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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 11th September 2022 – Creation 2



Dear Friends

We imagine that, like us, most people have been taken aback by the news of the death of the Queen. We all knew it would happen, probably sooner rather than later, yet it has still come as a shock to us that her 70-year reign has come to an end. There are formal protocols to follow on such occasions, yet for us individually, there are no protocols. We will probably experience many different emotions, although one common to us all will surely be great sadness. Eloquently phrased reactions from around the world to the Queen's death have captured so much of

what we are feeling, including thankfulness for her life of service. As a church community, we give thanks to God for her strong Christian faith and the example she has set us all. Yet, as we mourn, we should also pray for our new King. Choral Matins on Sunday will reflect this mood of both mourning and thanksgiving.

The Churchwardens.



THIS WEEK 11th September 2022 – Creation 2

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| 8.30am | Holy Communion at St Martin's |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion at St Stephen's |
| 10.00am | Choral Matins at St Martin's |
| 3.30pm | Beacon Tea at St Martin's |
| 6.30pm | Second Thoughts |

Wednesday 14th September

10.00am Holy Communion at St Martin's

NEXT SUNDAY 18th September – Creation 3

9.30am NO SERVICE at St Stephen's

10.00am Sung Communion at St Martin's

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Centering Prayer for September

The Centering Prayer group meets at the back of church, with refreshments from 3.45pm, ready to start at 4pm on Tuesday 20th September. All are welcome.

Second Thoughts on Sunday 11th September at 6.30pm

Besom and the Quality of Giving

'There are 24 Besoms in the country. We are part of a national network that seeks to encourage Christians in their local church to have an intentional involvement with those living on the margins of society in the neighbourhood. The Besom in Ashted, Leatherhead and Epsom is a registered charity and exists to be a bridge between those who want to give time, money, things or skills and those who are in need. We create links with social workers and care providers and they refer clients who are in need of furniture or help with a one-off project of gardening or decorating. In 2007 we started collecting furniture in our cars and using our garages as storage. We never ask, we don't fund raise or ask for specific items. When there is a need, we pray for God's provision. We have seen many answers to prayer including being given a van and money for a small warehouse.'

Julia Brand became a Christian on an Alpha course and was a criminal lawyer before having children. Since 2007 she has been part of the Besom team and is the co-ordinator of the Besom in Ashted, Leatherhead and Epsom. She will talk about all aspects of Besom.

Tea and cake will be available beforehand – do come and join us.

Adrian Esdaile

See Threads Through Creation at Guildford Cathedral

Saturday 10 September until Sunday 16 October.

There is to be a further stunning display of hanging tapestries created by textile artist Jacqui Parkinson to be shown at Guildford Cathedral.

Threads Through Creation explores the Genesis account of beginnings portrayed in vivid imagery, colour and stitching in twelve exquisitely embroidered panels. Threads through Creation is a spectacular sequence of 12 huge textile panels. Jacqui retells the creation story in the first pages of the Bible in stunning scenes and images. The exhibition is one of the largest projects by a single artist, ever. It has taken Jacqui two years to complete.

It is the follow up exhibition from the highly acclaimed Threads through Revelation, her first huge exhibition which visited 14 cathedrals including Guildford Cathedral and was seen by more than 500,000 visitors.

The exhibition is free to visit. A book, guidebook and postcards available to purchase.

Howard Bluett

Beacon Teas, Autumn 2022

The Beacon Teas will take place on the second Sunday of each month: 11 September, 9 October, 13 November and 11 December, from 3.30pm – 5pm. Please note the new start time of **3.30pm**.
Mary Gilbert and Elaine Snook

Churches Together in Epsom: Council Meeting

Wednesday 14th September

You are warmly invited to attend and contribute to the CTiE Council meeting 7:55pm on September 14, to be held at St Joseph's Church – refreshments from 7:30pm.

Agenda: <https://ctie.org.uk/index.php/about/ctie-council>

Recycling – Empty Medication Packets

Please bring your empty packets and put them in the box at the back of church. The box is covered in silver coloured paper with coloured dots on, so should look a bit like a packet of medicine, if you use your imagination! The Council doesn't recycle these, but an organisation called TerraCycle does. Thanks.

Crosstalk

Trinity Church, Sutton, not far away, has a series of talks on Tuesdays which I discovered recently. The next in the new series is on the Cross of Christ. I am sure it will be worth a trip. They ask for £5 towards defraying the costs. Money well spent I would say. There is a car park nearby at Gibson Road.



Tuesdays at Trinity
7.30pm
13th September 2022

“CROSSTALK”
with the
Very Revd. Andrew Nunn

On the eve of the Feast of the Holy Cross, which celebrates St Helena's discovery of the True Cross in 326 AD and marks the dedication in 335 of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre built where the cross was found, the Dean of Southwark discusses the significance of the cross of Christ. **Howard Bluett**

Eco Fair – Saturday 24th September 2022

Dear Church - the second Epsom and Ewell Eco Fair is happening at St Martin's on 24th September, 10am - 2pm. You are all welcome - bring friends and family and any strangers walking past! There will be (amongst other things):

- information about what the Council and volunteer groups are doing
- ideas for how you can play your part
- some practical 'making' for all ages
- bike help and advice
- food and drink (including cake!)
- story sessions at set times

Please have a look at the poster for more information, go to www.SustainableEpsomEwell.co.uk, or ask me.

