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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

w/b SUNDAY May 15th 2022 Easter 5

THIS WEEK

Sunday 15th May

- 9.30am – Morning Prayer at St Stephen's**
- 10.00am – Sung Communion at St Martin's,
in church and live streamed**
- 6.30pm – Choral Evensong at St Martin's in church and
live streamed (see below for more details of this
special service)**

Wednesday 18th May

- 10.00am – Holy Communion**

NEXT SUNDAY 22nd MAY

- 9.30am – Morning Prayer at St Stephen's**
- 10.00am – Morning Prayer at St Martin's,
in church and live streamed**
- 6.30pm – Evening Prayer at St Martin's in church and
live streamed**

Music@StMartin's SUMMER RECITALS 2022

This weekend sees the first of our summer recitals on **Sat 14 May** and our Open Evensong choir recruitment project on Sun 15 May. Enjoy great music at St Martin's every weekend!
All welcome.

COME AND SING EVENSONG WITH ST MARTIN'S CHOIR!

We need more singers from the parish to maintain and grow our celebrated musical tradition. Discover what it's like to sing with us in rehearsal and in a full choral service by attending this special OPEN EVENSONG event.

For more information, speak to Richard Dacey after a service or get in touch via the church of office 01372 722567 or our website: www.stmartinsepsom.org or via Twitter @epschurchchoir

OPEN EVENSONG SUNDAY 15 MAY, 2022

5.00pm REHEARSAL

6.05pm REFRESHMENTS

6.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Music by Byrd, Aston and Ireland

NEWS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Sadly, we have to report that Joan Armstrong has died. She and her husband Bill have been part of St Martin's for many years. Details of her funeral will be emailed out as soon as we know the details.

Rosie Hall is very unwell and is being cared for in hospital. Please pray for her, and also Tom and their family.

COMING UP ...

Churches Together in Epsom: Council Meeting

You are warmly invited to attend and contribute to the CTiE Council meeting 7:55pm on May 17, to be held at St Martin's Church – refreshments from 7:30pm.

Agenda: <https://ctie.org.uk/index.php/about/ctie-council/87-ctie-council-meeting-agenda-17-may-2022>admin@ctie.org.uk

Coffee Morning – Saturday 21st May

I am having a Coffee Morning on May 21st 10.00 to 12.00 to raise funds for the dishwasher in Church.

There will be cakes, plants and preserves plus a bring and buy table

Everybody welcome

Maureen Suatt

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Epsom

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Centering Prayer Group – Tuesday 24th May 4pm

The Centering Prayer group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month in church from 4 to 5 pm. All are welcome, including anyone who hasn't been before.

Afternoon tea for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Sunday 29th May 3pm

All are invited to tea at the Vicarage.

There are sign-up sheets at the back of church at both St Martin's and St Stephen's. Please confirm if you are able to come and if you can contribute something towards the tea.

Music@StMartin's SUMMER RECITALS 2022

Sat 4 June at 4.30pm

EMMANUEL BACH -violin

ALEXANDRA VADUVA -piano

Programme

Sonata in A -Schubert

Sonata in D -Prokofiev

Valse-Scherzo -Tchaikovsky

MISSION FOR THE MONTH – May

Christian Aid Mission

Christian Aid week starts today 15th May and we shall be focusing on this charity throughout the month, using both display boards. This Faith based agency operates on a basis of need, irrespective of religion, ethnicity, caste, gender or nationality. It tackles the causes of poverty through integrated development and humanitarian programming, policy and advocacy work including looking at the roots of the problems.

On the Display Boards we shall be focusing on Christian Aid both HOME and ABROAD

Jill Chapman

Ukraine Mission

Russia invaded Ukraine on February 23rd. This invasion brought fear, uncertainty, displacement and suffering to innocent people. Christian Aid and many other charities with funds raised are providing emergency assistance, food, Christian literature and other help for displaced Ukrainians affected by this war.

Meg Topley

Mission Donations, Spring 2022

In the light of a public appeal by the Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network for financial support at this turbulent time, the Mission Committee has donated £500 to support the new families from the Ukraine arriving hard on the heels of refugees from Afghanistan. I'm sure we would all want to make them as welcome in our borough as possible.

We have also donated £500 to the Leprosy Mission, a charity which we have supported over many years. It is very satisfying to know that our donation at this particular time will be doubled by a generous supporter.

Laurence Impey

Christian Aid Week 2022, 16th – 22nd May

Our short sequence of Sundays focussed on Mission culminates in Christian Aid Week. This is a charity all churches in Epsom have supported for some time because of its indiscriminating response to hardship, loss and despair around the world.

The annual appeal is of enormous importance to Christian Aid, badly hit by the drop in income during the pandemic. Can we please try to respond, as we have in the past, with a generous donation? For example, according to Christian Aid:

£80 could teach 180 farmers how to plant drought-tolerant crops that can survive drought.

£335 could pay for a communal water point with two taps, situated at an earth dam, where people can collect water.

£545 could pay for a skilled labourer to work on the construction of an earth or sand dam.

