



**Registered Charity Number: 1134149**

## **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2023**



We are between Ascension and Pentecost – Jesus going up, and the Spirit coming down. Between times can be very unsettling; not quite what was, but not yet what is to come, The

disciples waited, devoted themselves to prayer, and were expectant. Not a bad recipe for all of us when we find ourselves in such times, letting go of what we are leaving behind, reaching out in our spirits to what we are about to embrace.

**Nick Parish, Vicar**

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

**9.30am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's**  
**10.00am Sung Communion at St Martin's (live-streamed)**  
**6.30pm Choral Evensong (live-streamed)**

## **The London Festival of Contemporary Church Music Friday 12th May - Sunday 21st May 2023**

St Martin's Choir is pleased to support the LFCCM by including works by living composers in our services. This year on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May we will perform choral and organ music by Helen Williams, Iain Macfarlane, Thomas Hewitt Jones, James Macmillan, Judith Bingham, Janet Wheeler, Peter Inness, Frederick Viner and Paul Patterson. The Festival's principal aim is to showcase performances of recent and contemporary liturgical music and organ music in the context of both services and concerts, as well as providing a platform for composers to present and discuss their work. You can see our services listed in the LFCCM 'What's On' diary and find out more about the festival at: [www.lfccm.com](http://www.lfccm.com)

***Richard Dacey***

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**10.00am Holy Communion**

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**5.00pm Evening Prayer**

### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

**4.30pm Recital: MUSIC AT ST MARTIN'S**

#### **CHRIS LEE JAZZ QUARTET**

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**

## **NEXT SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost**

**9.30am**      **Holy Communion at St Stephen's**  
**10.00am**      **Morning Prayer at St Martin's (live-streamed)**  
**6.30pm**      **Holy Communion at ST Martin's (live-streamed)**

### **Contemplative Prayer**

The group will meet as usual on the first Tuesday in June, June 6th, at 11am in the Lady Chapel at St Martin's. Please pray for a number of the members of the group who are going on a Retreat from 6th - 8th June at Wychcroft, the Southwark Diocesan Retreat House. All are welcome for this hour or so of quiet contemplative prayer. **Adrian Esdaile**

### **Plant Sale**

I now have the following: lobelia, petunia, cosmos, antirrhinum, dahlias, asters, tomatoes and courgettes.

If you would like to purchase any either phone or email me for collection. Proceeds for Church funds.

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**Maureen Suatt**

## **Service at Guildford Cathedral Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

John and I were very privileged to represent St Martin's at the County Celebration Service for the Coronation at the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon. It was attended by HM Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, the High Sheriff of Surrey, Chair of Surrey County Council and Mayor of Guildford.

The service was led by the Dean of Guildford, the Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams, and Bishop Andrew was present and led the Faith and Community Declarations and gave the Blessing. Prayers were led by ATC Cadets from 1254 Godalming Squadron.

The music was superb, choir and organ, and the trumpeters from the London Banqueting Ensemble were as impressive as those at the Coronation itself! The Choir sang the Magnificat by William Walton and I Was Glad by C Hubert H Parry; organ music before the start was by William Boyce, William Walton, William Mathias, Norman Cocker and Grayston Ives and the recessional voluntary was Crown Imperial, again by William Walton.

The cathedral was full of dignitaries and parish representatives, and there were lots of fine hats! As we processed out, we were all offered a Coronation Cupcake to take home for tea! It was a truly wonderful celebration - thank you, David and Sarah, for offering us this opportunity.

***Alyson Aronson***

## **Church House Parking**

The Church House Car Park is for the use of clergy, hirers in Church House and church personnel.

From 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 a parking permit will be required to park in the Church House Car Park. **Parish Office**

## **Second Thoughts - 6.30 pm Sunday 11th June**

### **Dr Alana Harris**

*'Out of Sight, Out of Mind? Remembering Epsom's Forgotten Residents*

Dr Alana Harris is a Reader in Modern British History at King's College London. Her research interests span the history of contemporary Christianity, life histories, and the interplay of gender, sexuality and race in twentieth-century British society.

Did you know that the largest cluster of psychiatric hospitals in Europe was in Epsom? And that the unclaimed bodies of over 9000 pauper psychiatric patients who died in these facilities are buried in a local graveyard known as Horton Cemetery? Following sale of the land in 1983, the site (at the intersection of Hook Road and Horton Lane) was abandoned and the lives of these people forgotten – their graves unmarked and their stories unremembered.

This session will introduce a dynamic community project, part-funded by Historic England, to recapture these life histories and create a crowd-sourced memorial, overcoming historical amnesia, neglect and inaction.

Alongside discussion of the history of the Epsom Cluster, and the activities of volunteer researchers undertaking archival and genealogical research to reconstruct the lives and experiences of patients confined to the various asylums or 'epileptic colony', this session will take the form of a 'chat and craft' workshop. We will discuss changing attitudes to mental health and psychiatric treatment across the twentieth century, and paint a ceramic flower to commemorate a patient. 900 flowers, to mark the 9000 buried, will be installed around the periphery of the cemetery on 10 October 2023. *Adrian Esdaile*

## **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*

## **Sponsored Bike Ride – Love Me Love My Mind**

From June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> I will be cycling the C2C route from Whitehaven in Cumbria to Tynemouth, a 140 mile pedal from the Irish Sea to the North Sea through the Lake District and over the Pennines. I'm aiming to raise funds for the Epsom mental health charity, Love Me Love My Mind which St Martin's congregation already supports via the Mission Committee, on which I sit. If you would like to sponsor me, this would be much appreciated. You can do so by clicking on this link or give me cash which I can forward to the charity. Many thanks in advance.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/david-stamp-c2c>

*David Stamp*

## **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

Thank you to all our wonderful, faithful supporters. Your kindness and generosity is always so appreciated by us, and those we meet in our centres.

In the first quarter of 2023, we distributed food to nearly 3,000 people; this is 65% higher than over the same period in 2022.

We are also seeing around 50 brand new clients each month in 2023 – up from between 30-40 first-time clients in previous non-covid years. We really do need your support at the moment.

This week, we need the following items:

Tinned meat, Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit  
UHT Milks, Rice pudding, Custard  
Long life sponge puddings  
Squash  
Cereal (not Weetabix)  
Honey / jam /chocolate spread  
Ketchup / Brown sauce / Mayo  
Sugar  
Male/Female deodorant, Shaving foam  
Powdered milk, Nappies size 5+, 6 and 6+  
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, no more of these items as we are at capacity: dog food, cat food, tea bags, tinned fish, tinned soup

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!

## **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.



# 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.**