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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**SUNDAY 30th JANUARY 2023
CANDLEMAS**



Today we celebrate the greeting of the infant Jesus in the Temple by Anna and Simeon and his prayer which we now know as the Nunc Dimitis. 'My eyes have seen your salvation.' Imagine being able to look at a recently born person and see her/him as

embodying hope for the world! Imagine, too, the patience of Anna, who had been daily praying in the temple for many years, waiting for this day.

May we all be inspired to wait in hope for the joy of freedom in the Kingdom of God, found in the life and teaching of Christ.

THIS SUNDAY 29th January – CANDLEMAS

- 9.30am** Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
10.00am Sung Communion at St Martin's – in church and live-streamed
5pm Choral Evensong at Epsom College at 5pm
(NO Service at St Martin's at 6.30pm)

Deanery Choirs' Choral Evensong: Epsom College Chapel.

The Epiphany Carol service replaced our usual 3rd Sunday Choral Evensong last week. However, 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 Haviland is leading the service.

Wednesday 1st February

- 10.00am** Holy Communion at St Martin's

Thursday 2nd February

- 7.30pm** Deanery Synod at St James' West Ewell

NEXT SUNDAY 5th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

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Sunday 5th February

Chorister Valediction at St Paul's Cathedral Evensong

We're delighted to share the news that one of our choir members, Dara, has completed his time as a treble chorister at St Paul's.

The valediction will be marked at the Cathedral Evensong on 5th February. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome to join us at this special service. To be seated in the quire by 2.45pm.

Thanks to everyone for the kind support and continuous encouragement given to Dara in his development as a church musician.

Dolapo & Banke

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Ashtead Choral Society looks forward to their next concert on **Saturday 25th February at 7.30pm at St Martin's**. To celebrate the 150th anniversary of Vaughan Williams' birth, the concert features three of his best-loved works. **A Sea Symphony** is set to the powerful and haunting poems of Walt Whitman. Orchestra, soloists and chorus combine throughout to evoke the dramatic and changing moods of the sea, and the voyages of ships under sail with their brave souls on board.

The Lark Ascending, performed by solo violinist **Christian Halstead**, and **Five Mystical Songs** for baritone solo and piano, complete the evening's programme.

We are pleased to welcome back **Kent Sinfonia** and soloists **Eleanor Pennell-Briggs** (soprano), **Philip Tebb** (baritone) and **Stephen Ridge** (piano). The concert will be conducted by Musical Director **Andrew Storey**.

Tickets are £18 (half price for under 25s) available from:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ashteadchoralsociety>

Our final concert of the season will be on Saturday 13th May, again in St Martin's Church, with performances of **Carmina Burana** by Carl Orff and **The Armed Man** by Karl Jenkins.

Redundant Furniture

As part of the project to declutter St Martin's Church, we propose to dispose/sell/recycle some items of redundant furniture that are no longer used. These include:

1. Four pew responds (the wooden things that go in front of the pews), 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 candle stand for tea lights.

Nearly all of these items 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, what we propose to do with them, please speak to the Churchwardens. We will need formal permission from the Diocese to dispose of some of these items and the PCC will need to do so at their next meeting on the 08 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.



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)

FOODBANK NEEDS

We urgently need:

Cooking sauce (we have none)
Tinned Veg (we have none)
Instant mash (we have none)
Squash (we have none)
Long-life sponge puddings (we have none)
Rice pudding (we have none)
Tinned Fruit
Long-life fruit juice
Tinned Pasta/Beans with meat
Jam / honey / marmalade
Peanut butter
Sugar (500g bags please)
Shower gel
Washing powder
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

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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
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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.