



Registered Charity Number: 1134149

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2022 – 3rd Sunday before
Advent**

THE VICAR WRITES...



The season of remembrance continues this week, as we have our annual service of memorial and thanksgiving. It is an emotional time for most of us, bringing tears and smiles at loss and happy

memories. Hopefully, attending services with others will give us space for reflection amidst and atmosphere of peace and with a message of faithful hope.

Nick Parish

THIS SUNDAY 6th November – 3rd Sunday before Advent

Services won't be live streamed as the planned upgrades to the AV system won't be completed in time. We apologise to members of the online congregation, who will miss out this weekend; normal streaming service will be resumed from next Sunday (13th November).

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
10.00am Sung Communion at St Martin's
6.30pm Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving

Wednesday 9th September

10.00am Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY 13th November – Remembrance Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion at St Stephen's
10.45am Remembrance at St Martin's
3.30pm Beacon Tea at St Martin's
6.30pm Second Thoughts (*see below*)

REMEMBRANCETIDE – Sunday 13th November

This year's Remembrance Sunday Service will have a traditional parade by Scouts, ATC cadets and CCF cadets from Epsom College.

Among the many other traditions the pandemic prevented us from observing was the centenary of the laying of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Westminster Abbey. Millions of people have visited the tomb since then and everyone who enters the Abbey shares in the remembrance.

The Remembrance Sunday commemorations have always included special tributes from the Royal Family. Our late Queen, as Princess Elizabeth, laid her wedding bouquet at the tomb and for the centenary she returned to the Abbey to place a replica of that bouquet. In mourning and masked she was alone except for the Dean of Westminster, her equerry and a lone piper.

To honour the centenary His Majesty the King, as Prince of Wales, had placed a replica of the wreath laid on the coffin by his great grandfather King George V. This first wreath was of red roses and bay leaves because the now traditional Flanders poppies had yet to be adopted as a symbol.

With regret for loss of maintained knowledge of British history, I felt we could make up for this a bit this year and have the Remembrance Sunday decoration of St Martin's more telling. In this, we shall have an interpretation of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the font, under a "We Will Remember Them" theme for the two world wars and the many subsequent conflicts.

The Westminster Abbey website has a well illustrated history of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and is worth a visit.

Jean Wright

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 what should our response be to the poor in our society? As Christians should that be different to others? Is it things that we do and support that keep people in poverty? How do we challenge the status quo? Are we ingrained in patterns of behaviour that mean we cannot see their impact? 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



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

stock for you to buy.

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.**

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:

Sugar - 500g bags
Long life sponge puddings
Custard
Tinned meat
Long life juice
Tinned pasta with meat
Instant mash
Ketchup
Crisps (multipacks)
Nappies Size 6+

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

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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH – October 2022

HOME MISSION

The Church Homeless Trust

One in every 200 people are Homeless in England a very high percentage of these are young. The Homeless Trust raises funds to help everyone in need regardless of their gender, sexuality, race or religion, working in conjunction with Churches and Communities. Their grants of up to £250 are awarded to individual homeless people to help them take the next step forward. They fund the courses, clubs, skills and projects required to help them gain the skills, self esteem and confidence they need going forward.

Jill Chapman

MISSION ABROAD

Mission Aviation Fellowship

MAF is an international Christian organisation whose purpose is to bring help, hope and healing through aviation to people living in isolation and poverty. Every six minutes an MFA aircraft takes off or lands somewhere in the world. MAF transports people in the world who live in remote villages and assist missions, churches, aid development agencies and others working to transform the lives of communities that are cut off from the outside world.

Meg Topley

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.