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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 9th April 2023



Happy Easter! May it be blessing for you, and for our Church. There is much to plan and do for the Easter season, but we do it in the joy of the risen Lord and the expectation of the coming afresh of the Holy Spirit.

Nick Parish

EASTER DAY 9th April

8.30am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion at St Stephen's
10.00am Sung Communion (also livestreamed)
3.00pm Beacon Tea
6.30pm Choral Evensong (also livestreamed).

Wednesday 12th April

10.00am Holy Communion at St Martin's

NEXT SUNDAY 16th April – 2nd Sunday after Easter

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
10.00am Morning Praise at St Martin's (livestreamed)
6.30pm Evening Prayer at St Martin's (livestreamed)

Wednesday 19th April

10.00am Holy Communion at St Martin's

Please note that there will not be a newsletter on Sunday 16th April 2023. The next newsletter will be published on Sunday 23rd April 2023.

Churches Together in Epsom

You are invited to the next Prayer, Fellowship and Coffee meeting, held from 10 until 11am on Friday, April 14th, indoors at the Old Moat Garden Centre Cafe, Horton Lane, Epsom KT19 8PQ. All are very welcome.

Sweet Treats at St Martin's

I will be selling marmalade and lemon drizzle cakes after the 10am service on Sunday April 16th. All proceeds go to the Church Funds.

Maureen Suatt

Beacon Teas

There will be a Beacon Tea in the Church at 3pm on Easter Sunday, to which you are all welcome. There will be (cold!) hot cross buns, Simnel Cake, filled rolls, (possibly small chocolate rabbits), and other refreshments as usual. Do come.

It will be the last Beacon Tea in its present form. Attendance has dwindled since last year – only three people for the last one in March – so it seems to have outlived its usefulness and appeal. We shall not entirely vanish but will probably hold just three a year: close to Christmas, Easter, and one in the summer (probably in July). In addition, our present intention is to also have three light and informal lunches, held in Church House at 1pm on a weekday, during the winter with homemade soup, rolls, cheese, and fruit. Note that our plans are at an early stage just now and are not, unlike the Commandments, engraved in stone.

Mary Gilbert and Elaine Snook

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

The Electoral Roll is due to be revised on 21st April 2023 and a notice to this effect is displayed outside both our churches. Please check that your name is entered in the current Roll (at the back of St Martin's), or with me by email (aronson_john@hotmail.com). If you are on the Roll and there have been changes to your address or contact details please inform me or the Parish Office. Your full details can be checked in the office. If you are not a member and would like to join please complete an application form available at the back of St Martin's and hand it in to the Parish Office. The Roll will be closed for any new entries from 20 April 2023 until after the Parish AGM on 7th May 2023.

John Aronson, Electoral Roll Officer.



A M E C A

The Congregation
St Martin of Tours
Church House
Church Street
Epsom

The AMECA Trust
48 Woodlands Road
Epsom
Surrey
KT18 7HP

29th March 2023

Dear Lawrence and Congregation Members,

On behalf of the Directors of AMECA, I am writing to thank you for the wonderful donation for £500 in response to the Cyclone Disaster in Malawi.

I believe that Lawrence has shared the initial report I wrote on the situation over here and AMECA's response. We have taken the decision to follow through with one village near where I live and try to support thoroughly, rather than just giving out random donations here and there. Since writing the report, I decided to purchase some Blue Gum wooden poles, (sourced responsibly through a tree farm), as it was apparent that the displaced families had no means of attaching the donated plastic sheeting to their damaged houses. With advice from our architect, I sourced a small truck and local driver and we purchased 50 9m poles which could be cut to fit the various little houses, nails, wood preserver and tools.

I have been working with a local support group for the village, which gave me huge insider knowledge and the Village Headman and Chair of the disaster committee have been liaising with us to identify houses which were still standing, but which required plastic sheeting to keep people warm and dry. Today we were able to see the work being carried out by village volunteers and it was wonderful to see the gratitude on peoples' faces. This will be documented in a further report.

