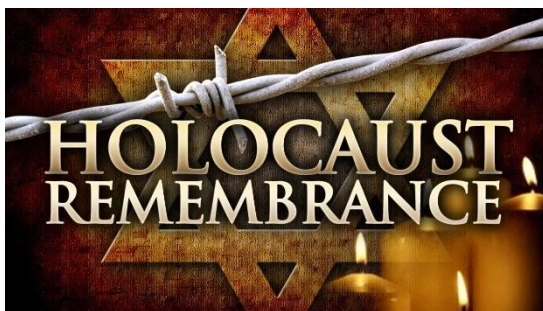


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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 22nd JANUARY 2023

EPIPHANY 3



Holocaust Memorial Sunday

Holocaust Memorial Day is commemorated each year on 27th January, the day in 1945 when Soviet forces liberated the Auschwitz-Birkenau Nazi death camp. The Church of England typically marks the date on the following Sunday - which, this year, is also the festival of Candlemas.

As such, St Martin's will instead mark the occasion at Morning Praise. The 10am service will be themed around commemoration, with a floral tribute by the War Memorial and elements of the service following suit. This year's theme for the event is *Ordinary People*, so the service will include some participative elements.

Martyn Holloway-Neville

THIS SUNDAY 22nd January – EPIPHANY 3

9.30am Holy Communion at St Stephen's
10.00am Morning Praise at St Martin's
6.30pm Ecumenical Service at St Barnabas
(NO service at St Martin's)

Wednesday 25th January

10.00am Holy Communion at St Martin's

Gallery Clearing morning: Saturday 28th February from 9.30am

We are grateful to those who have already offered their help. More offers of help welcome from anyone who can give a little of their time. Refreshments will be served.



The plan is to leave any items that potentially can be reused or recycled in an area next to the War Memorial. On Sunday 29th anyone is welcome to take anything away that they can make use of. On Monday 30th there will be a skip outside Church House for

remaining items from both the gallery and from a recent major sort out of the Office. ***Sarah Lutton/David Eggett***

NEXT SUNDAY 29th January – CANDLEMAS GOLD

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
10.00am Sung Communion at St Martin's
5.00pm Choral Evensong AT EPSOM COLLEGE
(NO 6.30pm Evening Prayer at St Martin's)

Deanery Choirs' Choral Evensong: Sunday 29th January 5.00pm Epsom College Chapel.

The Epiphany Carol service replaced our usual 3rd Sunday Choral Evensong last week. However, at the end of this month there's a special Choral Evensong being sung by combined choirs from the Deanery including our own. Do come and support this joint service which includes Stanford's setting of the Canticles in Bb and Balfour Gardiner's glorious 'Evening Hymn'. Rev Canon Andrew Havigland is leading the service.

Redundant Furniture

As part of the current project to declutter St Martin's Church, the PCC have been considering whether to dispose of some items of redundant furniture that are no longer used.

The items of furniture that are under consideration are:

1. Four pew responds, that are currently stored by the north door and in the south transept,
2. A small oak table
3. A small prayer desk,
4. A small bookcase
5. 2 red chairs
6. Larger Prayer desk
7. The two medium sized hymn boards that were in front of the Georgian pews,
8. The two large hymn boards that were hung either side of the rood screen.
9. Three small hymn boards
10. A small wooden plaque to a Muriel Harter,
11. A candle stand for tea lights.

All of these items, with the exception of items 1 and 5 are stored in the space behind the choir stalls on the south side of the chancel.

If you would like to know more about our plans for these pieces of furniture, please do not hesitate to speak to the Churchwardens in the first instance. As we need formal permission from the Diocese to dispose of these items, the PCC will be asked to formally resolve to petition for a faculty to do so at their next meeting on the 8th March.

The Churchwardens

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 urgently need:

Longlife Sponge puddings

Rice Pudding

Beans with meat

Cooking sauces

Longlife fruit juice

Tinned vegetables

Jam

Bar soap

UHT Milk (FF and SS only please)

Sugar (500g bags please)

Shower gel

Adult Toothpaste

Nappies in the following sizes: 5, 5+ and 6+

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

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

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
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.