Kate Webb

\* [www.samarasaidappeal.org](http://www.samarasaidappeal.org)

GOD ISN'T STUCK IN CHURCH!

Last year, Trevor and I were in holiday in Ireland and made our way to a church called Causeway Coast Vineyard, which describes itself as a place "where people are saying yes to God and experiencing life in a fresh way." It is a church which doesn't exist to build itself up but to reach out with the love of Jesus. That's what we want Holy Trinity Richmond to be like! In fact, that's part of our strapline.



When we were at Causeway Coast, we met Mark Marx who started a healing ministry on the streets ten years ago. Here is a description of a street encounter in Coleraine:

"The team was all set and there was a great sense of expectation because they knew that God loved to break into people's ordinary lives, in the middle of an ordinary street, and change everything. Soon enough, four guys appeared, one of whom was a sprinter for the Irish National team; he had injured his hamstring pretty severely and was having pain just walking. The team knelt down next to him and began to pray. After a few minutes, he stood up, stretched out his leg and said, "I can't feel the pain anymore." The team asked him if he wanted to test it out and he sprinted down the street only to sprint all the way back and say that he was completely healed. In that moment he decided to give his life to Jesus.

This October, we invited Mark to Richmond to share the love of Jesus with us in church and out on the streets. We had an amazing day, praying for anyone who was open to it and seeing God's healing power in action. God isn't stuck in church!

Kate Patterson

AUTUMN ALPHA



This Autumn's Alpha Course has seen up to 15 people explore some of the big questions around the Christian faith. As ever it's been a great opportunity to meet new people and build relationships each week over a delicious meal (cooked by amazing local chef Richard Jackson!) before discussing a topic in small groups.

It's been a real joy not only to see people take steps of faith towards Jesus for the first time, but also for others to just begin the journey of exploring more about who Jesus is and what Christianity is really all about. And we've had such a great time we'll be doing it all again in the Spring term! Do come and join us.

Ellie Hughes





## ON THE STREETS



I love going out late on a Friday night to Richmond Town centre as a Street Pastor. However,

during the World Rugby Cup we had the privilege of serving a whole new crowd! With the help of colleagues from as far away as Newbury, Ilford and Dorset, we were able to have teams in both Richmond and Twickenham for every local game.



The Richmond Team was a very visible presence, patrolling the town centre and the FanZone, whilst the Twickenham Team were based with our "Safe Space Truck", where Suzie Sergeant and her face painting team were kept very busy before each game - long queues at times allowed the rest of us to answer many enquiries and share who Street Pastors are and what we do!



Unlike our usual Friday nights, we did not give out many flip-flops, but we were a great help to the Rugby fans in other ways, and experienced many wonderful encounters with people from all over the world. Special thanks must go to members of the various congregations who stepped up as "Prayer Pastors" - hopefully they enjoyed themselves sufficiently to consider joining up on a regular basis.

I'd like to think that, through our very presence and prayer, we did our bit to keep Richmond/Twickenham safe, and the atmosphere happy and harmonious. I think I can speak for all in saying it has been great fun and another amazing experience as a Street Pastor.

**Diane Bamping**

## AUTUMN LAUNCH



Charles Spurgeon said "Prayer is the slender nerve that moves the muscle of omnipotence." This truth was the backbone of our Autumn Launch Evening on 11 September.



We started the evening with a fantastic meal put together by Dorothy Stride and Kate Thornton. With full bellies and joyful hearts we (all 65 of us) had a time of worship, then started praying for various people, groups and situations in our church, community and around the world. This was led by various people who created amazing prayer stations to help us pray in different ways.

The evening was a great success, thanks to all involved in leading and everyone who attended. We look forward to seeing how the "muscle of omnipotence" was moved through the prayers of everyone there.

**Nico Marais**

## WHO LET THE DADS OUT



Our monthly play event for dads and kids continues to grow in popularity. On the second Saturday of the month the church undergoes a dramatic transformation; the chairs are replaced with bouncy castles and the church kitchen resembles a greasy spoon cafe, serving up well-earned bacon rolls and coffee for the dads!

Now in its second year, the event has gone from strength to strength. One of our dads even took it upon himself to craft a brand new train table in his spare time! The event provides much needed time and space for dads to spend quality time with their children, whilst also meeting other dads in the community.

