



**Registered Charity Number: 1134149**

## **Weekly Newsletter**

**w/b SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20th 2022  
2nd Sunday before Lent**

Dear Friends,

'No one puts new wine in old wineskins.' So said Jesus, talking to people about new insights into their faith and religious practice. Such a conversation between us, and even with ourselves, is a good preparation for the coming season of Lent. What unhelpful habits can we let go? Are we holding on to 'old wineskins' – like a favourite pair of slippers, just as it is hard for some of us to admit they no longer work at containing and protecting our feet so it is hard to let go of our spiritual 'comfy' but dysfunctional habits to acquire new ones that better help us grow into new spiritual insights.

**The Vicar**

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February – 2nd 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 – Choral Evensong at St Martin's,  
in church and live streamed

## **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

4.00pm - Centering Prayer Session 6

## **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

10.00am – Holy Communion

## **NEXT WEEK**

## **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February – next Sunday before Lent**

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Stephen's

10.00am – Morning Prayer with Baptism at St Martin's,  
in church and live streamed

6.30pm – Evening Prayer at St Martin's,  
in church and live streamed

## **STUDY AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **World Day of Prayer Service**

You are warmly invited to this service on **Friday March 4** at 10.30 am at Christ Church Epsom Common.

This service has been arranged by the WDP Committee for England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It will be celebrated on the same day over the world. The theme for the service is based on God's promise, found in the book of Jeremiah: "I Know the Plans I Have for you." The focus on freedom, forgiveness, justice and hope is so relevant in our world today.

Please join us for refreshments after the service.



## 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 teas are on 13 March and 10 April. Beacon Teas are followed on the same Sundays by **Second Thoughts** at 6.30 p.m. Tea, coffee and cake will therefore be available beforehand to anyone coming to this event.

**Mary Gilbert and Elaine Snook**

## PCC Governor vacancy – Volunteer role

There is a vacancy for a PCC appointed Foundation Governor at St Martin's Church of England Voluntary Aided Schools, Epsom. Foundation Governors in a Church school play a vital role in ensuring that the Christian character and ethos of the school is promoted and maintained.

As well as commitment to seeking to support the maintenance of the Christian ethos, St Martin's is hoping to recruit an individual with background which would support governor challenge and support related to change management. Applications are welcome from individuals who are willing to engage in relevant training to support their own development.

Being a Governor is really worthwhile and rewarding, and if you are interested in this role, please do get in touch with:



Nick Parish on [vicar@stmartinsepsom.org](mailto:vicar@stmartinsepsom.org)

Jaynn Taylor on ([jtaylor@stmartinsepsom.school](mailto:jtaylor@stmartinsepsom.school))-

## **Lent Courses**

We will be announcing details of our own course shortly, but for now, you may be interested in some Church history at Stoneleigh.

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> Seeds of Hope** -The Medieval Church and the Road to Reformation

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> The Great Light-** Reformation and Revival

**Mar 30<sup>th</sup> Faith under Fire** -The Challenge of the Enlightenment

**April 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

**TALK BY PETER BRATHWAITE AT ST MARTIN'S,  
SATURDAY 5 MARCH 2 PM**

**THE BRATHWAITE MEMORIAL – A PERSONAL REFLECTION**



*Peter Brathwaite, acclaimed baritone, based in the UK but performing internationally, also writes and presents for BBC Radio 3 and is working with Getty Publications on his first book. His solo exhibition 'Visible Skin: Rediscovering the Renaissance through Black Portraiture' is running on King's College London's Strand Campus until February 2022. 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.*

Among the memorials at St Martin's is one that commemorates John Brathwaite, who was born in Barbados in 1722 and died on 21 September 1800. He is buried in a vault beneath the church. John Brathwaite owned four plantations in Barbados, growing sugar cane using enslaved labour. He also served in London for 15 years as colonial agent for Barbados – a role in which he represented to Parliament the interests of the Barbadian plantation owners, merchants and traders. In 1788 he argued to Parliament for the continuation of the slave trade, in opposition to those – such as William Wilberforce MP – who were campaigning for its abolition.

