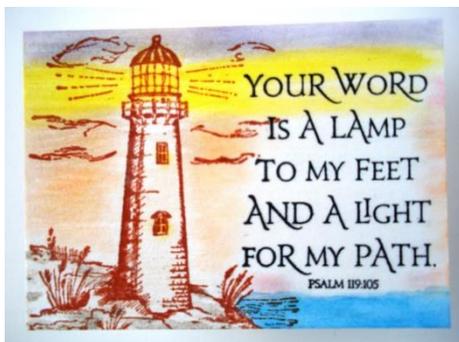


Registered Charity Number: 1134149

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 23rd October 2022 – Last Sunday after Trinity



THE VICAR WRITES...

This Sunday is also known as Bible Sunday. A collection of 66 books, covering a swathe of history, and a broad range of writing styles – factual, mythical, poetic, biographical, interpretive, prophetic amongst them. Rather than a unified book, it's really a

library covering so much more than many of us think. Having a sense of when and why things were written helps enormously in understanding what we are reading, and how it can enrich us. That is why Bible Study is such an important part of Church life, and during 2023 the Ministry Team will be focussing on providing opportunities for all of us to get involved.

Nick Parish

THIS 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
6.30pm Evening Prayer at St Martin's

Wednesday 26th October

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 27th October

7.30pm Standing and Finance Committee

NEXT SUNDAY 30th October – All Saints Day

NB The clocks go back one hour!

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
10.00am Sung Communion at St Martin's
6.30pm Evening Prayer at St Martin's

Contemplative Prayer Group

11am Tuesday 1st November in the Headley Room in Church House

Our starting point will be from the Sermon on the Mount in St Matthew's Gospel - '*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted*'. Anyone who would like an hour or so of led meditation and silence will be very welcome.

Adrian Esdaile

Centering Prayer on Tuesday, 1st November

We normally meet at the back of church, with refreshments from 3.45pm, ready to start at 4pm. Please note that on Tuesday 1st November, we will meet in the Wisley room at the usual time. All are welcome.

Praying for our school

Thursday 3rd November is the next monthly prayer meeting held to pray for St. Martin's school. In Church between 8-9pm. All are welcome. Please contact Naomi Ahronson for further details on 07773 346604 or email naomiaahronson@gmail.com.

Second Thoughts - Sunday, 13th November at 6.30 pm

Jonathan Lees

*'The Bible says we will always have the poor –
Does that mean we shouldn't do anything about them?'*

We will explore around what should our response be to the poor in our society - as Christians should that be different to others and is it things that we do and support that keep people in poverty. How do we challenge what happens and have we got ingrained in patterns of behaviour and therefore cannot see the impact of them?

Jonathan writes: 'For ten years I ran Generation Church, stepping down in 2020, and in 2012 we launched the foodbank with a lot of support. This has sadly grown and grown. Our mission is now to close the foodbank but to do that we have to explore the roots of poverty, how we live our lives, how we make decisions and how can we lift people out of poverty. These are the areas that we are grappling with on a day today basis as we try to turn the tide.'

Refreshments will be available beforehand

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.

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

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Saturday 26th November

The St Martin's Christmas Fair is back!! Please save the date in your diaries – Saturday 26 November from 11.00 am – 2.00 pm. We now need your help to ensure that the Fair is the best one yet. It is time to look out those items that you have been going to donate for ages, buy those extra bars of chocolate, that extra bottle of wine etc. There are a couple of boxes at the back of church for your kind donations.

We need the following:

Chocolate – individual bars, small boxes etc.

Books, CDs and DVDs

Boxed games and Jigsaws (complete if possible!)

Jewellery, Toiletries (new, gift sets, perfumes etc.)

Preserves, Bottles of wine

We will also be asking for cakes nearer the time!

*(We **DO NOT** want bric a brac or gifts as we have no room for these stalls this year and nowhere to store such items).*

We need volunteers to help out the day before (Friday 25th November) – to help us set up and also on the day itself – either to help run a stall, provide cover for a stall holder for a short time or to help clear up at the end of the Fair. If anyone is able to help out please contact one of the Events Team with your offers.

Lastly we have a poster that will begin appearing all over the place! If anyone is happy to take a poster and display it in their window we would be very grateful. There will be a pile of posters available from next week.

Thank you very much from the Events Team **Alyson Aronson, Cathy Morris, Mary Holloway-Neville and Nancy Bluett.**

St Martin
of Tours
Epsom

St Stephen
on the Downs
Langley Vale

St Martin's Church

Welcomes you back to the

Christmas Fair

Toiletries

Raffle

Bottle
Tombola

Books / CDs / DVDs

Cards

Jewellery

Games / Jigsaws

Bottle
Stall

Cakes / Preserves

Lunches / Refreshments

And much more...

Church Street, Epsom

KT17 4PX

11am – 2pm, Saturday

26th November

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,
Long life sponge puddings
Tinned meat (we have lots of corned beef)
Long life juice ,
Tinned pasta with meat
Instant mash,
Ketchup
Sugar - 500g bags
Jam / Marmalade / Chocolate spread
Chocolate/treats/crisps
Adult toothpaste,
Dog / Cat food

Please, no more of these items: 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
Coming soon...Our 2022 Christmas Campaign*

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.