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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

w/b SUNDAY May 8th 2022 Easter 4

THIS WEEK

Sunday 8th May

- 8.30am – Holy Communion at St Martin's**
- 9.30am – Holy Communion at St Stephen's**
- 10.00am – Choral Matins at St Martin's,
in church and live streamed**
- 3.00pm – Beacon Tea**
- 6.30pm – Second Thoughts at St Martin's in church and
live streamed**

Tuesday 10th May

4.00pm - Centering Prayer group

Wednesday 11th May

10.00am – Holy Communion

NEXT 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)**

BEACON TEAS

The next Beacon Tea is today, from 3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome to join us for tea, sandwiches, cake and a chat. (We shall also be serving refreshments from 6.00 p.m. to anyone who comes to Second Thoughts at 6.30 p.m.)

Mary Gilbert and Elaine Snook

Second Thoughts, at 6.30pm (refreshments available beforehand)

Chris Esdaile

‘REDRESS: Fighting for a world without torture’

Chris is Legal Advisor/Solicitor at REDRESS, which seeks justice and reparation for survivors of torture, works to combat impunity for governments and individuals who perpetrate it, and develops and promotes compliance with international human rights standards. Chris will explain some of REDRESS's work, both in relation to individual cases, and also their efforts to influence broader policy in the area, and explain why fighting for a world without torture is still of crucial importance.

Chris's work has always focussed on making the legal system more accessible to the most vulnerable. He has previously worked with farmworkers in South Africa, tenants in Birmingham, abused women in Chile, and victims of corporate excess in Colombia.

Centering Prayer

The Centering Prayer group is meeting this Tuesday in church from 4 to 5 pm. All are welcome, including anyone who hasn't been before.

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 office.

OPEN EVENSONG SUNDAY 15 MAY TIMINGS

5.00pm REHEARSAL

6.05pm REFRESHMENTS

6.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Music by Byrd, Aston and Ireland



The choir pictured at Chelmsford cathedral in April.

Afternoon tea for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

All are invited to tea at the Vicarage on Sunday 29 May 2022 at 3pm.

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.

APCM

Sarah Lutton was elected as our new Churchwarden – congratulations, Sarah. She replaces John Flower, who has retired after serving his term of office. New PCC members were also elected, and a full list of our new members is displayed in Church.

Music@StMartin's

SUMMER RECITALS 2022

Sat 14 May at 4.30pm

GEORGIA MORSE -cello

Programme

Suite No 3 in C major -Bach

Suite No 3 -Bloch

Suite for cello -Cassadó

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 on 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



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**

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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prayer
course

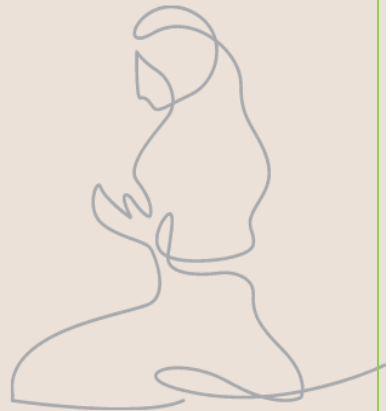
An 8 week journey through the Lord's Prayer

All welcome

At St Barnabas Church, Epsom

Starting Wednesday 4th May | 8-9:30pm

Developed by Pete Grieg and
the 24/7 Prayer Movement



This course continues on Wednesday evenings at St Barnabas – you don't need to have attended the first one last week – just go along at 8pm.

Church Garden Lawn Treatment

On Wednesday April 20th the inner area of the church garden received 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 to do its stuff, may I ask please that for the next month visitors should 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

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-2022admin@ctie.org.uk>

Churches Together in Epsom: Monthly Prayer Meeting

We look forward to meeting all who can join us, at the next CTiE meeting: 10-11am on Friday May 13th for **Coffee, Fellowship and Prayer**, in the outdoor space at **Old Moat Garden Centre Cafe**, Horton Lane, Epsom KT19 8PQ.

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

Thank you to those who arranged supermarket deliveries directly to us last week, we really appreciate getting donations we need this way.

We have completely run out of:

- Washing up liquid
- Washing powder, pods and tablets
- Instant mash
- Ketchup
- Non-dairy long-life milk
- Shaving foam
- Savoury biscuits

We urgently need:

- Tinned fruit
- Coffee
- Powdered milk
- Long-life sponge puddings
- Instant mash
- Tinned vegetables
- Squash
- Long-life UHT milk (semi-skimmed and full fat only)
- Long life fruit juice
- Deodorant - all kinds
- Soap

Please no more of these items as we are fully stocked: Pulses, pasta, noodles, sweetcorn, rice, beans, porridge, hot chocolate, tampons

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

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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

COME & SING ROSSINI SATURDAY 9 JULY

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PERFORMING WITH THEIR PLEYEL DOUBLE
PIANO



SINGERS register from 1.00pm
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PERFORMANCE at 6.00pm



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