It would be lovely to have some help setting up (mainly in the morning of Friday 23rd September) and taking down (from 2pm when the fair finishes to 2.45pm, as there is a Music at St Martin's concert later on!). Please let me know if you can help move some tables and chairs. We'd also love to offer biscuits and slices of homemade cake - please bring some in on Friday 23rd or early on Saturday 24th, if you would like to offer this.

Thank you.

Helen Williams

MUSIC@STMARTIN'S AUTUMN RECITAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 24 September at 4.30pm

We're delighted to welcome young musicians from the City of London Freeman's School led by Director of Music, Anthony Merryweather, for their first visit to St Martin's. Help nurture and encourage these young musicians of the future by supporting their debut appearance in our series.

Saturday 22 October at 4.30pm

Local musicians of the Epsom and Ewell Silver Band continue to enjoy competition success under their inspiring conductor Paul Graham. Come and judge for yourself as the band performs popular hits from their latest playlist!

Saturday 19 November at 4.30pm

Singers of Opera Holloway return with a programme of famous operatic favourites. The concert will be a musical feast, featuring operatic solos and ensembles sung by local soprano -Callie Gaston, tenor -William Branston and baritone -Sam Oram. Since Opera Holloway last visited, their star singers have made their

international debuts and are in demand in both the UK and overseas. The trio will perform some of opera's greatest arias, duets and trios from *Faust*, *La Bohème*, *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*, *Don Giovanni* and more.

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.

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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH – September

The Bible Society works in over 200 countries, to bring the Bible to life for every man, woman and child, believing that when people engage with the Bible, lives can change for good. It translates and distributes Bibles around the World so that people can experience the Bible in their own language. It also works across Society in this country to help all adults and children to come to know its value in their lives.

Jill Chapman

MISSION

REDRESS

Since 1992 REDRESS has worked to deliver justice and reparation for survivors of torture, many targeted because of discrimination or to suppress dissent and to promote solidarity in the anti-torture movement.

Meg Topley

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

‘Out of Sight, Out of Mind’ Project Workshop Facilitators

Friends of Horton Cemetery have won some funding from *Historic England* to co-create a pop up-exhibition – through several participatory ‘chat and craft’ workshops – about Epsom’s forgotten history as an important psychiatric hub for London and the nation.

We are seeking volunteers (who will be trained, and work in pairs) to lead these public engagement events which will discuss the history of the ‘Epsom Asylum’ cluster and its Cemetery (in which 9000 people are buried). See <https://hortoncemetery.org/>

These workshops will be ‘making and doing’ sessions, intended for diverse audiences, at which people will be invited to discover the lives of some of the people buried in the Cemetery, to paint a ceramic flower (for a memorial garden ‘planted’ at the Cemetery site) and to reflect on mental health and wellbeing treatments today (and previously).

We hope to work with neighbouring primary and secondary schools, mental health charities, local history societies, and through Epsom and Ewell Council/Surrey County Council sponsored events.

Volunteers will help us to programme and deliver events across the next 12 months, with the aim of reaching 1000+ people and painting 900 ceramic flowers for installation in October 2023.

The public engagement programme will launch on World Mental Health Day (and in collaboration with the 'Love Me, Love My Mind' festival), with the following events already scheduled:

Saturday 8th October 2022: 'Chat and Crafting Stall', Epsom Market Square, 10:00 – 16:00

Monday 10th October 2022: St Barnabas Church of England Church

Horton Cemetery Walk - 13:00-15:00 [Cemetery Stories; flower painting throughout).

'Volunteer Researchers' Presentation – 12:00 noon [writing the life histories]

'Out of Sight, Out of Mind' Showcase event – 20:30. *Historic England* project presentation, aims and objectives.

Thereafter, we would aim for one or two workshops per month, spread across Epsom and Ewell, and targeting different audiences and constituencies.

Workshop facilitators will be provided with a workshop 'proforma', trained in co-participatory practices (by artist-activist Stephanie Bickford-Smith) and provided with safeguarding techniques and referral support by an expert psychotherapist (Dr James Wilson) so that they have the skills and confidence to deliver these sessions.

Come and find out more at an Information session

to be held on

**Tuesday 6 September, 16:00-18:00 at St Barnabas Church,
Temple Road, Epsom, KT19 8HA**

Or email for further information: alana.harris@kcl.ac.uk

ENJOY SINGING?

The choir of St Martin of Tours,
Epsom welcomes you!



