



Registered Charity Number: 1134149

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**w/b SUNDAY March 27th, 2022
4th Sunday of Lent,**

Hello,

Mothering Sunday today. We remember the Virgin Mary as an example of motherhood. She was prepared to go along with a preposterous plan outlined by the angel at the annunciation. She gave birth as predicted, named the child as she was instructed, and nurtured him into adulthood. She also, of course, went through what must have been the agony of her son's death, and the sheer perplexity of his rising again.

What an extraordinary life! Today we celebrate motherhood – indeed, all who have nurtured us into adulthood, female or male. We are also challenged, as we journey towards Passiontide, to prayerfully consider how we are nurtured in our faith, and how we are called to follow a preposterous plan to birth the Saviour in our Church and in our lives.

The Vicar

THIS WEEK

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, in Church and live streamed

Tuesday 29th March

7.30pm Mission and Outreach committee

Wednesday 30th March

10.00am – Holy Communion

Thursday 31st March

7.30pm - PCC – agenda displayed in Church

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 3rd April – 5th Sunday of 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

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.

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

EPSOM REFUGEE NETWORK

Tuesday 29th March 7.30pm - 9.00pm

St Joseph's Catholic Church, St Margaret Drive, Epsom KT18 7JQ

Advice About Hosting

We'll be inviting some experienced hosts to share with you **what it's like to become a host to a family**. This will range from insights as to how rewarding and enriching it can be to the practical advice about what to do if something goes wrong.

Volunteering With Refugees

Want to get involved but not sure how? This session will share **some of the many different ways in which you can get involved**. Including an overview of the current positions and short presentations from some of the volunteers who help us today.

Letting To Refugees

Housing is one of the biggest challenges we face when welcoming any refugee family into our community. **Becoming a landlord to a refugee family is incredibly valuable**, if you're a landlord or you know someone who is then this session will equip you with everything you need to know about making the best possible use of your property.

Questions and Answers

As mentioned in our last email, the crisis in Ukraine prompted a huge amount of enquiries to the charity and we thank you for your patience as we continue to process these. In the meantime, we felt the best way to get you the answers you need is to open the floor to a **question and answer session** with our small team of charity organizers.

Want to come along?

All are welcome to this free event. If you would like to attend please RSVP so we know how many to expect by clicking on the link on our website <https://epsomrefugeenetwork.org/> Looking forward to seeing you there.

DO JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT CONCERT

Music@St Martin's Recital Series

THE RICE FAMILY TRIO

Sat 9 April at 4.30pm

Arthur, Stephanie and Sapphire Rice present a varied programme of piano solos and duets by Bach, Chopin, Ibert, Astor, Hopekirk and Grainer.

All welcome; admission free.

Good Friday events in Epsom Market Place

Come, with your friends and neighbours, to an open-air service of Worship and Praise: 10:30am Good Friday, April 15, organised by Churches Together in Epsom. This is followed, at 11-12:30pm, by family crafts and outreach activities in the market place. All are invited.

Can you sing? You are invited to rehearse the choir music on April 9 at 10am in Christ Church Epsom Common - please email

choir@christchurchepsom.org.uk or ring David on: 07866 552917.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS

To Riona Borley, who was confirmed at Epsom College last week.



THE ARK

Had a great time last week doing 'wild church' in the Vicarage – as you can see from later in the day:



As well as cooking with mud, the children did a prayer activity



ECO CHURCH

The Return of the Hedgehog

We've lost 50% of our rural hedgehogs since 2000 (just stop to think about that a moment and realise that this won't be the only wildlife that has altered so significantly so quickly). To raise awareness of this 50 hedgehogs will be appearing around Epsom and Ewell this weekend (25th-27th March). They will have card by them offering tips about how we can help (individual local hedgehogs and habitat/biodiversity and climate on which they and we all depend).

The Wildlife Trusts, National Trust, Woodland Trust, Climate Coalition, CPRE Surrey and Surrey WI are working together on this – information on where to find where the hedgehogs can be found here – www.wildlifetrusts.org/returnofthehedgehogs. If you don't use the internet and fancy going on a hedgehog safari, do ask me! (tip-off – there will be one at St Martin's!)

Helen Williams

FOOD BANK

This week, we have several urgently needed items:

Longlife sponge puddings, Powdered milk
Chocolate spread
Spaghetti in sauce
Custard, Rice pudding
Shampoo, Hair conditioner, Shaving foam, Loo roll
Adult toothbrushes, Adult toothpaste
Nappies size 6+

We also need

Longlife fruit juice
Tinned 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., Peanut butter
Tinned potatoes
Washing up liquid, Pump soap
Tampons, Deodorant
Chocolate biscuit bars (ie penguins, clubs etc)
Small bars of chocolate, 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.

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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9.30am to 12.30pm**