



**Registered Charity Number: 1134149**

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**



Some of us experience a dramatic conversion like Saul on the Road to Damascus. Our meeting with the risen Jesus is unexpected and striking, instantly changing our lives. Others of us journey alongside him on the Road to Emmaus for a long time, not recognising him or understanding what he is saying until we have travelled a long way, and invited him to stay and break bread with us. Then our eyes are opened and we understand the depth of God's love for us. In whatever way we come to faith, may we all, in this Easter season, continue to keep our eyes and hearts open to God, and joyfully embrace the presence of his Holy Spirit in our church and in our daily lives. **Judith Mitchell**

## **THIS SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> week after Easter**

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's**
- 10.00am Sung Communion at St Martin's – in church and live-streamed**
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer at St Martin's**

## **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

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

## **NEXT SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter**

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's**
- 10.00am Holy Communion and Baptism at St Martin's – in church and live-streamed**
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer at St Martin's**

## **Church Opening Hours, Security, Keys and Opening Hours**

St Martin's is normally open weekdays 9.30am-12.30pm. On Sundays the building is open from at least half an hour before the first morning service until the end of the last service.

## **Security & Keys**

After the break-in of Church House we have taken advice from the police and reviewed the security of both Church House and St Martin's Church. Keys for the church are no longer available from key boxes nor from the switch room, so if you need to access the church outside the hours when it is normally open you must request a key from the office.

We are also reviewing current key holders and asking those who no longer have a role which requires them to have a key to return it. Our thanks to those who have already handed their key back. Whilst we understand this may be an inconvenience, our concern is for possible safeguarding, health & safety or insurance issues when someone is in the church on their own.

***The Churchwardens***

### **Earth Day – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

'Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April is 'Earth Day'. The first 'Earth Day' was in 1970 and the organisation leading it aims to diversify, educate and activate the environmental movement worldwide. More information here: <https://www.earthday.org/>

I'm going to be up in London at 'The Big One' again, and also seeing how London Diocese has got on with its A Rocha Eco Church. If you'd prefer something closer to home, Christ Church are holding an Earth Day Eco Fair - do go along and support them, and let me know what they got up to! ***Helen Williams***

### **Disposal of redundant furniture**

There are a number of pieces of furniture in the church which have outlived their usefulness. They are currently being stored in areas which we'd like to declutter or develop for a better purpose. The PCC has agreed to ask permission from the diocese to dispose of this furniture. As part of this process a public notice was put up on the notice board outside the church on 11 April and will remain for 4 weeks. A copy of the notice and further details, including photos of the furniture and artifacts we are proposing to remove are also available in a folder at the back of church. If you have any questions about the process or the items, please speak to either of the churchwardens.

***The Churchwardens***

## **Parking on a Sunday**

The owners of Charles Stuart house, the flats opposite the church and next door to the pub, have asked us to remind everyone who brings a car to church not to park in their driveway; their driveway is private land and is their access to their flats and property.

We are aware that parking at the church has become less easy since the restrictions in the roads around the church have been introduced, so if you need to drive to church, please either park in the public spaces in front of the west end of church, or in Grove Road as indicated by the signs. On Sundays there are no restrictions on parking on the single yellow lines in Grove Road from where it is a short step-free walk to the church along the path on the North side of the building. If all else fails we recommend you use the public car parks behind the Town Hall or in Depot Road.

***The Churchwardens***

## **ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION**

The Electoral Roll is now closed for any new entries until after the Parish AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023. If you are not a member and would like to join, please complete an application form available at the back of St Martin's after 7 May and hand it in to the Parish Office.

***John Aronson, Electoral Roll Officer***

## **Plants**

I am again growing plants to sell for Church Funds. I hope to have the following:

lobelia, petunia, cosmos, antirrhinum, dahlias, tomatoes etc.

They will probably be ready for the end of May and I will put a notice in the newsletter nearer the time.

[maureensuatt@virginmedia.com](mailto:maureensuatt@virginmedia.com)

***Maureen Suatt***

## **Epsom & Ewell Dementia Hub**

Are you caring for someone with memory loss or dementia?

The team at the Dementia Hub are passionate about offering people living with memory loss and dementia a safe, home-from-home environment where they can enjoy life-enhancing activities and friendship.

Full and half day sessions are available for people aged 50+ living with memory loss and dementia.

Find out more: search for 'Dementia Hub' on the Epsom & Ewell Borough Council website.

## **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***

### **FOODBANK**

Due to unprecedented demand for emergency food provision, we urgently need:

Squash  
Tinned Meat  
Pulses  
Instant Mash  
Mayo/Brown Sauce/Ketchup  
Dried Pasta n Sauce  
Cooking Sauce  
Savoury Biscuits  
Handwash

Shampoo  
Washing up liquid  
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 (closed on Bank Holidays)

Please ensure donations are sealed, in date and do not contain alcohol.

Please, no more of these items as we are at capacity: Dog Food, Cat Food, Tea Bags, Tinned Fish, Coffee

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 - we really do appreciate it!

# Coronation Celebrations



## Saturday 6th May - Coronation Day

The coronation on the big screens from 10 o'clock

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 - Big Lunch



10am Morning Worship followed by the Annual Church Meeting. Come and hear about our plans for the forthcoming year.



After the Annual Meeting will be the **St Martin's Coronation Big Lunch** - BBQ and coronation trifle will be on the menu!

## Monday 8th May - The Big Help Out

10am - 12 midday at St Martin's - Come and help us spruce up the church and church yard. For those working outside wear suitable clothes and bring some gardening gloves. Indoor jobs include dusting, hoovering and polishing.

Tea, Coffee and Cake will be supplied!





# CHRIST CHURCH EARTH DAY ECO FAIR



22 APRIL 2022  
11AM - 2PM



Interactive events including a Clothes  
Swap, Repair Cafe, Terracycle, SW15  
Hedgehogs, kids crafts, guest speakers  
and much more.

[www.christchurchepsom.org.uk](http://www.christchurchepsom.org.uk)



# music@StMartin's

## 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](http://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.





**Mothers' Union are pleased to invite  
you to our evening meeting to  
discover the wonders of Sierra Leone**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 7.15pm  
In the Church with refreshments  
Christ Church, Epsom Common KT19 8NE  
Contact [mu@christchurchepsom.org.uk](mailto:mu@christchurchepsom.org.uk)**

**Speaker Andy Nowak  
Head of Spring School and Trustee at Disability Africa**

**ALL WELCOME**



Photo courtesy of Christian Aid

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**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>

*'I find the Dementia Hub a godsend. I have the support of the team, who help my husband do activities that I cannot. It also gives me a welcome break.'*

Val



**Specialist respite daycare**  
for people with memory loss and dementia



**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.**