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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 18th June 2023

WINDRUSH SUNDAY



This weekend marks the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the ship that carried so many people to resettle in Britain. Many of them suffered many iniquities as they made new lives, sometimes, sadly, in the Church of England. 69

per cent of people in the Caribbean attended a church that belonged to a historic denomination (inc. Anglican), but by 1953, only four per cent of the migrants who had arrived in Britain were attending a British church of the same tradition. The experiences of Rev Carmel Jones MBE– and many others– may go some way to explaining why. Before coming to the UK, Carmel Jones had attended an Anglican church in Jamaica, but in 1955 he was told not to return to St Paul’s church in Clapham, London, after he attended a Sunday service. He went on to be one of the founders of one of the first black-majority churches in the UK.

Today, we give thanks for all those pioneers who brought so much to British society, and we rejoice in their descendants who are our sisters and brothers in Christ in the Church today.

Nick Parish, Vicar

THIS SUNDAY 18th June – Windrush Sunday

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
10.00am Sung Communion at St Martin's
6.30pm Choral Evensong at St Martin's

Wednesday 21st June

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 22nd June

5.00pm Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY 25th June – Trinity 3

9.30am Holy Communion at St Stephen's
10.00am Morning Prayer and baptism at St Martin's
6.30pm Holy Communion at St Martin's

Windrush: A Family Divided

Some of you may have listened to this already but for those who haven't you may be interested to know that **Windrush: A Family Divided** is a new Radio 4 series in which Professor Robert Beckford and his Jamaican-born wife, Jennifer Beckford, argue the pros and cons of Windrush 75 years on. Two episodes have been broadcast so far and can be listened to on BBC Sounds <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001mlgz> and there are two more to come (Mondays at 11am). *Judith Mitchell*

Byron Davies

As you may know, Byron's funeral is booked for 5th July, at Randalls Park at 12.30pm.

If you would like to attend, please contact Colin, Frederick's son, on 07845395098. The refreshments will be at the RAC Club.

My Ordination as Deacon at Guildford Cathedral on Sunday 2nd July – Update

The service at Guildford Cathedral will start at 10.30 am, and will be livestreamed for those who are unable to attend in person and would like to watch at home. The link to this will be made available on the Cathedral website under the diary entry on Thursday 29 June. (It may be used up to 48 hours after the service but will then be permanently deleted).

In addition to drinks and nibbles after the 6.30 Communion Service, there will be a buffet lunch in the hall of Church House at St Martin's after the ordination service (everyone is invited) from about 1.45 pm . Some people have already let me know that they are coming. But if you haven't told me, please add your name to the list at the back of church so I can advise the caterer accordingly.

Judith Mitchell

Tuesdays in Church

Please note that I shall **not** be available in church for Morning Prayer or pastoral chat on the morning of Tuesday 27th June.

Mary Gilbert

Summer Tea

The regular monthly Beacon Teas were discontinued because of waning support, but we are going to have occasional teas three times a year: one close to Easter, one in the summer and one at Christmas. The first of these, our Summer Tea, will take place on **Sunday 9 July** from 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm in the Church. There will be scones, jam and cream plus cake and sandwiches. All are welcome. Please come! ***Mary Gilbert and Elaine Snook***

A SERIES ON THE SACRAMENTS

Over the summer, we will think about the two main sacraments of the Church – Holy Communion and Baptism – as well as those of reconciliation (confession), anointing, ordination and confirmation and marriage.

As well as Sunday services, we're holding a series of discussions on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm, for anyone who would like to share their ideas and/or learn from each other. These will be held at the back of Church and include drinks and nibbles.

SERVICES:

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 in the Church over the history of some of those people's experience of coming to their own denomination on arrival.

Sunday June 25th at 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 and Confirmation, 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, Thursdays, 7.30pm:

1. **'Hocus Pocus – what exactly IS Holy Communion'?**
Graeme Lodge will lead this session on July 6th.
2. **'An initiation rite for a secret club'?**
What is Baptism and who is it for?
Judith Mitchell will lead this session on July 13th.
3. **'A naïve false hope for desperate people? What does it mean to be anointed?**
Adrian Esdaile will lead this session on July 20th.
4. **'A cynical way of getting away with it?' –**
What is the point of reconciliation?
Sarah Lutton will lead this session on July 27th.
5. **'A tax dodge? A great excuse for a party'?** –
Why get married?
Nick Parish will lead this session on August 3rd.

More details in a brochure to follow soon.

Grow Cook Enjoy

Dear Friends

Come along on 1st July and see what's new and how you can join in with caring for God's creation. Find out about helping Epsom and Ewell take good care of its trees, learn about the wildflowering project, bring items for the Food Bank, bring containers to buy zero-packaging goods from The Floating Refillery, bring your bike if it needs a bit of a check-over... The Scouts and 'Grow Cook Enjoy' will be running workshops for children to make useful nature-encouraging items. More details here: <https://www.sustainableepsomewell.co.uk/events/eco-fair-2023>.

If you are primary school age, write a poem or design a poster on 'pollinators' for a competition - more details here:

<https://www.sustainableepsomewell.co.uk/events/pollinator-poetry-and-poster-competitions-2023>

There will be cake.

Best wishes, Helen Williams

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, the trust is one of the largest providers 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)



Saturday 1 July, 10am-2pm
St Martin of Tours Church,
Church Street, Epsom, KT17 4PX

Free to attend
All welcome

Children's
activities

*Discover a wide range of local green groups,
businesses and campaigns, including:*

Free cycle checks with **Dr Bike**

Bring containers for plastic-free purchases from
Floating Refillery

Learn about topics such as *reducing your
carbon footprint, biodiversity, home energy
efficiency, and how to repair*

**Discover ways to reduce your environmental impact,
find opportunities to get involved,
and help us lobby for action and change!**

Refreshments available, remember to bring your reusable cup!



For more information visit:
www.SustainableEpsomEwell.co.uk





**SUSTAINABLE
EPSOM & EWELL**
your independent, volunteer-led, local green group



Pollinator Poetry and Poster Competitions



We invite primary school aged children in Epsom and Ewell to take part in our competition

Design a poster or write a poem about pollinators

Prizes include: local honey, pollinator books by a local author



Why are pollinators important?



How can we help protect pollinators?

Which pollinators have you seen locally?



Entries will be judged in two age categories:

Age 4-7 (School years YR - Y2)

Age 7-11 (School years Y3-Y6)



Entries must be submitted either online by Friday 23 June or in person at the Eco Fair on 1 July by 12pm

- Submit online entries to: sustainable.epsom.ewell@gmail.com
- Please enter "Poetry and poster competition" as the email subject and include the child's name, age and school year group in the body of the email.
- Entries submitted at the Eco Fair must have the child's name, age and school year group written on the back and a contact email address so that prize winners can be notified.
- Winners will be announced at the Eco Fair taking place on Saturday 1 July at St Martins Church, Epsom.
- Full details of the competition can be found on our website:



www.SustainableEpsomEwell.co.uk

FOOD BANK

This week, we need the following items:

Tinned spaghetti
Rice pudding
Coffee
Dried noodles
Longlife sponge puddings
Longlife juice
Powdered milk
Mayonnaise
Savoury biscuits
Chocolate / crisps
Shaving gel/foam
Washing powder
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.

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.

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

Many thanks for all your support - we really do appreciate it!

**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.**

