



**Registered Charity Number: 1134149**

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023**



This is St. Paul, speaking in Athens, near the statue of an ‘unknown God.’ Starting with the Athenians open philosophy of religion, he explains faith in God through Christ. How do we explain our faith to likewise open minded people in our society?

With our planning for growth in the coming

months this is an essential conversation to have, if we are to effectively evangelise in our community. I would love to hear your ideas.

**Nick Parish, Vicar**

## THIS SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> week after Easter

- 8.30am Holy Communion at St Martins
  - 9.30am Holy Communion at St Stephen's
  - 10.00am Choral Mattins at St Martin's (live-streamed)
  - 6.30pm Second Thoughts at St Martin's (live-streamed)
- Speaker: Peter Lutton 'Music at a Coronation '**

An outline of some of the music for coronations in the past, particularly focussing on the last two, 1937 and 1953. Also, some thoughts on what was played and sung on May 6th for King Charles III.

Peter taught music at St John's, Leatherhead for 35 years, and has been organist at Weston Green and St Mary's, Ewell, and is now at St Nicolas, Great Bookham.

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am Holy Communion

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May

- 5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Martin's
- 8.00pm ASCENSION DAY HOLY COMMUNION  
(live streamed)

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 3.00pm

#### 'AFTER THE FLOOD' Film and Discussion

As part of our response to the contested heritage of St Martin's, we will be screening *After the Flood: The Church, Slavery and Reconciliation*. This is a 67-minute documentary which examines 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 what this means for Christian reconciliation in today's Church. The film is educational and redemptive, looking at biblical principles for racial reconciliation. There will be **refreshments from 2.30pm and after the screening**, with a chance to discuss the film afterwards.

## **NEXT SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May – Sunday after Ascension**

**9.30am** Morning Prayer at St Stephen's  
**8.00pm** Holy Communion at St Martin's (live-streamed)  
**6.30pm** Choral Evensong (live-streamed)

### **MUSIC AT ST MARTIN'S**

#### **CHRIS LEE JAZZ QUARTET - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 4.30pm**

Enjoy something a little different in our next concert which features four of London's top jazz musicians in a programme of finger-clicking, foot-tapping classics from the Great American Songbook. **Chris Lee** began his career as a classically trained pianist and now works as a composer, arranger and songwriter. Saxophonist, **Luke Annesley** plays with the John Wilson Orchestra, and has appeared at the Manchester Jazz Festival and the Vortex Jazz Club.

**Joe Pettitt** (bass) plays regularly with Ronnie Scott's Jazz Orchestra and The Len Phillip's Big Band, and **Winston Clifford** is one of Britain's leading jazz drummers working with many famous artists including Courtney Pine, Jason Robello and Andy Hamilton. This is a rare opportunity to hear some of the best jazz players on the British scene performing live and up-close in St Martin's! Don't miss them! ***Richard Dacey***

## Coronation weekend

A big thank you to all those who came and who helped to make our coronation weekend events so enjoyable. On Saturday we toasted the King and Queen as we watched the service at Westminster Abbey on the big screens whilst the children created some beautiful bunting. On Sunday we shared fellowship and food at our Big Lunch and on Monday our Big Help Out drew a sizeable group of volunteers, both young and old. We tidied the church terrace steps, edged the paths, litter picked and cleared a few tombs of some over enthusiastic greenery in the wonderful wilderness that the old church yard now is. As we worked, we were observed closely by a fox curious as to what we were up to!

**Sarah Lutton**



Food brought and shared at our Big Lunch

## Dining on the terrace



Youngsters helping out at our Big Help Out

## **MISSION OF THE MONTH – MAY**

### **ABROAD MISSION Mission Aviation Fellowship**

MAF --- Which is a Christian organisation that provides Aviation, Communications and Learning Technology services to more than 1,000 Christian and Humanitarian agencies, as well as thousands of isolated Missionaries and indigenous villagers in the World's most remote areas. Focusing its Mission work in the areas of Evangelism and Church Nurture-Medical assistance-Disaster response-Community development and Training and Development of Indigenous peoples.

### **HOME MISSION Love me Love my Mind**

A registered Charity based in Epsom which aims to promote better understanding of Mental Health and to support the wellbeing of everyone in the Community, It is entirely run by Volunteers and Funded by Grants and Donations. *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.

## Host for Ukrainian Family

Dear All,

A Ukrainian lady in my parish is involved with volunteering with the Epsom and Ewell refugee network. She has reached out to me about the situation below, looking for a host for a mother and thirteen year old daughter. It sounds like the daughter is struggling.

I wonder if the ideal might be someone with a granny annexe on the side of their house that they would be willing to have the Ukrainian lady and her daughter living in. But I know this may not be possible and there may be others who are willing to welcome them who don't have this kind of space available.

Please let me know if you have any knowledge of anyone who might feel called to welcome refugees into their home?

Many thanks,

Leah

Revd Leah Bates  
Curate, The Hilltop Benefice  
(The United Benefice of Headley and Box Hill with Walton on the Hill)

## 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)

## FOOD BANK

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

Cereal (not weetabix or porridge, we have lots)  
Cooking sauce  
Tinned meat (meatballs, hot dogs and so on)  
UHT Milk  
Tinned vegetables, Tinned sweetcorn, Tinned fruit  
Custard, Rice pudding

Coffee  
Pulses (tinned and dry)  
Longlife sponge puddings  
Jam / Honey, Sugar  
Washing up liquid, Washing powder  
Deodorant, Shampoo / Conditioner  
Nappies size 5+, 6 and 6+  
Bags for Life / Very strong bags

Please, no more of these items as we are at capacity: dog food, cat food, tea bags, tinned fish, tinned soup.

### **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.

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***



# 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.





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

SAT 27 MAY AT 4.30PM  
CHRIS LEE JAZZ QUARTET



LUKE ANNESLEY -saxophone



CHRIS LEE -piano



JOE PETTITT -bass



WINSTON CLIFFORD -drums

Programme includes classic jazz and rock standards  
plus *After Shakespeare* by Chris Lee  
St Martin's Church, Church Street, Epsom KT17 4PX  
Admission free -donations welcome

**Submitting an item for the newsletter:  
Please ensure that all items are emailed to the office by  
12 pm 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.**