



Registered Charity Number: 1134149

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

w/b SUNDAY April 10th 2022
Palm Sunday

We begin Holy Week, in a world full of suffering. As we walk with Jesus to His suffering and death, let us all gain an appreciation of the hope for the world and all our futures that spring from the resurrection and new life that comes at Easter

The Vicar

THIS WEEK

Sunday 10th April – Palm Sunday

8.30am - Holy Communion

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Stephen's

10.00am - Sung Communion at St Martin's,
in church/ live streamed

3.00pm Beacon Tea

6.30pm – Second Thoughts

A Reflection in preparation for Holy Week through music, poetry and a meditation on a painting.

Choir items will include 'Lamentation' by Bairstow and 'Were you there?' by Chilcott.

Tea and cake will be available beforehand from 6pm.

Eco Church Meeting

I thought it would be good to have an informal get-together after the 10am service on Sunday 10th for those interested in Eco Church: not for long - mainly to say 'hello' and to talk about actions for getting to our silver award... anything else that comes up! We'll meet up near the dais. Looking forward to seeing you then/there.

Helen Williams.

Beacon Tea

This afternoon's Beacon Tea is from 3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. in the Church. As it's Palm Sunday, and the nearest Beacon Tea to Easter, we shall provide the usual sandwiches and cakes, but also a Simnel cake and mini hot-cross buns (though they won't be hot I'm afraid). All are welcome. **Mary Gilbert and Elaine Snook**

Wednesday 13th April

10.00am – Holy Communion

The Wednesday morning Bible Study is suspended until later in the year .

Thursday 14th April MAUNDY THURSDAY

10.00am Holy Communion (*also livestreamed*)

7.30pm Holy Communion

Friday 15th April GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am Ecumenical Service in the Market Square

12-2pm St Martin's open for prayer

2-3pm St Stephen's service for Good Friday

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NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 17th April – Easter Day

8.30am - Holy Communion

9.30am – Easter Communion at St Stephen's

**10.00am - Easter Sung Communion at St Martin's,
in church/ live streamed**

6.30pm – Choral Evensong in Church and livestreamed

Home Communion

Would those who are sick or housebound and need Holy Communion at home please let the parish office know as soon as possible.

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.

Living In Love and Faith

This study and discussion is being had by everyone in the Church of England. A key issue is around marriage. Howard Bluett has written a paper, proposing some changes to how the C of E think about marriage. He is bringing this to the next PCC meeting – so do read it (attached to the weekly e-mail) and let him know if you have any comments.

Plants

I am again growing plants to sell. I will have the usual ones Tomatoes, Cucumbers, lobelia, Petunia, Nicotiana, Cosmos and Rudbeckia etc. They will be ready mid May and I will put another notice in the newsletter when they are ready. If you want me to reserve any let me know.

Maureen Suatt maureensuatt@virginmedia.com

APCM

Our Church annual meeting will be on Sunday May 1st at 11.30am. We will elect church wardens, PCC members, as well as receive reports on our accounts for 2021, and our Church activities during the year.

Look out for nomination forms for PCC/ warden in Church.

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

DIOCESAN MOTHERS' UNION QUIET DAY

You are warmly invited to join the Diocesan Mothers' Union Quiet Day on Wednesday 27th April 10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. at the Church of St. Thomas on the Bourne, Farnham.

It is open to men and women, regardless whether you are a member of the Mothers' Union or not.

The cost of the day is £20 with a bring and share lunch. The Theme of the day is 'Welcoming Transformation' and will be led by The Revd. Haydon Wilcox, Chaplain to St. Columba's House, Woking. Please email: haydonwilcox@mac.com for a brochure and booking form to be emailed or posted to you.

MISSION FOR THE MONTH – April

HOME MISSION

Christian Aid

Is an International NGO that insists that the world can and must be changed to one where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty and inequality. It is a faith based agency, yet they operate on a basis of need, irrespective of religion, ethnicity, caste, gender or nationality.

They have more than 70 years of experience to address causes of poverty through integrated development and humanitarian programming, policy and advocacy work, seeking to help in every possible way at the root of the problem.

Jill Chapman

ABROAD MISSION

Mission Aviation Fellowship. Flying for life.

At MAF we believe nothing should stop people from receiving the love of God and the essentials of life no matter how remote they are. Our vision is to see isolated people changed by the love of Christ. We use aviation and technology, because in many places those are the only ways to reach isolated people in need.

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:

Powdered milk, Mayonnaise
Hair conditioner, Shaving foam
Long-life sponge puddings, Custard
Long-life fruit juice
Long-life UHT milk- semi-skimmed and full fat only
Shampoo, Adult toothbrushes

We also need

Spaghetti in sauce, Rice pudding, Packet soup
Tinned fruit, Instant mash, Coffee
Chocolate spread, Crisps, Sugar (500g bags please)
Ketchup, Dried pasta in sauce, Squash
Cooking sauce, Washing up liquid, Pump soap
Toilet roll, Deodorant, Dog and cat food
Chocolate biscuit bars (ie penguins, clubs etc)
Non-dairy cartons of milk

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.

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