

Registered Charity Number: 1134149

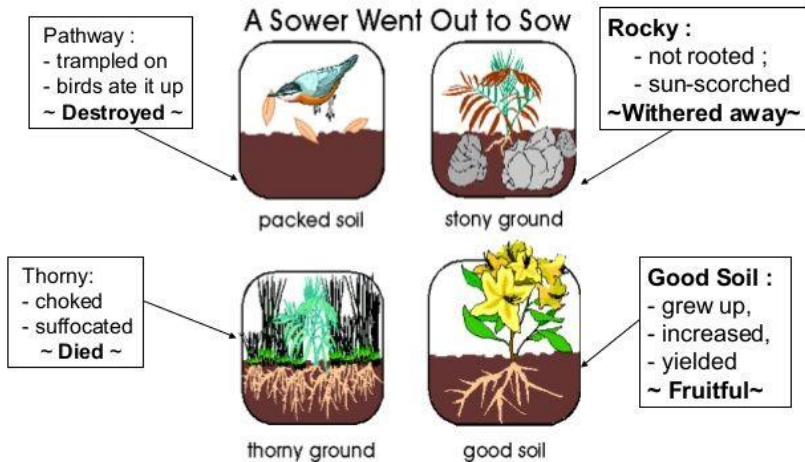
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 16th July 2023

TRINITY 6

The parable of the Sower:

4 Types of Soil



THIS SUNDAY 16th July – Trinity 6

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

Wednesday 19th July

- 10.00am Holy Communion**
- 7.30pm Standing & Finance committee**

Thursday 20th July

- 5.00pm Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel**
- 7.30pm Sacraments discussion group: Anointing**

NEXT SUNDAY 23rd July – Trinity 7

- 9.30am Holy Communion at St Stephen's**
- 10.00am Sung Communion Healing at St Martin's – live streamed**
- 6.30pm Compline at St Martin's**

Discussion Groups, in Church, Thursdays, 7.30pm:

- 1. 'A naïve false hope for desperate people? What does it mean to be anointed?'
Adrian Esdaile will lead this session on July 20th.**
- 2. 'A cynical way of getting away with it?' –
What is the point of reconciliation?
Sarah Lutton will lead this session on July 27th.**
- 3. 'A tax dodge? A great excuse for a party?' –
Why get married?
Nick Parish will lead this session on August 3rd.**

Choir trip to Portsmouth Cathedral 22nd and 23 July

Every year the choir enjoys a visit to a regional cathedral. In the recent past, we've sung at Winchester, Chichester, Southwark, Rochester, Chelmsford and Guildford cathedrals. This year we're heading to the coast to sing in Portsmouth cathedral. The service times in Portsmouth are as follows:

Sat 22nd July

5.45pm Choral Evensong (Men's voices)

Sun 23rd July

11.00am Sung Eucharist (Full choir)

5.45pm Choral Evensong (Full choir)

You're very welcome to attend any of these services in Portsmouth; or if you'd prefer to remain in-land, we'll be singing much of the music in Epsom this Sunday:

10.00 Sung Eucharist

Missa Brevis – Richard Dacey

Love is the key – Helen Williams

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Preces and responses – Iain Macfarlane

Psalm 67

Evensong Service in D – George Dyson

Angel voices ever singing – Felton Rapley

Eco Fair 2023 review

The sky was grey, and then it rained, and then the wind blew – and then the sun came out, meaning that the effort (thanks, Rob J) to close the road/car park in front of church was well worth it! People sat around eating ‘fast’ food from the visiting vegan food van and cakes (thank you, Maureen and crew) from inside, and people chalked eco messages pictures on the ground. Inside were more stalls from the council, local volunteer groups and national organisations offering informative conversations and opportunities to get involved; I know some people who have found a new niche, and I hope and pray that many seeds were sown, not least by the 3rd Epsom Scout group, who offered a make-a-seed-pot-out-of-a-toilet-roll experience. Thanks to all of you who turned up to be the friendly face of St Martin’s Church. When/if we hold another eco event, what will the church offer? Speak to me now with your inspiration.... Not only about this, but how as a church, and as individuals within the church, we can follow the Church of England’s Fifth Mark of Mission, our calling to help all creation flourish.

