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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 4th June 2023
TRINITY SUNDAY



Today begins the Trinity season. Possibly the most baffling of all Christian doctrines, the idea that there is one God, but in three persons. There are lots of analogies to draw on, but I like the simplicity of this image – God is the Creator,

the Saviour and the Spirit. God who made us, Christ who restored our relationship with our maker, and the Spirit who gives us life and animates the Church to be the body of Christ on earth.

Nick Parish, Vicar

THIS SUNDAY 4th 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**

Tuesday 6th June

- 11.00am Contemplative Prayer Group**

The group meets as usual at 11am in the Lady Chapel at St Martin's. All are welcome for this hour or so of quiet contemplative prayer. 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.

Adrian Esdaile

Wednesday 7th June

- 10.00am Holy Communion**
- 7.00pm PCC in the Wisley Room**

Thursday 8th June – CORPUS CHRISTI

- 8.00pm Holy Communion (in Church and livestreamed)**

This is an important day in the Church calendar, when we give thanks for the sacrament of Holy Communion.

NEXT SUNDAY 11th June – St Barnabas

- 8.30am Holy Communion at St Martin's**
- 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**
'Out of Sight, Out of Mind? Remembering Epsom's Forgotten Residents Alana Harris

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

My Ordination at Guildford Cathedral on Sunday 2nd 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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Church House Parking

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

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

Tuesdays in Church

Please note that I shall **not** be available in church for Morning Prayer or pastoral chat on the mornings of Tuesday 6th

June and Tuesday 27th June.

Mary Gilbert

A SERIES ON THE SACRAMENTS

Over June and July, we will thank about the two main sacraments of the Church – Holy Communion and Baptism – as well those of reconciliation, healing and anointing, and ordination.

As well as Sunday services, I will be leading a short series of discussions on Wednesday evenings, for anyone who would like to share their ideas and/or learn from each other.

The timetable looks like this:

SERVICES:

Thursday June 8th, 8pm.

Service of thanksgiving for the institution of Holy Communion.

Sunday June 11th at 10am

we remember St Barnabas, who had a ministry of reconciliation.

Sunday, June 18th at 10am

We mark the anniversary of the Windrush bringing people to a new life in the UK, and consider the need for reconciliation today that has resulted from their experiences.

Sunday June 25th, 10am,

we remember the birth of John the Baptist. The service will include a baptism with a sermon on the theme.

Sunday July 2nd. At 10am,

Adrian Esdaile will lead a special service on the theme of Ordination, whilst Judith is ordained Deacon at the Cathedral at 10.30am.

At 6.30pm

A service of Holy Communion at which Judith will be Deacon.

Sunday July 23rd.

The 10am service includes the sacrament of anointing for healing.

Discussion Groups, in Church House, Thursdays, 7.30pm:

29 June Holy Communion

6 July Baptism

13 July Healing/ anointing

20 July Reconciliation (forgiveness)

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

Sponsored Bike Ride – Love Me Love My Mind

From June 2nd – 4th 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 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)

FOODBANK

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.

This week, we need the following items:

Tinned meat, Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit

Cooking sauce

Custard, Longlife sponge puddings

Squash

Tinned spaghetti

Honey

Ketchup / Mayo, Noodles

Cereal bars, Chocolate

Male/Female deodorant, Adult toothbrushes

Washing up liquid, Washing powder

Cleaning products

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.

Music@StMartin's

SAT 17 JUNE AT 4.30PM

TWILIGHT ENSEMBLE

present

Heartlines



Celebrating Romantic vocal music from composers exchanging artistic ideas and ideals throughout the 19th century, Twilight Ensemble's new programme explores musical sonorities and timbres from across Europe. From Hungarian, Polish and Spanish dances to Italian folksongs; from virtuosic piano variations of popular operatic arias to florid battles of coloratura, this concert promises passion, flair and vitality.



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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.**