

Weekly Newsletter
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w/b SUNDAY JANUARY 30th 2022
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
'Candlemas'

Dear Friends,

Candlemas marks the end of our look back to the nativity, and the beginning of our look forward to the cross. The next few weeks in the Church calendar are an in-between time, as we transition from celebration through Christmas and Epiphany to the penitential season of Lent.

Life is full of these transitions – from school to work, single to partnership, employed to retired – whilst these can be unsettling periods they are crucial to successful transition. **NICK**

THIS WEEK

Sunday 30th January – Candlemas

- 9.30am – Morning Prayer at St Stephen's – led by Graeme Lodge
- 10.00am – Holy Communion at St Martin's, in church and live streamed
- 6.30pm – Evening Prayer at St Martin's, in church and live streamed

Tuesday 1st February

- 4.00pm - Centering Prayer Session 3

Wednesday 2nd February

- 10.00am – Holy Communion

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 6th February – 4th Sunday before lent

- 9.30am – Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
- 10.00am – Holy Communion at St Martin's, in church and live streamed
- 6.30pm – Evening Prayer at St Martin's, in church and live streamed

COMING UP

Beacon Tea

These are on the second Sunday of each month (unless otherwise notified) in Church, 3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. All welcome for sandwiches, cake and a chat. The next three are on **13 February**, 13 March and 10 April. Beacon Teas are now followed on the same Sundays by **Second Thoughts** at 6.30 p.m., which have just resumed after a long absence. Tea, coffee and cake will therefore be available beforehand to anyone coming to this event.

Mary Gilbert and Elaine Snook

Second Thoughts - Sunday 13th February 6.30 pm

Speaker: Howard Bluett

Howard will ask “Can it ever be right to refer to God as “she” and to call God mother”.

The Femininity of God was proclaimed by women who felt the need to counter the overbearing patriarchy of the Christian church which denied them the opportunity of ordination. The idea that God was not a man and not Our Father was difficult to take on board after a lifetime of seeing pictures of God as a man and addressing God as Father, both of which habits begin in early infancy, and are followed by ideas of God the Creator (masculine noun) of all things from the beginning, who became visible as the perfectly male Jesus.

Tea and cake will be served from 6pm

Talk by Peter Brathwaite at St Martin's, Saturday 5 March 2 pm

We are pleased to confirm that Peter Brathwaite, opera singer and Radio 3 writer and presenter, is coming to St Martin's to give a personal reflection on the Brathwaite Memorial, at 2 pm on Saturday 5 March. Peter was a chorister at St Ann's Church in Manchester, received a music bursary to Bury Grammar School, and studied Philosophy and Fine Art at Newcastle University before receiving a scholarship at the Royal College of Music. His solo exhibition 'Visible Skin: Rediscovering the Renaissance through Black Portraiture' is running on King's College London's Strand Campus until February 2022. More details will follow but please save the date.

The Kingston University 'Big Read'

I have copies of the 2020 book that the university encouraged all its members to read. The scheme works by everyone reading the book, and then joining a group to discuss it. The book was 'Airhead' by Emily Maitlis. It's an account of some of her assignments abroad in recent years. Copies are available in Church – just help yourself. I will arrange an opportunity to get together to discuss the book, if they wish, at the beginning of Lent.

STEWARDSHIP

Giving to St Martin's and St Stephen on the Downs

For general and stewardship giving you can give online giving via the Charities Aid Foundation. Donations can be either a one-off donation or a regular donation using direct debit. To make a donation either:



1. Click on the following link:

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/13377>

OR

2. Use your Smart Phone and Scan the QR Code below

There is also a "Donate" button on our website.

Cheques to St Martin's

If giving a cheque donation to St Martin's Church, please can it be payable to: 'The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Epsom'

Donation Station

If you wish to give via contactless payment, please use the donation station in church. You can give a pre-set amount or choose one. You can also gift aid your donation.

OTHER NOTICES

OUTDOOR AREA FOR ARK @ST MARTINS

We are creating an outdoor area, at the Vicarage, for use by the Ark children. The purpose is so that children can connect with creation and the creator. There will be a mud kitchen, den making area and prayer space. Can you help provide any of the following equipment (preferably second hand / recycled):

1. Mud kitchen – sink, work top / preparation area, storage, pieces of timber 2"x1" or 2"x2, drawer knobs to be used as dials on a pretend cooker
2. Kitchen utensils – small sauce / frying pans, rolling pin, fish slice, serving spoons, forks, baking tins
3. Dens – 1" thick rope, old tents for making dens

Please speak to me if you can help in any way.