It would be very good to think that St Martin's had enabled at least one of these projects. Please donate, either digitally via the Christian Aid QR code in this newsletter, or by returning cash in a Christian Aid envelope, or by sending a cheque to the Parish Office made out to St Martin's PCC, Epsom, clearly marking it for "Christian Aid". As ever, thank you in advance.

Laurence Impey



Concerning Marriage – Please see the paper from Howard Bluett sent with this weekly mailing. This is a discussion of a proposal he wishes to put to the PCC asking that the marriage service be made available to same sex couples. Please respond to Howard howard.bluett@gmail.com if you wish to express a view. He would be grateful to receive your comments before the meeting on 8th June. Printed copies are available from him or from the office if needed.

Howard Bluett

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 Click on <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/13377>

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.

Tuesdays in Church

I continue to be available for Morning Prayer, 9.00 am – 9.30 am, after which I shall be in the church if you wish to discuss anything of a pastoral nature. On the *first Tuesday* of every month I shall be available only until 11.00 am. The other Tuesdays are unchanged and I shall be in the church until 12.00 noon. **Mary Gilbert**

Church Garden Lawn Treatment

The inner area of the church garden has had a professional lawn treatment. This is needed because although the garden's increased use during CV may have benefitted many, it has worn out the lawn during the Winter of Discontent. In order for the treatment work, may I ask that for the next month visitors enter the garden through the side entrance – by the benches. If there is a need to walk or stand on the lawn around the crescent bed, please tread on the edges of the lawned path and give the treatment a chance. **Jean Wright**

3rd EPSOM SCOUT GROUP



The 3rd Epsom (St. Martin's) Scout Group is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Initially founded by a former Churchwarden we have been continuously Scouting since 1922. As a St. Martin's sponsored Group, we are now based in the Scout Hall behind St John Chandler Hall on Church Road (just off East Street) and we are now the oldest continuously running Scout Group in the area.

On the 24th July we are holding a celebration day for anyone who is or has been associated with the Scout Group. We are meeting for tea and coffee at 10:30am before people being able to optionally partake in a number of scouting type activities. We are ending the day with a Hog Roast supper and traditional campfire starting at 8pm. People are able to join us for the whole day or just part of it. For more information please email 100years@3rdepsom.org.uk or complete the form at <https://www.3rdepsom.org.uk/100Anniversary.html>

Did you attend Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers with the Group when you were younger?
Did your children go there?
Did you volunteer as a leader there?
Do you have any other connections?
We would also be grateful for any memories or photos of your Group and its members.

Please get in touch.
Richard Ascough
Group Scout Leader
3rd Epsom (St. Martin's) Scout Group

FOOD BANK

This month has seen a jump in demand and we fed more than 550 people in April.

We have completely run out of:

Sweets and treats for children (freddo, buttons, mini cookies, hairdo etc.)

Chocolate treats for adults

Instant mash

Honey

Peanut butter

We urgently need:

Tinned fruit

Coffee Sugar (500g) Meat pies

Powdered milk

Long-life sponge puddings

Biscuits

Tinned vegetables

Squash

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

Long-life fruit juice.

Pump soap

Deodorant - all kinds

Shampoo Dog food

Please no more of these items as we are fully stocked: Pulses, pasta, rice, beans.

Booking a supermarket delivery? Let us know when to expect it. 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

Donation drop off times: Monday to Friday 9am – 2pm. We are closed on Bank Holidays.



SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 11th June – 12 noon – 4.00pm

Plans are well underway for our Summer Fayre, which will go ahead whatever the weather! To make this event a success we need your help.

Firstly we need items to sell, in particular:

- Plants – please keep until the week before the fayre and then bring to church
- Cakes – please let Jane Norris know if you can supply
- Games and Jigsaws (complete)
- Red, White and Blue items (new, unwanted presents etc. NO bric a brac please)
- Wine bottles – full of wine!

Any items can be brought to church as soon as possible.

Secondly we need helpers – please let us know if you are able to run a stall, help out on a stall for a short period etc. Without your help there can be no Fayre.

Fancy Dress Parade – advance notice we will be running a children's Fancy Dress Parade (judging at 1.00 pm) with the theme "Kings and Queens".

Thank you, in advance, for your support for this event.

Events Team

Alyson Aronson, Nancy Bluett, Mary Holloway-Neville and Cathy Morris

FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

We progress through Easter! In today's reading from the book of Revelation, we read St John's vision of the life to come. It's poetic, and moving, especially the part where it says, 'God will wipe every tear from their eyes.'

With so much bad news all around us, and the human suffering we witness abroad, and at home, much of it inflicted by our fellow humanity, there are indeed many tears shed in this life. It is, I pray, a comfort in present troubles and a source of hope for the future that one day we shall return to our heavenly Father, where He will wipe our tears away.

Nick

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Opening hours are

9.30am to 12.30pm

Please contact clergy and lay ministers via the office

MUSIC @ST MARTIN'S SUMMER RECITALS



GEORGIA MORSE -CELLO
SATURDAY 14 MAY 4.30pm



EMMANUEL BACH -VIOLIN
SATURDAY 4 JUNE 4.30pm

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