



Registered Charity Number: 1134149

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER 2022 –
ADVENT 4**



This week we remember Mary, the mother of Jesus. Her faith in the message of the angel - however absurd it sounded - enabled the circumstances of Jesus' birth, his family life and her willingness to help him fulfil his destiny. May our faith in the promise of the Kingdom of God be strong this Christmas.

Nick Parish

THIS SUNDAY 18th December – Advent 4

- 9.30am** Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
10.00am Sung Communion at St Martin's –
in church and live streamed
6.30pm Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols,
followed by mince pies and mulled wine

Wednesday 21st December

- 10.00am** Holy Communion

Saturday 24th December – Christmas Eve

- 3.00pm** St Stephen's – Christmas Carols
for the people of Langley Vale
4.00pm Family Crib service – *aimed at children young and
old! Led by Sarah Lutton*
6.00pm Holy Communion for the evening before
Christmas Day.
*A service with music and a sermon.
Led by Andrew Haviland, preacher Adrian Esdaile.*

NEXT SUNDAY 25th December – Christmas Day

- 8.30am** BCP Holy Communion
(9.30am No service at St Stephen's)
10.00am Christmas Praise at St Martin's –
in church and live streamed
11.30am Said Holy Communion for Christmas Day

Wednesday 28th December

NO SERVICE

January 1st – New Year's Day

9.30am Patronal Holy Communion at St Stephen's
- led by Adrian Esdaile and John Padwick

NO SERVICES AT ST MARTIN'S on JANUARY 1st

Wednesday January 4th

10.00am Holy Communion

7.00pm Ministry Team in the Wisley Room

Thursday January 5th

7.30pm PCC in the Wisley Room

Friday January 6th

2.30pm Funeral of Rosie Hall,

followed by a reception in the Church Hall

January 8th – EPIPHANY

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's

10.00am Choral Matins and Holy Communion

6.30pm Second Thoughts

APOLOGIES to all those watching the 10am service at home last week. A technical hitch meant you didn't get the whole service. Hopefully, this has been fixed now.

Warm Hubs in Surrey

Please find a list of the Warm Hubs located locally:

Epsom and Ewell

Epsom Methodist Church, Roots Community Café

Address: Cafe 77 Ashley Rd, Epsom, KT18 5AQ

Opening times: Wednesday from 9am to 6pm

Epsom Library

Address: 6 Epsom Square, Epsom, KT19 8AG

Opening times:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9.30am to 5.30pm

Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am to 7pm

Saturday: 9.30am to 5pm

Ewell Library

Address: Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell, KT17 1UF

Opening times: Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 5pm

Ruxley Church

Address: Ruxley Lane, Ewell, Epsom KT19 0AF

Opening times: Thursday from 11.30am to 2.30pm

Please find some information on Surrey's additional Warm Hubs here:

[Warm hubs in Surrey - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

The network of nearly 70 Warm Hubs are there to support residents who are affected by the cost of living and energy crisis.

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:

Shaving Foam
Washing Up Liquid
Tinned vegetables
Tomato Ketchup
Squash
Cereal

We would also appreciate any bags for life/
very strong bags/Christmas Bags for Life

In November we fulfilled 281 vouchers to feed 848 people.
There was a sharp increase in first-time users at our Foodbank centres.

Help us support local families this Christmas.
To donate any amount between £1 and £20 please text
CHRISTMASGIFT followed by your chosen amount of 1-20 to 70450.
Your donation will go towards gift cards for children.



MISSION OF THE MONTH - December

Home Mission The Church Army



The Church Army - activating positive change through Faith, Words, and Action. A Mission focused community within the Anglican Church, positively affecting lives. Prayerfully— Expectant— and Generous.

Please take a look at the Mission Board and hold them in your Prayers.

Jill Chapman

Mission Abroad



Alex's Medical and Educational Clinic in Africa (AMECA).
Founded in 2006
by Ruth Markus,

in memory of her only child Alex. AMECA is committed to healthcare delivery, training healthcare professionals and to healthcare education in Malawi through sustainable initiatives. A maternity unit has been completed and in 2022 training undertaken by the key staff has led to more than 85% of all women being scanned during their first antenatal visit.

Meg Topley

St Martin of Tours, Epsom with St Stephen-on-the-Downs

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS



Special notice:

Please note that next week's newsletter will be the last one until 8th January. Please ensure that all items to be included in next week's newsletter are submitted to the office by 12 noon on Wednesday 21st.

Parish Office:

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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.