John Brathwaite lived in Epsom with his unmarried niece Mary Ashley. She was one of the beneficiaries and executors of his

will and commissioned the memorial. After his death, until she died in 1845, she continued to live in their house, Ashley House, which in turn led to the naming of Ashley Road and the Ashley Centre.

Peter Brathwaite is a descendant of John Brathwaite's nephew Miles. Peter's 4x great grandmother Margaret Brathwaite was born in Barbados in 1790, the illegitimate daughter of Miles, a prominent white enslaver, and an unknown enslaved African mother. Her husband, Peter's 4x great grandfather Addo Brathwaite, was the property of John Brathwaite. Peter's talk will be a personal reflection on what enslavement has meant to him and his family.

### **Background Information**

This talk is an opportunity to listen to someone who has a personal connection with the memorial. It is part of ongoing reflection being undertaken by the PCC in the light of guidance offered by the Church Fabric Commission in *Contested Heritage in Cathedrals and Churches*.

It is hoped that such reflection will help the church family, and those who visit us, to engage sensitively with the consequences of past enslavement and the repercussions still being experienced today. Also, to consider how we provide context to such memorials in our church; how to commemorate the names of those enslaved, how we formally lament the atrocities of past and modern slavery, and how we reach out to those who previously felt unwelcome in our church because of the existence of such memorials.

In connection with this reflection, the PCC has agreed to co-fund, with the diocese, a research project to tell us more about the life of John Brathwaite and the local context of the time, in Epsom; local views, the links with the abolitionist movement, what MPs said, so that we know a more holistic story that the monument is revealing to us.

## OUTDOOR AREA FOR ARK @ST MARTINS

Thanks to all who have donated equipment; the mud kitchen is now installed! Many thanks to Graham Lowe who built the kitchen. We will hold the Ark junior Church this way on a regular basis – dates will be in the Ark families' newsletters. Outdoor Church encourages children to connect with creation and the creator.



## PLATINUM JUBILEE & AFTERNOON TEA



Nick & Yvonne have pleasure in inviting all members of the church family at St Martin's & St Stephen's to afternoon tea on **Sunday 29 May 2022 @ 3pm at the Vicarage.**

Please save the date. A sign up sheet will be available in both churches from the beginning of May. Contributions of cakes, scones or sandwiches would be much appreciated.

## **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.





## 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***

### ECO CHURCH

#### **Recycling in Epsom**

There is a recycling box in the welcome area at the **Methodist Church** in Ashley Road. They recycle the following and support the linked charities:-

- Used stamps (RNIB)
- Gently used bras ('Smalls for All' supporting vulnerable women)
- Spectacles – without the cases, please - (sent to developing countries)
- Crisp packets (Air Ambulance)
- Batteries, empty tablet blister packets (recycled so they are not sent to landfill)
- Clean foil
- Toothbrushes and empty toothbrush tubes

**The Co-op** take plastic bags.

**Boots and Leightons** take contact lens foil and contact lenses

**Boots and Superdrug** Makeup compacts and palettes, mascara, lip products, plastic make-up tubes and other makeup packaging.

**Ryman** Pens and other writing equipment and printer cartridges

**Dyas and Sainsbury's** Water filters

In due course St Martin's could collect something for recycling too. There are more 'eco' links on the church website, under 'Church Life' and 'Eco Church'

- <https://www.stmartinsepsom.org/church-life/> .

A very useful local group is Sustainable Epsom and Ewell

- <https://www.sustainableepsomewell.co.uk> - who have information on many things (look under 'themes') including some more recycling options around Epsom. Do have a look - and then reduce, re-use, and RECYCLE

## **LATEST MESSAGE FROM FOOD BANK**

### **URGENT**

Long life fruit juice

Tampons

Adult toothbrushes

Hair conditioner

Children's toothpaste 0-2

Children's toothbrushes 0-2

### **We also need**

Instant mash

Spaghetti in sauce

Tinned potatoes

Pasta sauce

Tinned fruit

Tinned fish

Long life UHT milk (full fat and semi skimmed only)

Dried pasta in sauce

Custard

Tea bags

Brown sauce

Squash

Dog food

Washing up liquid

Deodorant (all kinds)

Chocolate biscuit bars (ie penguins, clubs etc)

Small sized chocolates (freddo bars etc)

Crisps

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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