



Registered Charity Number: 1134149

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

w/b SUNDAY March 20th, 2022
3rd Sunday of Lent,

Prayer for the events in Ukraine

Lord of all people and all nations,
We lift before you the people of Ukraine and the people of
Russia, each girl and boy, each woman and man living in
fear of what tomorrow might bring.

We long for a time you spoke of through your prophet
Isaiah, when weapons of war would be beaten into
ploughshares, when nation will no longer lift up sword
against nation, we cry out to you for peace.

Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in
security and safety. Comfort those who fear for their lives
and the lives of their loved ones. Change the hearts of
those set on violence and aggression,
Fill earthly leaders with great wisdom to find paths to
peace. Please Lord come and have your way in your world;
may your will be done here on earth, as it is in heaven; may
your peace reign.

We lift this prayer to you, our God who is able to do
more than we can ever ask or imagine, in the name of
Christ our Saviour,
Amen

Hello

As Lent progresses, our focus turns increasingly to the journey to the cross. How do we gain a fresh appreciation, or insight into, this so familiar story? One that may help, is to reflect on what it takes to heal a broken relationship. At 10am, we hear the story of how humanity fell victim to the temptation to ignore God and in so doing broke that relationship and heard the consequences of that betrayal. Through the cross Christ shows the extent to which achieving healing calls us, but also through the resurrection shows us the joyful new start that a healed relationship brings.

The Vicar

THIS WEEK

Sunday 20th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

- 9.30am – Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
- 10.00am – Sung Communion at St Martin's,
in church and live streamed
- 11.00am – Young people's discussion group (see below)
- 6.30pm – Choral Evensong, in Church and live streamed

Tuesday 22nd March

- 9.30am Lent group discussion
- 4.00pm - Centering Prayer group

Wednesday 23rd March

- 10.00am – Holy Communion

Friday 25th March

- 9.30 onwards - St Martin's school Easter service

Today - Sunday 20th March – Marmalade Sale

I will be selling marmalade and some lemon drizzle cakes after the 10am service today. Proceeds to go towards the dishwasher we are hoping to install in the servery at the back of Church.

Maureen Suatt

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 27th March – 4th Sunday of 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 – Holy Communion

STUDY AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Group for older children

A group for children aged 8+ meets in Church House after the 10am service until about 11.45am. Please spread the word. It will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month.

The group is being run by Alana Harris, Kate and John Malhotra and Graeme Lodge but any more helpers would be warmly welcomed. The aim is to reflect on the theme of that morning's service through discussion and other activities.

Lent Courses

1. An opportunity to discuss the spiritual, as well as practical issues, that are raised by our consideration of how to respond to the 'contested artifacts' in St Martin's (such as the Brathwaite memorial), using biblical and other material: **Tuesday 22nd March – 9.30am in the Wisley Room at Church House.**

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

Please be aware that the Revision of the Electoral Roll notice has been placed on the church notice boards. Please check your entries in the folder at the back of St Martin's (or with me by email aronson_john@hotmail.com) and let me know if I need to make any amendments (eg, change of address). If you are not on the roll and wish to join please complete a form available at the back of the church and deliver it to the Parish Office.

Thanks

John Aronson

UKRAINE

Welcoming Ukrainian Refugees

As you know, the Government has announced its scheme for hosting Ukrainian refugees in the UK. It is different from the information we were given in advance, which I spoke about in church on Sunday, so please see the government's website for full details: <https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/> You will also know that the Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network <https://epsomrefugeenetwork.org/> has been supporting refugees in our area since 2015. They work closely with Refugees at Home <https://www.refugeesathome.org/>

If you have registered to offer a home to Ukrainian refugees, please let Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network know as they are coordinating local resources. They also need volunteers to help, in particular those who have professional experience in making home assessments, such as GPs, retired GPs, social workers and occupational therapists. They also need volunteers who have teaching experience to help any children who come to the area. In particular, they are keen to find a former senior member of teaching staff or head teacher who will volunteer to lead a team to organise this. Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network also need volunteers who can help support the refugees once they have arrived. Please contact them if you can help in any of the above ways. We will keep you updated as the situation develops.

Judith Mitchell

MANY THANKS!

Many, many thanks to all of you for your love, prayers, cards and messages over the last 3 weeks since I so carelessly tripped over and broke my hip. I'm accelerating on my zimmer frame every day and can now get in/out of the car, so hope to return regularly to church soon. Look after yourselves and watch your step everyone!

Alyson Aronson

SAVE THE DATE

Summer Fayre
Saturday 11th June



We are planning a Summer Fayre, to be held outside, weather permitting! Enjoy summer themed stalls, games, cream teas, companionship and the weather!

Events Team

MISSION FOR THE MONTH - March

HOME MISSION

Spinnaker Trust; Engaging-Inspiring-Equipping

The aim of this Christian Charity is to support Primary Schools with Assemblies and R E Lessons. Locally here they have worked at 11 Schools at Epsom and Ewell.

They aim to inspire this generation of Primary School children to engage with the Christian Faith and explore its values.

Jill Chapman

ABROAD MISSION

The Mission to Seafarers is a Christian welfare charity serving merchant crews around the world. It operates through a global Mission 'family' network of chaplains, staff and volunteers and provides practical, emotional and spiritual support through ship visits, drop-in seafarers' centres and a range of welfare and emergency support services. **Meg Topley**

STEWARDSHIP

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

For general and stewardship giving you can give online 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.



FOOD BANK

This week, we have several urgently needed items:

Longlife sponge puddings

Powdered milk

Longlife fruit juice, Tinned fruit

Chocolate spread

Shampoo, Hair conditioner, Shaving foam

Loo roll, Tampons

Children's toothpaste 0-2, Children's toothbrushes 0-2

We also need

Spaghetti in sauce

Custard, Rice pudding

Packet soup

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

Dried pasta in sauce, Ketchup

Tinned fish

Coffee, Sugar (500g bags please)

Instant mash

Squash

Tinned potatoes

Washing up liquid, Pump soap

Deodorant

Dog and cat food

Chocolate biscuit bars (ie penguins, clubs etc), Crisps

Booking a supermarket delivery? Let us know when to expect it
You can donate at 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
Donation drop off times: Monday to Friday 9am – 2pm. Donations can also be made if you prefer by texting any amount between £1 and £20 FoodbankGift followed by your chosen amount to 70450.



HATS WANTED!

Do you have any spare hats that you would be happy to donate to

Age Concern Epsom & Ewell?

Any shape or size accepted

Please drop off at:

Age Concern Epsom & Ewell, The Old Town Hall,
The Parade, Epsom
KT18 5AG

Between 10-1pm Mon-Thurs

Thank you!



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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Admission by donation

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