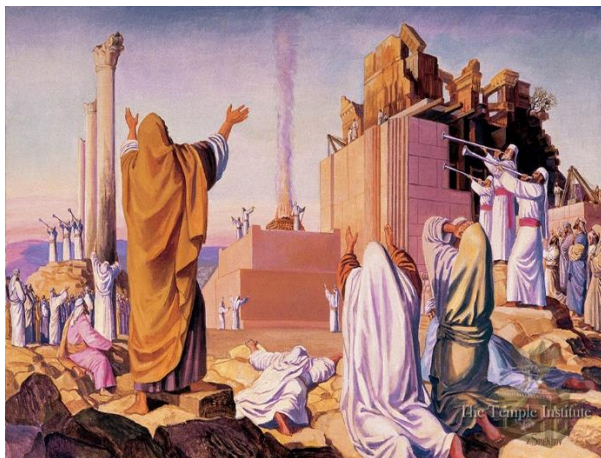


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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 30th April 2023



In this week's gospel reading, Jesus talks about sheep and shepherds. It would have been an everyday reference for his listeners. What everyday illustrations would you use to talk to people about Christian faith? 'Everyone at the bus stop who doesn't queue but tries to jump the queue or get on by the exit doors, is a cheat. The one who queues and gets on the front doors is a true passenger, and will be taken to their destination.'

Nick Parish, Vicar

THIS SUNDAY 30th April – 4th week after Easter

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
10.00am Holy Communion and Baptism at St Martin's
(live-streamed)
4.45pm Bible Study tea, in the Headley Room
6.30pm Evening Prayer at St Martin's (live-streamed)

Tuesday 2 May

- 3.45pm Centring Prayer in Church.

Wednesday 3 May

- 10.00am Holy Communion

Reconnecting with the Old Testament

The second of our Bible Studies is this Sunday, 30th April, at 4.45-6.15pm in the Headley Room

We are exploring **The Burning Bush** story with tea and cake.

Lynne Scholefield

Tuesday 2nd May

Everyone is very welcome to the meeting for **Centering Prayer** in the back of the church at 4pm with tea and biscuits from 3.45pm.

We will have twenty minutes of silence for the prayer and some input and discussion before and after. Previous experience of this sort of prayer is not needed for you to come along and join us.

Lynne Scholefield

NEXT SUNDAY 7th May – 5th week after Easter

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
10.00am Coronation Sung Communion at St Martin's
(live-streamed)
11.00am Annual Parochial Church Meeting
12.00pm 'The Big Lunch'
6.30pm Evening Prayer at St Martin's (live-streamed)

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

The Electoral Roll is now closed for any new entries until after the Parish AGM on 7th 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

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

Evening Prayer at St Martin's at 5 pm on Thursdays

As you know, Evening Prayer has been taking place on Zoom weekdays at 5pm since the start of the pandemic. We are now pleased to reintroduce Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 5 pm on Thursdays, starting from Thursday 4 May.

Judith Mitchell

AFTER THE FLOOD 3PM – 5PM SATURDAY 20 MAY 2023

As part of our continuing reflection on the contested heritage of St Martin's, including the Brathwaite Memorial, we will be screening **After the Flood: The Church, Slavery and Reconciliation**.

This is a 67-minute film documentary produced by the Movement for Justice and Reconciliation which shows how the eighteenth-century Church of England became embroiled in chattel slavery. The film explores how the Church justified its involvement in the slave trade and its lasting impact, and what this means for Christian reconciliation in twenty-first-century UK. The film aims to be educational and redemptive, looking at biblical principles for racial reconciliation in our churches today. There will be **refreshments from 2.30pm and after the screening**, with a chance to discuss the film afterwards.

Judith Mitchell

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

Epsom & Ewell Dementia Hub

Are you caring for someone with memory loss or dementia?

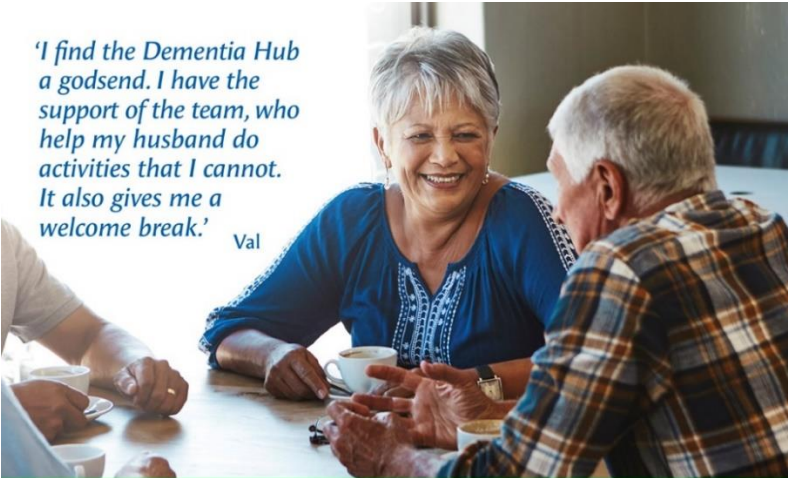
The team at the Dementia Hub are passionate about offering people living with memory loss and dementia a safe, home-from-home environment where they can enjoy life-enhancing activities and friendship.

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.

'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



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 not to park in their driveway; which is their driveway is their access to their flats and property. We know parking at the church is difficult since the restrictions on local roads have been introduced, so if you need to drive to church, please either park in the public spaces in front of the church, or in Grove Road. On Sundays there are no restrictions on parking on the single yellow lines there, from where it is a short step-free walk to the church along the path. If all else fails we recommend you use the public car parks behind the Town Hall or in Depot Road. ***The wardens***

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)

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

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!





All welcome. Free screening of this documentary from the Movement for Justice and Reconciliation

Saturday 20 May 2023 @ 3pm
St Martin's Church, Church Street,
Epsom, KT17 4PX

Refreshments from 2.30pm and afterwards with discussion

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

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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.



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.

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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.