



**Registered Charity Number: 1134149**

## **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023**



Pentecost, the Churches  
'birthday.'

The Holy Spirit brought new life, through affirmation, spiritual gifting and mutual understanding. These enabled the Church to grow. May the Spirit fall on us afresh and enable us to grow.

**I ask everyone to pray renewed gifting by the Holy Spirit and for our resulting growth.**

**Nick Parish, Vicar**

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

**4.30pm Music Recital: Chris Lee Jazz Quartet at St Martin's**

## **THIS 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)**  
**4.30pm Studies in the Old Testament**

The third of our Bible Studies, in the Headley Room. Please note that the time is slightly earlier. We are exploring Hannah and Samuel with tea and cake. Please bring a bible with you - either your own or pick up one from the back of church. We shall finish at 6pm. Looking forward to seeing you. *Lynne Scholefield*

**6.30pm Holy Communion at St Martin's**  
*(We apologise that we are unable to livestream this service).*

## **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**10.00am Holy Communion**

## **NEXT SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> June - Trinity**

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

## **Contemplative Prayer**

The group will meet as usual on the first Tuesday in June, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> June at Wychcroft, the Southwark Diocesan Retreat House. All are welcome for this hour or so of quiet contemplative prayer. *Adrian Esdaile*

## **My Ordination at Guildford Cathedral on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

As many of you know, I will be ordained Deacon at Guildford Cathedral on Sunday 2 July. The service will start at 10.30 am. It will be livestreamed for those who are unable to attend in person.

I am arranging a buffet lunch back in Epsom at Church House afterwards to which everyone is invited from about 1.45 pm (the exact timing will depend on how long it takes to get back from the Cathedral). Please could you let me know if you are coming to the lunch so that I can advise the caterer of numbers. There will also be drinks and nibbles after our 6.30 pm Holy Communion service that evening. I hope as many people as possible will be able to come to that as well.

It's been an amazing journey so far, but there's still a lot ahead in the next few weeks so please continue to pray for me as I travel this final stage towards my first ordination. ***Judith Mitchell***

## **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***

## **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***

## **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**

## **Tuesdays in Church**

Please note that I shall **not** be available in church for Morning Prayer or pastoral chat on the mornings of Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

**Mary Gilbert**

## **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 – JUNE**

### **MY TIME—Young Carers in Epsom and Ewell**

Young Carers are often the forgotten people as they are not obvious in Society. They can be anyone, from a very young age who supports someone in their own family in multiple roles. They do need support in order to cope in their isolated situations.

My Time for young Carers is a charity, relying on enough volunteers to provide activities outside of the home, to mix with others and take part in fun activities. It is accessible for young Carers between the ages of 7-16, who live locally.

## **The Medaille Trust**

This organisation provides refuges and freedom to victims of modern slavery—supporting them as they rebuild their lives. Today, we are one of the largest provider of supported safe house beds for victims of Modern Slavery in the UK. The scheme works to combat modern slavery by offering safe housing, providing support for victims, raising awareness in communities, and partnering with law enforcement authorities.

We are focusing on these 2 charities for the month of June. Please hold them in your prayers.

Thank You.

***Jill Chapman - Mission***

## **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.

This year we have already fed more than 4,000 people. This is a 50% increase on last year and more than double the number of people fed pre-pandemic.

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

Cooking sauce

UHT Milks (full fat and semi skimmed)

Custard, Long life sponge puddings, Squash

Spaghetti

Honey / Jam , Sugar

Ketchup / Mayo

Cereal bars

Male/Female deodorant, Adult toothbrushes

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, tinned soup.

We always welcome donations and promise to use them to provide help to people in need. Donations will be shared across Epsom & Ewell Foodbank and Epsom Pantry. This ensures your donations go to help people who use our services wherever they are. Please contact us if you have any questions about donating food.

Do let us know if you book a supermarket delivery direct to us so we can tell our warehouse team when to expect it.  
We are unable to accept refrigerated or frozen items.

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!



# 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.**