Yvonne Parish

MISSION FOR THE MONTH - February

HOME MISSION

Epsom and Ewell Foodbank - opened in 2012 and fed more than 2,600 in 2017 and the need has been escalating ever since. Especially in the last 2 years

They are also working to stop hunger in our area working together with the Community, Churches, Agencies, Businesses and Schools

The Street Pastors - The Church in action on the street. Caring-Listening-Helping. They are volunteers from local Churches, who care about their Communities with Practical and Spiritual Patrols.

Please take a look at the Missions Board at the back of church and hold them in your Prayers

Jill Chapman

ABROAD MISSION

Wheels for the World

Wheels for the world meets the practical needs of the disabled person with a wheelchair and as they are a Christian charity, they offer a Bible in their own language and local people share the Christian message.

Wheelchairs are given according to need regardless of whether the recipient has a faith or not.

Wheels for the World are under the umbrella of Through the Roof

Meg Topley

FILM AND CAKE

You are invited to join us for an afternoon of film and homemade cake on **Saturday 19th February 2022**, in Church House, from 4.30 pm. The film will begin around 5.00 pm. We have chosen 4 films, all of which are family friendly, for you to choose from.

They are:

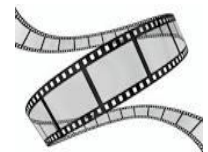
- **Paddington** – the story of this much-loved bear is brought to life in this film, starring Hugh Bonneville and Julie Walters
- **Goodnight Mr Tom** – the aggressive behaviour of an aging man changes drastically in the company of a young evacuee from London. This is a lovely story with a happy ending, starring John Thaw
- **Bugsy Malone** – spoof of an old gangster movie based around Prohibition. The cast is made up entirely of children and stars Jodie Foster
- **Monsieur Hulot's Holiday** – Monsieur Hulot travels to a beachside hotel for a vacation, where he accidentally (but good-naturedly) causes havoc. Although this is French film, you do not need to know French as there is no speaking. Stars Jacques Tati.

All four films last no longer than 1 hour 20 mins.

Come along with your friends and family for an enjoyable afternoon. Please sign up at the back of church or by email to mary.hollowayneville@sky.com and pick the film that you would like to watch. Majority wins the day!

All relevant COVID restrictions will be in place.

Events Team



ST JOHNS STONELEIGH LENT COURSE 2022

**Who do you think you are?
The story of the Church from the Book of Acts to the present day**

**Wednesdays 7 30 pm- 9.00pm
In the Church**

**A fast moving presentation of Biblical and Spiritual issues in Church
history**

March 9th Foundation Stones- Canons, Councils, Creeds and the Church Fathers

March 16th Seeds of Hope -The Medieval Church and the Road to Reformation

March 23rd The Great Light- Reformation and Revival

Mar 30th Faith under Fire -The Challenge of the Enlightenment

April 6th Quo Vadis? - The legacy of the 20th Century and issues facing the church today.

After a presentation (with visuals) in church there will be "**Coffee Plus**"- an opportunity for short informal group discussions with questions based on the episode of the day. The evenings will end with a short optional Q and A session. Lecture notes are provided

Please sign up via the parish office **020 8786 7048**

LATEST MESSAGE FROM FOOD BANK

NEEDED

Tinned meat pies

Long-life sponge puddings

Powdered milk, Sugar (500g bags)

Tinned potatoes, Instant mash

Squash for diluting

Washing powder, pods, tablets (bio and non-bio)

Chocolate spread

Adult toothbrushes, Children's toothpaste 0-2 & 6+

WE ALSO NEED:

Tea bags, Pasta sauce, Brown sauce

Cereal (no porridge or bran as we have lots)

Long-life fruit juice

Custard, Rice pudding

Spaghetti in sauce, Dried pasta in sauce

Peanut butter

Deodorant (male and female), Hair conditioner, Shaving foam, Adult toothpaste, Tampons

You can donate at the usual supermarket points, or bring donations to our car park;

Epsom & Ewell Foodbank Generation Resource Centre

(Behind West Ewell Primary School) Ruxley Lane Ewell, KT19 0JG

Normal donation drop off times: Monday to Friday 9am – 2pm.

CONTACT US

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**Opening hours are Mondays, Wednesday, Thursdays & Fridays
9.30am to 12.30pm**

Music@StMartin's

SPRING RECITALS 2022



EPSOM
COLLEGE

MUSIC SCHOLARS' CONCERT
SAT 15 JAN AT 4.30PM



EMMANUEL BACH - VIOLIN
SAT 12 FEB AT 4.30PM



IAIN MACFARLANE - ORGAN
SAT 12 MARCH AT 4.30PM



THE RICE FAMILY TRIO
SAT 9 APRIL AT 4.30PM

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