Helen Williams



Chalk art on the piazza



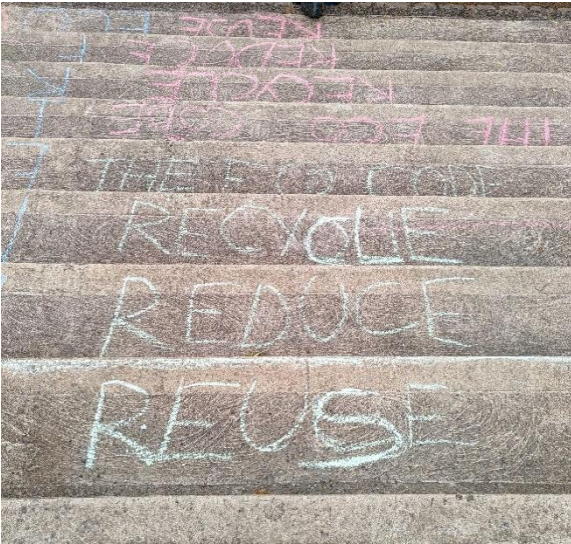
Lauren fishing – should this be in the river? Photo: Emma Ward



Conversations at the Fair. Photo: Emma Ward



Frances's cakey hospitality. Photo: Emma Ward



A reminder of the Eco Code as you go leave the fair.

Flowers in Church

As part of our worship and celebration of life and nature, we aim to have fresh flowers in St Martin's most weeks (except Lent, Advent and August).

As there are now fewer people available to make the beautiful floral arrangements that we have been used to, we are changing the way in which we provide flowers in church. We will continue to provide floral arrangements for the festivals (Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance).

We are inviting all members of the church to consider giving the flowers, perhaps in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.

You are invited to donate flowers or contribute towards the cost of flowers.

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of flowers, then the recommended donation is £15. Please use the card reader in church to make your payment. If you pay for the flowers, then one of the members of the flower team will purchase and arrange them for you.

If you would prefer to provide flowers, from your garden, allotment or the shop, then please bring them to church on Friday morning. One of the flower team will be available to help you arrange the flowers.

You can find the sign-up sheet at the back of church on the noticeboard, nearest to the glass room. Please put your name against the week that you would like to pay for or provide the flowers.

Many thanks, Yvonne Parish

Bags of sand

In our tidying of the church we've come across bags of builders' sand. If anyone has a use for these and can take them away, please let David or I know.

David Eggett & Sarah Lutton

Christmas is coming - can you help?

Apologies for using the 'C' word in July, but bear with us. Over the last two Christmas periods the figure of baby Jesus was removed from both our nativity sets. Neither figure has re-appeared.

So, the plan for this Christmas is to purchase a new set of Nativity figures which will be positioned in the sanctuary. The figures will be of a larger scale than the old sets and we will secure them as best we can to ensure they remain where they are. The remaining figures from the old sets will be included in decorations around the church.

The nativity set we are planning to purchase costs around £400. Can you help by making a donation towards the cost, however small? Please think about it and let either David or I know if you can contribute.

Sarah Lutton & David Eggett

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)



FOOD BANK

This week, we need the following items:

Tinned meat

Custard

Dried noodles

Sponge puddings

Sugar (500g or 1kg packs please)

Small chocolate bars / treats

Washing up liquid

Shampoo / Conditioner

Deodorant

Shower gel

Sanitary pads

Nappies sizes 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).

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!



On Thursday 3rd July, Epsom (St. Martin's) Ashley Explorer unit helped out in the community by clearing some of the overgrown graves in St Martin's graveyard. A lot of hard work made a big difference.





**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.

**Parish Office:
Church House, Church Street, Epsom,
KT17 4PX Phone: 01372 722567
E-mail: office@stmartinsepsom.org
Website: www.stmartinsepsom.org**

**The Parish Office is open Mondays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays, 9.30am to 12.30pm.**

**Please contact clergy and lay ministers via
the office.**