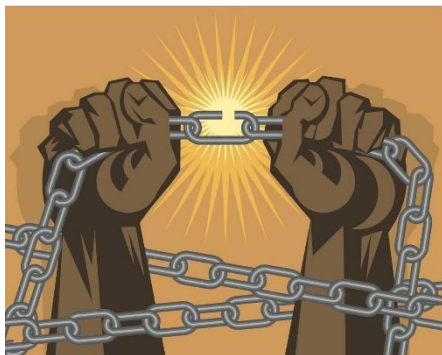


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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 16th October 2022 – Anti-Slavery Sunday



THE VICAR WRITES...

One of the blights of the human character is the tendency of the powerful to subjugate those less so. Within societies, nations and worldwide this has happened for probably as long as humans have been around.

Centuries ago, the prophet Isaiah said that a true act of devotion to God is to 'break the yoke of oppression.' Judaism and Christianity are founded on the story of exodus, exile and freedom – we, as the body of Christ, have a Kingdom mission to do that in any way we can; both in the physical, and spiritual lives of our sisters and brothers.

Nick Parish

THIS SUNDAY 16th October – Anti-slavery day

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 - in church and live-streamed
Celebrating the music of Ralph Vaughan Williams**

This week music lovers across the UK and beyond celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). RVW was a familiar figure at St Martin's while working with local choirs and he often played the organ at rehearsals too.

Our service of Choral Evensong this Sunday at 6.30pm pays tribute to this quintessential English composer with a selection of his liturgical music including the anthem, Lord, thou hast been our refuge. In this evocative piece, Vaughan Williams combines an original setting of Psalm 90 with the great hymn "O God, Our help in ages past," a paraphrase of Psalm 90 by Isaac Watts.

Do join us for this special service which will be followed by a reception of drinks and nibbles at which we shall toast the composer with local wine from the Denbies Estate!

Richard Dacey

Wednesday 19th October

10.00am Holy Communion

Saturday 22nd October at 4.30pm at St Martin's

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!

NEXT SUNDAY 23rd October – Last Sunday after Trinity

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

PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOL

From Thursday 6th October 2022 there will be a monthly Christian prayer meeting held to pray for St. Martin's school. These will be held on the first Thursday of each month at St. Martin's Church between 8-9pm. All are welcome to join. Please contact Naomi Ahronson for further details on 07773 346604 or email naomiahronson@gmail.com.

Eco Fair – Update

For those of you who weren't able to make this year's Eco Fair at church on 24th September, there is a write up in the Epsom and Ewell Times - <https://epsomandewelltimes.com/can-we-be-sustainable>. Thanks again to everyone who helped.

Helen Williams

USPG's "Growing Futures" Harvest Appeal

Thank you to those who contributed £90 to the USPG's campaign on behalf of the Anglian Church in Malawi to better the lives of smallholders' families currently perplexed and impoverished by the changing climate. Bigger charities campaign for the alleviation of similar threats of drought in East Africa, but it is satisfying this year to have supported a less publicised project in an equally challenging environment for equally needy people. Thank you for your support.

Laurence Impey

Saturday 19th November at 4.30pm St Martin's

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.



**** **SAVE THE DATE** ****

St Martin's Christmas Fair will be held on **Saturday 26th November 2022** between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm. Please put this date in your diaries so that you can come and support us. The Christmas Fair is always very successful with lots of goodies to buy, food to eat and friends to meet. Watch out for more information in due course.

Christmas Cards – On sale now



stock for you to buy.

It is time to start thinking about Christmas! I have set up my display of Christmas cards, candles and Advent Calendars. Please buy now while I have good stocks. Once I have sold out of a particular design, I may not be able to get any more. I will also have a table at the Christmas Fair with all my remaining

Everything will be on sale between now and Christmas especially in case you need that "extra" pack of cards!

Payment may be made in a variety of ways:

- Cheque: made payable to “The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Epsom” (please either hand in to the office or place in the wall safe in church)
- Donation Station: contactless payments – please use the “Cards” button
- Cash: via the wall safe in church.

Every packet sold helps the church. Thank you for your custom.

Mary Holloway-Neville

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.

FOODBANK NEEDS

We urgently need:

Long life milk
Tinned fruit
Long life sponge puddings
Tinned meat (we have lots of corned beef)
Long life juice
Custard
Instant mash
Ketchup
Sugar - 500g bags
Cereal bars
Chocolate/treats/crisps
Adult toothbrushes / toothpaste

We would also appreciate any bags for life/very strong bags

Please, no more of these items: dog food, washing up liquid, pasta, pulses, non-dairy milk, peanut butter, baby wash.

Please use our supermarket donation points or bring donations directly to us at Epsom & Ewell Foodbank, Good Company Hub, behind West Ewell Primary School, Ruxley Lane, Ewell KT19 0JG

We are open for donations Monday - Friday, 9am-2pm.
Please ensure donations are sealed, in date and do not contain alcohol.

Many thanks for all your support.

MISSION OF THE MONTH – October 2022

HOME MISSION

The Sunnybank Trust

This charity supports people with learning disabilities and autism to say what they want and live the life they choose, through their range of services. Voices—Choices—Futures, providing Advocacy and Social opportunities and transitional support to young adults and their families leaving full time education.

Spinnaker Trust - Engaging-Inspiring-Equipping

The aim of this Christian Charity is to support Primary Schools with assemblies and R.E. lessons and locally here they have worked at 11 schools in Epsom and Ewell.

They aim to inspire this generation of Primary School children to engage with the Christian Faith and explore its values.

Jill Chapman

MISSION ABROAD

Wheels for the World

This local Christian disability charity is part of the Christian Charity 'Through the Roof.' It is a programme focused on those who have mobility challenges by rescuing old wheelchairs and mobility aids destined for land fill, which are then refurbished in a prison workshop. The wheelchairs are distributed to developing countries such as Nigeria, Kenya or Uganda with physiotherapist and occupational therapy support. Each recipient receives a Bible in their own language.

Wheels for the World demonstrates the love of God in practical ways.

Meg Topley

GAGGING FOR LAUGHS
PRESENT

Comedy @ the College

FRIDAY 28TH OCT

TICKETS £22 / £20

**FABULOUS ACTS,
VENUE &
FAMOUS GIN BAR!**

Bar opens from 7pm

Comedy Acts start at 8pm

Epsom College, College Rd, Epsom, KT17 4JH

Back by popular
demand an evening
with 3 hilarious
comedians from
Gagging for Laughs

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/comedythecollege2022>

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A fundraising event for Age Concern Epsom & Ewell Registered Charity No : 1139652

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.



Submitting an item for the newsletter:

Please ensure that all items are emailed to the office by close of play on Wednesday, to be included in the newsletter for that week. Thank you.

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The Parish Office is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Please contact clergy and lay ministers via the office.