

St Martin of Tours

Epsom

St Stephen on the Downs

Langley Vale

Registered Charity Number: 1134149

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

w/b **SUNDAY** May 22nd 2022 **Easter 6**

THE VICAR WRITES



Dear Friends,

Hopefully, we have now completed our staffing review, and should be fully staffed from early June (see below). We often suffer poor service 'due to staffing shortages.' Without sounding like an over-pious epilogue presenter, I do wonder if the world suffers poor service due to a staffing shortage of people willing to work for the values of God's Kingdom? **Nick**

THIS WEEK

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**

Tuesday 24th May

4.00pm – Centering Prayer

Wednesday 25th May

10.00am – Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY 29th MAY

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Stephen's

**10.00am – Sung Communion with Baptism at St Martin's,
in church and live streamed**

3.00pm – Jubilee tea at the Vicarage

NO 6.30 SERVICE ON THIS DATE

COMING UP ...



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

*****SATURDAY 4 JUNE AT 4.30PM*****

OUR NEXT RECITAL IS ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY

Don't miss this opportunity to hear the highly talented violinist Emmanuel Bach play an exciting programme of Austrian and Russian music accompanied by pianist Jenny Stern.

Schubert Sonata in A major, 'Grand Duo', D. 574, Op. post. 162
Prokofiev Sonata No.2 in D major, Op.94b Tchaikovsky Valse-Scherzo, Op.34

<https://www.emmanuelbachviolinist.com/about-emmanuel>

<https://www.facebook.com/emmanuelbachviolin/>

Contemplative Prayer Group – Tuesday 7th June 11am

The Group meets next in Church for an hour or so of led contemplation and listening prayer. The 'saying' from John which will be our starting point will be: *The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things* (John 14.26) - this will fit so well into the week following the Feast of Pentecost. All will be very welcome.

Calling all Cake Bakers – Saturday 11th June

Please remember to help us fill the cake stall at the Summer Fayre with your delicious cakes, plain or decorated, big or small! Your cakes are always fantastic and very popular. I can collect if needed or please bring to the stall on the day. Jane Norris - 01372 722493.

Jane Norris

Sunday 12th June 6.30pm

I will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of my Ordination as Priest on Trinity Sunday, 12th June, with a Festival Choral Evensong at 6.30 pm followed by tea and cake. The preacher is Christopher Herbert, Assistant Bishop in this Diocese, who used to be my Bishop in the St Albans Diocese. It will be a feast of music - and three glorious hymns! All welcome! **Adrian**

Tuesday drop-ins at St Martin's

I won't be available on Tuesdays 24 May or 7 June. **Mary Gilbert**

STAFFING REVIEW UPDATE

Subject to the usual checks, we have appointed a new Admin Assistant for the office. They will be working 9.15am-12.45pm Monday to Friday and will be starting on June 7th.

MISSION FOR THE MONTH – May

Christian Aid Mission

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 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.

Home mission



Church Mission Society believes that all of God's people are called to God's mission. St Martin's support our UK based Mission Link Partner, Andrea Campanale, who is part of a network of pioneers helping to renew the church working with spiritual people rather than religious. CMS want to help communities of Christians to act like Jesus with one another and with their neighbours.

Meg Topley

Mercy Ships

The Mercy Ships posters for June will shortly be on display at the back of St Martin's. St Martin's has been giving ongoing sponsorship support for several years. Do have a look because Mercy Ships now has two ships requiring volunteers.

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.

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:

Powdered milk

Washing-up liquid

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

Chocolate treats for adults

Instant mash

Honey

Peanut butter

Long-life sponge puddings

Pump soap

Washing powder, pods & tablets (bio & non-bio)

We urgently need:

Packet soup

Tinned fish

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

Spaghetti in sauce

Pasta sauce

Shaving foam

Deodorant - all kinds

Shampoo & conditioner Adult toothbrushes

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



Join us on Thursday 26th May for an
Ascension Day Service
6.30am at The View Point, Box Hill
Followed by refreshments at St Andrew's Box Hill



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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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PERFORMING WITH THEIR PLEYEL DOUBLE
PIANO



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Participation & vocal score hire £10
PERFORMANCE at 6.00pm



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