St Martin's Choir provides music at Sunday services throughout the year. Our wide repertoire from the Anglican choral tradition includes music by Byrd, Wesley, Stanford, Howells, Rutter and more, plus newly-composed works as they appear. We welcome singers of all ages to make music with us and we also offer a range of extra opportunities including:

- Completing the RSCM Voice for Life Programme
 - Singing regularly in cathedrals
- Performing in our monthly Recital Series
- Having fun at our varied social activities

Rehearsals are on Friday evenings
Juniors (8-13yrs) 7.00pm-8.30pm
Adults 8.00pm-9.30pm

Contact Richard Dacey, Director of Music, St Martin of Tours,
Church Street, Epsom KT17 4PX Tel: 01372 722567
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www.stmartinsepsom.org

Eco Fair 2022

Saturday 24 September, 10am-2pm
St Martin of Tours Church,
Church Street, Epsom, KT17 4PX

*Free to attend
All welcome*

*Discover a wide range of local green groups,
businesses and campaigns, including:*



Free cycle checks with **Dr Bike**

Bring containers for plastic-free purchases
from **Honey and Bamboo**

Learn about topics such as ***sustainable
fashion, biodiversity, home energy
efficiency, and how to repair***

**Discover ways to reduce your environmental impact,
find opportunities to get involved,
and help us lobby for action and change!**

Refreshments available, remember to bring your reusable cup!



**Epsom and Ewell's
Green Week 2022**

For more information visit:
www.SustainableEpsomEwell.co.uk

**THE GREAT
BIG GREEN
WEEK** 

Music@StMartin's

AUTUMN RECITALS 2022



Sat 24 Sep at 4.30pm

Talented musicians from the
CITY OF LONDON FREEMEN'S SCHOOL
present a varied programme of solo and
ensemble music for voices and instruments.

Sat 22 Oct at 4.30pm
EPSOM AND EWELL SILVER BAND

conducted by Paul Graham
perform an eclectic selection
of music from their prize-winning
repertoire.



Sat 19 Nov at 4.30pm

OPERA HOLLOWAY

return to sing popular
operatic excerpts including
O mio babbino caro (Puccini)
The Pearl Fishers Duet (Bizet)
Nessun Dorma (Puccini)

More information at www.stmartinsepsom.org
ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, EPSOM KT17 4PX

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Admission to the recitals is by donation. You can
also use our QR code to support the series at any time.



Out of Sight, Out of Mind?

Remembering Epsom's Forgotten Residents

Did you know that the largest cluster of psychiatric hospitals in Europe was in Epsom?

And the unclaimed bodies of over 9000 psychiatric patients who died in these facilities were buried in the local graveyard, Horton Cemetery?

We want to restore dignity to the thousands of people buried in unmarked plots on this wasteland. Some were famous in their day (war heroes, a Titanic survivor, a popular comedy actor, and a model/artistic muse for Picasso), but countless others lived less-public lives.

Our project, supported by **Historic England**, seeks to recapture these stories and to create a crowd-sourced memorial, overcoming historical amnesia, neglect, and inaction.

We will be running 'chat and craft' workshops across the year, with the aim of painting 900 commemorative ceramic flowers – and the creation of a memorial garden.

This memorial garden will be 'planted' near the Cemetery in October 2023 and act as a powerful public marker. We want to do justice to these forgotten lives – as a first step towards putting Horton Cemetery into public hands and restoring community knowledge about and access to this historic site.

Come and paint a flower for free, to give testimony to these forgotten residents and find out more about these hidden lives.

**Market Square on
Saturday 8th October
10:00 – 16:00**



Epsom Mental Health and Well-Being Festival

October 2022



You may be aware that we are not holding a full week of Festival this year, to give some time to reflect on the way forward in a changed and changing world. But there are going to be some wonderful events, open to everyone at no cost. There is no need to book. Just come along. You will be made very welcome.

Monday 5 September - Monday 10 October

TIME TO REMEMBER

Epsom used to have the largest cluster of psychiatric hospitals in Europe (and possibly in the world). Near the Hook Road arena is the Horton Cemetery, where over 9000 former residents of the hospital are buried in largely unmarked graves.

As part of this year's Festival, every individual, family, charity, community group and organisation in the Borough is invited to paint a ceramic flower, obtainable from the Friends of Horton Cemetery stall in Epsom Market Place on Saturday 8 October or at St Barnabas' Church, Temple Road, Epsom KT19 8HA on 10 October.

It is hoped that 900 flowers will be painted and, in 2023, laid in memory of those who died.

www.lovemelovemymind.org.uk



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Epsom Mental Health and Well-Being Festival is organised by Love Me Love My Mind, a charity dedicated to promoting understanding about mental health issues. Registered charity no: 1177683 Phone: 07719 014411



A Documentary From The Movement for Justice and Reconciliation

Screening

Sat 1st Oct 3-5pm

St Mary Oatlands Church Hall

Book Here



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Parish Office:

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KT17 4PX Phone: 01372 722567

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Opening hours are

10am to 12noon

**Please contact clergy and lay ministers via
the office.**