

St Martin of Tours

Epsom

St Stephen on the Downs

Langley Vale

The parish of  
St Martin of Tours  
with St Stephen-on-the-Downs

Weekly Newsletter  
Registered Charity Number: 1134149

## Sunday 9th January 2022 – Baptism of Christ

Dear Friends,

We always move swiftly from Jesus being born, to his adulthood, as we begin the journey to Easter. Today we find the young Jesus going out to the river to be baptised by John, along with everyone else. John protests, saying he does not need it, but Jesus insists. Jesus, our sibling, one of us.

After he was baptised, he was 'confirmed' by God. The Spirit descends upon him. Hence, our practice of confirmation following baptism. If anyone seeks confirmation, we have a service coming up in March. Do ask for more details.

*Nick Parish*

### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Baptism of Christ

8.30am – Holy Communion at St Martin's

9.30am - Morning Prayer at St Stephen's – led by Howard Bluett

10.00am – Choral Mattins at St Martin's, in Church and live streamed  
– led by Nick Parish

6.30pm – Second Thoughts at St Martin's, in church and live streamed –  
*'What makes a good hymn?'* with speaker, Peter Lutton.

#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am – Holy Communion

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January

12.00pm Funeral Service for Mary Street (RIP)

### Next week

#### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am – Morning Prayer at St Stephen's – led by John Padwick

10.00am – Holy Communion at St Martin's, in Church and live streamed –  
led by Nick Parish

6.30pm – Evening Prayer at St Martin's, in Church and live streamed –  
led by Graeme Lodge

## Looking ahead

### Sunday 23rd January

- 9.30am – Holy Communion at St Stephen’s – led by Andris Abakus  
10.00am – Morning Praise, with Holy Communion at St Martin’s,  
in Church and live streamed – led by Nick Parish  
6.30pm - Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
At St Martin’s. Music by our choir.

## 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 give a cheque donation to St Martin’s Church, please can it payable to:  
‘The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Epsom’

### Donation Station

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

## STUDY

### CENTERING PRAYER FOLLOW-UP SESSIONS - STARTING JANUARY 18th

The Centering Prayer Taster Day was an introduction to the work of Fr Thomas Keating and an experience of the inner prayer method he began. The Taster Day has led to six follow-up sessions in which to establish the practice of Centering Prayer on an individual basis. In essence, Centering Prayer follows Jesus’s direction to “Go to your room,,,,,,,”

The six follow-up one hour sessions will be held at St Martin’s weekly on Tuesdays, beginning on January 18th and then January 25th, February 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. Lynne Scholefield has agreed to present both an afternoon session (at 4pm to 5pm) and an evening session (7.30pm to 8.30pm) on each day. Even if you missed the Taster Day, anyone can attend these Centering Prayer learner sessions. It will be good to know how many we shall be, so please speak with Lynne Scholefield or Judith Mitchell or email [stmcenteringprayer@gmail.com](mailto:stmcenteringprayer@gmail.com) to make a booking.



## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **Anne Dougal**

Clive and Anne Dougal would like to thank all those who sent Christmas cards, unfortunately we were unable to send any as Anne was unwell for several weeks before Christmas.

### **Vacancies in Church life**

We will need a new Treasurer and a new churchwarden to join our leadership team from the Annual Meeting in May. These are vital roles in Church life. If you have the skills needed, please speak to myself, or the wardens, to find out more about what is required. **Nick Parish**

### **The Kingston University 'Big Read'**

I have acquired several copies of the 2020 book that the university was encouraging all its members to read. The scheme works by everyone reading the book, and then joining a group to discuss it. This is followed by a visit from the author to join the discussion.

The 2020 book was 'Airhead' by Emily Maitlis (who presents 'Newsnight' on BBC2). It's an account of some of her assignments abroad in recent years.

If you would like a copy, there are some available in Church – just help yourself. I will arrange an opportunity for people to get together to discuss the book, if they wish, at the beginning of Lent. **Nick Parish**

## **MISSION FOR THE MONTH**

### **HOME MISSION - Cross Rhythms**

Cross Rhythms saw that a media voice for the Christian faith was vital to get the Christian response to society's ills back into the market place of everyday lives. The radio began in 1983 on Plymouth Sound, a radio station in Devon. As media our mandate is to be strong and piercing into situations in our nation and even globally.

We believe in collaboration with other organisations whose impact on society is different to our own. As God says he blesses unity and partnership. **Meg Topley**

### **ABROAD MISSION - The Leprosy Mission**

Leprosy, thought to be the world's oldest disease, is still common in countries where poverty is rife. It can still lead to isolation and rejection from families and communities, despite being entirely curable. There are ¼ Million new cases of leprosy recorded each year. Treatment is vital to prevent disabilities that have devastating effects. The Mission works to defeat Leprosy and transform lives. Please Pray for them and take a look at the Display Board at the back of Church. Thank you. **Jill Chapman**

## Latest message from Food Bank

Urgent:

- Breakfast cereal (not porridge, we have lots)
- Custard
- Longlife sponge puddings
- Instant mash
- Squash
- Tinned meat pies
- Longlife fruit juice
- Washing powder, pods and tablets - bio and non-bio
- Children's toothpaste
- Shaving foam

We also need

- Pasta sauce
- Tea bags
- UHT milk (full fat and semi skimmed only please)
- Dried pasta and sauce
- Packet soup
- Tinned spaghetti in sauce
- Nappies size 3
- Toilet roll
- Shampoo
- Sanitary pads

Please no more of these items as we are fully stocked:

Pulses, pasta, noodles, sweetcorn, rice, beans, tampons, washing up liquid, shower gel, coffee, porridge, baby wash and shampoo, hot chocolate, tinned tomatoes.

You can donate at the usual supermarket points, or bring donations to our car park (please wear a mask);

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.

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