Lawrence will have no doubt told you about the challenges faced out here; I am not going to pretend that it has not been very stressful indeed..... the need is simply overwhelming, and I have had to try very hard to focus on what we can achieve, rather than the overall situation, which is simply dire. But, because of you all, we have made things possible for many souls in the village and they wished me to express their gratitude and joy at the help they are receiving.

Thank you once again for your support and generosity of spirit. God Bless you all.

With kindest regards,

Ruthie Markus

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.



3. You can give cash in Church
(use the collection plate provided)

MISSION OF THE MONTH – APRIL

HOME, ABROAD and NATIONAL

For the Month of April we are focusing on all people of Mission and also thinking of the Charities, Societies, Causes and Projects that we support and donate to annually which are divided between those Abroad-Nationally- and Locally.

There are Displays on the Boards at the back of Church and Lists also, to give more information. Please will you hold them in your Prayers. Thank You.

Jill Chapman (Mission

THE CORONATION

Plans are underway for St Martin's celebrations. These are the details we have to date:

Saturday 6th May Coronation Day

We will show the coronation service in church on the large screens. There will also be children's activities including a procession in fancy dress. Bring your own snacks, but we'll provide tea and coffee and something bubbly to toast the new King & Queen.

Sunday 7th May Coronation Big Lunch

After the 10.00 service is our Annual Church Meeting which will be followed by a Coronation Big Lunch. It will be a 'bring and share' and may include a BBQ. The day will end with a quiet and reflective service of Evening Prayer at 6.30pm.

Monday 8th May The Big Help Out

You may already have plans to take part in a volunteering activity. However, if anyone would like to suggest or organise a St Martin's activity, please let the churchwardens know.



FOODBANK

We urgently need:

Tinned meat
Cooking sauces
Tinned vegetables
Longlife juice
Pulses - all kinds, we have none
Ketchup/Brown sauce/Mayo
Powdered milk
Savoury biscuits
Cereal bars
Washing up liquid
Shampoo / conditioner

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 - we really do appreciate it!

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CONCERT SERIES 2023

Sat 22 April at 4.30pm

DEBRA MORLEY -soprano

Debra has performed as a soprano soloist in opera, oratorio and recital in venues including Cadogan Hall, the Purcell Room and the RAH. She is joined by her husband Graeme Lodge for a selection of her favourite songs and arias.



Sat 27 May at 4.30pm

CHRIS LEE JAZZ QUARTET



Luke Annesley -bass
Joe Pettitt -sax

Chris Lee -piano
Winston Clifford -drums

Shakespeare has been a source of inspiration for countless musicians down the ages: his literary output has inspired not only leading composers in the classical tradition but jazz composers such as Ellington and Shearing. This programme includes 'After Shakespeare', a suite of four pieces for jazz quartet by Chris Lee.

Sat 17 June at 4.30pm

TWILIGHT ENSEMBLE



Celebrating Romantic vocal music from composers of the 19th century, Twilight Ensemble return with a new programme which explores the sonorities and timbres of music from across Europe. From Hungarian, Polish and Spanish dances to Italian folksongs, from virtuosic piano variations of operatic arias to florid battles of coloratura, this programme is full of passion, flair and vitality.

More information at www.stmartinsepsom.org

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, EPSOM KT17 4PX

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Admission to the concerts is by donation. You can also use our QR code to support the series at any time.





**MYNYDDISLWYN
MALE CHOIR**



**Mynyddislwyn Male Choir
In Concert**
with Epsom Male Voice Choir
Saturday 29 April 2023
St Martin's Church Epsom at 7:30pm



This promises to be a delightful evening of song with a mixture of male voice classics and popular tunes from the two choirs. Mynyddislwyn Male Choir are from Oakdale in the Welsh valleys and EMVC had great pleasure in singing with them at their Chapel in October last year.

Tickets are available now at £10pp. Here's the link
<https://buytickets.at/epsommalevoicechoir/877039>

Submitting an item for the newsletter:

Please ensure that all items are emailed to the office by 12 noon on Wednesday, to be included in the newsletter for that week. Thank you.

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.