Over the past year we have seen many new dads come along, discovering friendship and community along the way. Many of these newcomers now regularly join the men of HTR at other men's social events, such as the monthly dinner (minus the kids!).

So, come and join us in January and be part of WLTD!

**James Thornton**

## FOCUS 2016 - 22-29 JULY



Last summer we shared a brilliant week away with Holy Trinity Brompton and churches

linked with them. We plan to join in again next year, at a wonderful new site in the New Forest, where you can camp, stay in a caravan or go for one of the luxury accommodation options! We'd love you to be part of our group, so to find out more and book go to [htb.org/focus](http://htb.org/focus)

## BUILDING FOR LIFE

It's often said that children are a blessing, although when they become teenagers it may not be said as often! However, at HTR we are blessed by children and young people of all ages. We value their contribution to the life of the church and believe God can work through them in just the same way as adults.

Our church invests a lot in our children and not only do we have a Youth Minister and a Children's Worker, we have lots of people (but more are needed!) on our team who put on events and activities so that children and young people can learn about the love of Jesus and how this makes a difference in their lives, even very young lives.

Once a month our Sunday morning church Service is an All Age event when the whole church meets together to worship God and learn about His love. On other weeks children aged 14 and below have their own special groups instead of the adult focussed talk. Monday mornings is Refresh, our group for pre-schoolers, and Friday night (fortnightly) is youth club night: Glow for school years 4-6 and Collide for those of secondary school age. The other Friday is Collide Unplugged, which is for 11-18s to explore what it means to follow Jesus wherever they are.

We also work in Feltham YO1 and local schools where we deliver assemblies, Bible clubs and mentoring, working with other organisations (Riverbank and Kick London) to meet the needs of children and young people and introduce them to Jesus.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

Found inside a Christmas card:

Some people think that Christmas time  
Is gifts and grub and booze.  
But the best bit is  
that Jesus came,  
God's Son in human shoes.

## TRANSFORMING YOUNG LIVES THROUGH SPORT



I've just celebrated my first year at Kick London! I felt strongly called by God to join Kick, leaving my role as a Headteacher in Tower Hamlets to drive forward the work of transforming lives, with God's love, through sport across London. It has been exciting to build on foundations laid by Tom Rutter, Mark Anderson and many others and to see God clearly at work. After praying we felt God say we should put the church at the heart of Kick, and in doing so we have seen our work with schools also increase.

Today we have grown from 19 schools to 28, from 11 church-based Kick Academies to 22, and we now work with 3,500 young people every week across London. Our work in Richmond has grown, with 2 new schools added to the 5 we were already in and plans to open 2 new Kick Academies. We now offer not just all sports in the PE National Curriculum, but have developed our mentoring and introduced a new street dance programme. In the new year we aim to launch Dance Academies to complement our existing Football ones.

I have felt hugely supported by the Kick team and the church, and am proud to be part of a ministry founded at HTR. I have been able to practise walking with the Lord as we have trusted Him for funds to employ a new quality manager, seen our academies massively grow and seen him fill a funding gap of £30k we started the year with. I have learnt that one can plant and one can water, but only God grows (1 Corinthians 3:7) so we need to obey His call and then He makes it happen. I have seen that 'God's work, done in God's way, never lacks God's resources'.

If you are intrigued by Kick London's work and have a passion to see more young people engaged in church please contact us at [office@kicklondon.org.uk](mailto:office@kicklondon.org.uk)

**Joe Lowther**

## KICK ON OUR DOORSTEP



The Holy Trinity Academy welcomes children from local schools, starting each week with a theme that runs throughout the coaching session. We aim to help children understand and experience a value linked to the life of Jesus. Each session looks to create an environment where compassion, discipline, cooperation, loyalty, enthusiasm and integrity run throughout the club. We hope each player will try to put these characteristics into practice in everyday life.

Responding to some bad attitude from another player, one boy remarked quietly to the coach "these boys don't know how to be friends with team mates ... I want to help them learn!" Another shared "I love the football ... the talks help me make good choices."

The coaching model of "Tell me I forget, show me I remember, but ask me then I understand" is a great way for the local church to share the gospel. It helps bring the Christian faith alive with a message players can understand and relate to.

**Tom Rutter**

## THE PASSION RICHMOND 2016 - 25 MARCH



After a successful first year, The Passion Richmond will be performed again next Easter. If you would like to be involved email [thepassionrichmond@gmail.com](mailto:thepassionrichmond@gmail.com)