

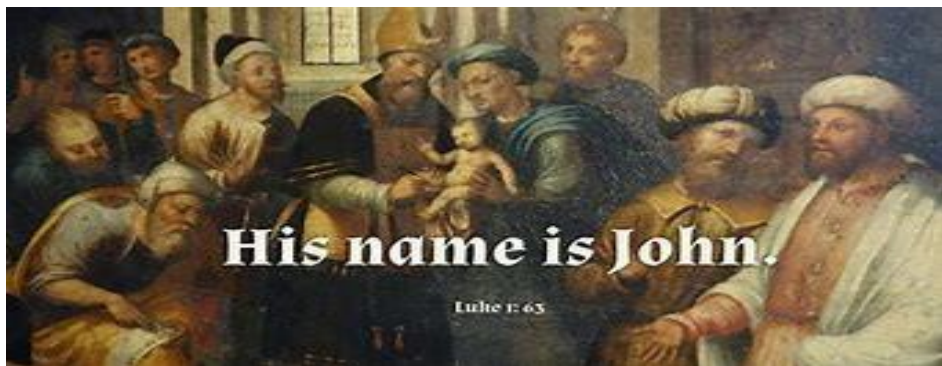


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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 25th June 2023

TRINITY 3



In our 10am service this morning at St Martin's we are remembering John the Baptist as well as celebrating the baptism of young Georgina who is beginning her journey of faith. The service gives those of us who are a little older than Georgina the opportunity to look back at our own baptism and reflect on what it means to us. Baptism is a sacrament: 'an outward and visible sign of an inward spiritual grace'. We will reflect on this further in our Series on the Sacraments at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings starting on 6th July. Do come along and share your thoughts.

Judith Mitchell

THIS SUNDAY 25th June – Trinity 3

- 9.30am Holy Communion at St Stephen's**
- 10.00am Morning Prayer and baptism at St Martin's – live streamed**
- 6.30pm Holy Communion at St Martin's – live streamed**

Wednesday 28th June

- 10.00am Holy Communion**

Thursday 29th June

- 5.00pm Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel**

NEXT SUNDAY 2nd July – Trinity 4

- 9.30am NO SERVICE AT ST STEPHEN'S**
- 10.00am Morning Prayer at St Martin's**
- 6.30pm Holy Communion at St Martin's – live streamed**

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

The service at Guildford Cathedral will start at 10.30am, and will be livestreamed on the Cathedral YouTube webpage for those who are unable to attend in person and would like to watch at home: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj-VCu6tLZXfvG21GfwP4WqII>

This is available up to 48 hours after the service.

I will be giving the final numbers for the buffet lunch to the caterer on Monday 26th June so if you would like to come and have not already told me or signed the list at the back of church, **please do so by the end of the 6.30pm service today**. We hope that those of us travelling back from the Cathedral will be back in Epsom in time for a 1.45pm start to the lunch, but please be patient if we are slightly delayed and the start is a little later.

Judith Mitchell

Contemplative Prayer

The Contemplative Prayer Group will meet at 11am on Tuesday, 4th July, for an hour or so of quiet, led contemplation. Our starting point will be Haggai 2.5: *'My Spirit remains in you; do not fear.'* The same saying will be used for the 'zoom' contemplation on Thursday 6th July at 8pm - please note the changed date for this - there will be no session on 20th July at 8pm.

Adrian Esdaile

Second Thoughts

Second Thoughts scheduled for Sunday 9th July at 6.30pm will be a reflection on 'Silence and Prayer' in the service of Compline. Compline is, in itself, a quiet reflective service and is a wonderful context for some thoughts on silence. There will be an opportunity for some silence during the evening.

Adrian Esdaile

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 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.

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 Davies on 07845 395098. The refreshments will be at the RAC Club.

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 3.00pm – 4.30pm in the Church. There will be scones, jam and cream plus cake and sandwiches. All are welcome. Please come! ***Mary Gilbert and Elaine Snook***

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.sustainablepsomewell.co.uk/events/pollinator-poetry-and-poster-competitions-2023>

There will be cake.

Best wishes, Helen Williams

MISSION OF THE MONTH – JULY

ABROAD and HOME MISSION

The Bible Society

This Charity works on a Global Mission (over 200 countries) to bring the Bible to life for every man, woman and child, believing that when people engage with the Bible, lives can change-for good. It translates and distributes Bibles around the world so that people can experience the Bible in their heart language. It also works against a backdrop of indifference in the UK to help Adults and Children recognise the value of the Bible.

Mission to Seafarers

St Martin's Church have donated to the Mission to Seafarers this year. For more than 150 years the Mission to Seafarers have provided compassion, care and support to Seafarers around the world, when they need it most. Collectively, there are an estimated 1.89 million seafarers across the world. These men and women of all nationalities spend up to nine months at sea, far from families, friends and loved ones.

Jill Chapman and Meg Topley - 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





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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.**