

**Registered Charity Number: 1134149**

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023  
EPIPHANY**



Hello, and welcome to the first newsletter of 2023.

The season of Epiphany begins this week, and we consider the revelation of Christ to the world, symbolised by the visit of the foreign dignitaries to his infant home. Outsiders embraced, which the adult Jesus will go on to teach as a sign of the Kingdom of God. It is a lesson of which our world, and all of us, need reminding in the year to come, if we are to see a measure of healing and reconciliation at home and abroad.

## **THIS SUNDAY January 8<sup>th</sup> – EPIPHANY**

<b>8.30am</b>	<b>NO SERVICE THIS MONTH</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St Stephen's</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Choral Matins with Holy Communion</b>
<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Beacon Tea</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Second Thoughts</b>

There is **no 8.30am service today**, as we are having a book of common prayer communion at 10am. Our normal pattern of monthly early services resumes in February.

### **Second Thoughts with Andris and Ruta Ababkuks**

#### **Paul in Athens**

Andris and Rūta have been on a number of holidays in Greece and, where possible, like to follow in the footsteps of the apostle Paul.

This year they spent a few days in Athens, where Paul gave his famous Areopagus speech.

The presentation will focus on Athens, but will also outline the part of Paul's second missionary journey that took him and his companions through what is modern day Greece, from Philippi to Corinth. If there is time, pictures of some icons from the Byzantine and Christian Museum in Athens may also be presented.

Andris and Rūta are active in the Latvian Lutheran Church in Great Britain. Andris also has permission to officiate in the Church of England Diocese of Guildford. He regularly takes services at St. Martin's and St. Stephen's.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January**  
**10.00am Holy Communion**

**NEXT SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> January – EPIPHANY 2**

**9.30am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's**  
**10.00am Sung Communion at St Martin's**  
**6.30pm Epiphany Carol Service**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

The church office will be **closed** from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023 for general maintenance. If you have any urgent enquiries, please email [office@smartinsepsom.org](mailto:office@smartinsepsom.org)  
Thank you.

**Music at St Martin's 2023**

Series begins on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 4.30pm.

Do join us for the first concert in our 2023 series given by student musicians of Epsom College. Once again, we're delighted to welcome the highly talented student musicians of Epsom College to present a thrilling programme of solo and ensemble pieces. Please come and support these young artists as they share their enthusiasm, commitment and impressive musicianship with us.

ADMISSION FREE / Donations welcome:



## Volunteers please! Saturday 28 January



The gallery of the tower at the east end of St Martin's has been used for storage over many years. There are things up there which now need to be either recycled or disposed of.

We plan to spend the morning of Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January having a clear out of the gallery and we need help to do that.

If you are available for an hour or two that morning and can offer help please let David or I know.

Thank you!

*Sarah Lutton/David Eggett*

## 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.



## **FOODBANK NEEDS**

### **We are running low on:**

Toilet Rolls (Urgent)  
Sugar - 500g bags please (Urgent)  
Breakfast cereals

Instant MashNappies in the following sizes:  
5, 5+ and 6+

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

Please, no more of these items: 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.

Donations can also be made if you prefer by texting any amount  
between £1 and £20 followed by your chosen amount to 70450. If you  
wish to donate a larger amount please e-mail us.

[foodbank@goodcompany.org.uk](mailto:foodbank@goodcompany.org.uk)

Many thanks for all your support.

## MISSION OF THE MONTH - JANUARY



### HOME MISSION - Epsom and Ewell Foodbank

It opened in 2012 and fed more than 2,600 in 2017 and the need has been escalating ever since. Especially in the last 2 years.

They are also working to stop hunger in our area working together with the community,

Churches, agencies, businesses and schools.

They have also recently opened a Hub in Epsom for more communication and to reach particular needs.

### ABROAD MISSION - The Leprosy Mission



Leprosy is still common in countries where poverty is rife and can lead to isolation and rejection from families and communities, despite being entirely curable. There are ¼ million new cases each year.

Treatment is vital to prevent disabilities that have devastating effects.

The Mission works to defeat Leprosy and transform lives.

Please Pray for them and the Foodbank and take a look at the Display Boards at the back of Church.

Thank you.

***Jill Chapman and Meg Topley (Mission)***

# MUSIC@STMARTIN'S

## CONCERT SERIES 2023

**Sat 21 Jan at 4.30pm**

### EPSOM COLLEGE MUSICIANS

Talented musicians from EPSOM COLLEGE present a show-case programme of solo and ensemble music guided by their inspiring teachers.



**Sat 11 March at 4.30pm**  
**SIMON WATTERTON -PIANO**

Described as a rising star in International Piano Magazine, Simon Watterton made his concerto debut at London's Cadogan Hall. He has also appeared at the Wigmore Hall and the Purcell Room and broadcast on Radio 3 and Classic FM.

**Sat 1 April at 4.30pm**

### DE BEAUVOIR PIANO TRIO

Formed in 2019, this exciting piano trio explores music from a unique perspective, incorporating concepts from linguistics and literary studies to elevate their communication with one another and their audiences.



More information at [www.stmartinsepsom.org](http://www.stmartinsepsom.org)  
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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.**