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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 20th August 2023

TRINITY 11



I love the transition of the seasons – soon, summer will fade into autumn, greens give way to orange, brown and red. I find the rhythm of nature – the created order – comforting and soothing. In September we mark Creationtide at Church, facing the reality of climate change, but still thankful for our environment which feeds us and gives us life.

Nick Parish

THIS SUNDAY 20th August – Trinity 11

- 9.30am** Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
10.00am Holy Communion, with adult baptism,
at St Martin's – live streamed
Joseph, from our choir, is being baptised. Welcome
to his family and sponsors. Helen Williams, along
with some friends, is providing our music this
morning.
- 6.30pm** **NO SERVICE**

Tuesday 22th August

- 11.00am** Contemplative Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel
4.00pm Centering Prayer Group at the back of the
Church

Wednesday 23rd August

- 10.00am** Holy Communion

Thursday 24th August

- 5.00pm** Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY 27th August – Trinity 12

- 9.30am** Holy Communion at St Stephen's
10.00am Morning Prayer and Baptism at St Martin's – live
streamed
6.30pm **NO SERVICE**

Wednesday 30th August

- 10.00am** Holy Communion

Thursday 31th August

- 5.00pm** Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Saturday 2nd September

- 2.00pm** Holy Matrimony

Sunday 3rd Trinity 13 – Trinity 13 / Creation 1

- 8.30am Holy Communion at St Martin's****
- 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's**
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St Martin's – live streamed**
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer at St Martin's**

****8.30am service in September**

Due to clergy holidays, this will be on **SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER** NOT Sunday 10th September. Please note in your diaries.

AUGUST OFFICE CLOSURE DATES AND OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the office will be closed for maintenance from Monday 21st until Friday 25th August.

The following week it will be open from 10am to 12noon on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and then normal hours from Monday 4th September.

Afternoon Tea at the Vicarage

All are invited for tea at the Vicarage on **Sunday 24th September at 4pm** to celebrate the apple harvest.

More information to follow and a sign-up sheet nearer the time.

CONTRIBUTE TO THIS NEWSLETTER

DO you have any news to share? Stories to tell? Seen any good articles to pass on? We would love to have contributions from you - please email any material to the office.

Thank you.

Celebrations

It was with joy that last Sunday (13th August) we could share in the celebrations for Chris and Sue Hyde's 60th wedding anniversary. The organ music at the end of the 10 o'clock service was the piece they chose for their wedding and the biscuits normally served with coffee were upgraded to a wonderful iced and decorated sponge cake. On display was a photo of the bride and groom on their wedding day together with a card of congratulations from the King and Queen.



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).

Please would you be kind enough to review your giving, and consider whether you are able to increase it? As with everything else, our costs are rising, and as we set budgets for the coming months, it would be wonderful if to see our giving income rising too. Thank you for all your generosity to our Church. Nick



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Autumn Music Recitals

It's time to update your diaries with details of our forthcoming autumn concerts at St Martin's. We've a range of great music to enjoy with a wide variety of composers and musical styles in each programme. We're especially excited to welcome back international piano duo Nettle and Markham who will present a programme of Saint-Saëns works for two-pianos on Saturday 14 October prior to recording them in St Martin's later. Our admission by donation policy aims to keep all concerts affordable, so please share this poster and information with family and friends to help maintain and grow our audience. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Choir/ Evening worship/ Ark Return

We look forward to welcoming back the choir after their summer break, our 6.30pm programme of services and events and our junior Church, the Ark. All start their normal pattern from 3rd September.

Back to
Normal-ish!

music@StMartin's

AUTUMN CONCERTS 2023

SAT 23 SEP AT 4.30PM

CITY OF LONDON FREEMEN'S SCHOOL

Talented musicians from the City of London Freeman's School open our autumn series with a varied programme of solo and ensemble music for voices and instruments.



SAT 14 OCT at 4.30pm

NETTLE AND MARKHAM PIANO DUO



International piano duo, Nettle and Markham present an exciting concert on their Pleyel Double Piano, prior to their recording of the virtuoso two-piano works of Saint-Saens. Don't miss this opportunity to hear major works of the French duo repertoire, as originally conceived on this very rare, authentic instrument.

SAT 25 NOV at 4.30pm

IAIN MACFARLANE -organ

St Martin's organist, Iain Macfarlane presents a programme of music old and very new with something seasonal and local too, including pieces by J S Bach and Epsom composer, Felton Rapley.



More information at 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.



CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PLAN – UPDATE

All churches in the diocese have been asked to come up with a Development Plan. We presented our draft Plan earlier this year and welcomed your comments. You may have been wondering what has happened with it. Well, since then our Plan has evolved and details, means and methods discussed. It has been approved by the Archdeacon and adopted by the PCC. The five main goals of our Plan are these:

- Growing a younger congregation: children and families and younger adults
- Communicate effectively with each other and the community
- Building for the future – creating space for church and community
- Explore small groups afresh as a way of growing faith
- Increase financial giving

As we work towards these goals you will notice some changes and some new things happening. Some of the changes and happenings have already begun, some will be soon, others will be on a longer timescale. We will keep you updated. Most of all we hope you will support our efforts and, where possible, get involved so that you can be a part of the future of St Martin's and St Stephen's.

If you have any questions, please talk to one of the members of the CDP group: Lynne Scholefield, John Padwick, Graeme Lodge, David Eggett, Rob Jeffery, Sarah Jeffery, Helen Williams and Sarah Lutton, or a member of the clergy.

MISSION OF THE MONTH – AUGUST

Home Mission

The Sunnybank Trust supports people with learning disabilities and autism to say what they want and live the life they choose, through their range of services. Voices—Choices—Futures, providing Advocacy and Social opportunities and transitional support of young adults and their families leaving full time education.

Spinnaker Trust—Engaging-Inspiring-Equipping

The aim of this Christian Charity is to support Primary Schools with Assemblies and R.E. Lessons, and locally here they have worked at 11 Schools in Epsom and Ewell.

They aim to inspire this generation of Primary School children to engage with the Christian Faith and explore its values.

Abroad Mission

‘Wheels for the world ‘ is part of the ‘Through the Roof’ charity. The charity exists to transform lives of disabled through Jesus. Thousands of disabled people across the world have experienced God’s love through the ministry of ‘Through the Roof’ strengthening local churches in the UK and developing countries welcoming disabled people.

‘Wheels for the World; restores donated wheelchairs and distributes refurbished wheelchairs to disabled adults and children in developing countries providing life changing mobility.

Jill Chapman and Meg Topley – Mission

FOOD BANK

This week, we need the following items:

Tinned Vegetables - Urgent
Tinned Fruit - Urgent
Sugar - (small bags) Urgent
Nappies Size 5+ and 6+ - Urgent
Adult Toothbrushes - Urgent
Adult Toothpaste- Urgent
Tinned Meat (Corned beef, Meatballs, Hotdogs etc)
Cooking sauce (not pasta sauce, we have lots)
Custard
Ketchup and Brown sauce
Shaving gel/foam
Men's deodorant
Washing up liquid
Household 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.

Please, no more of these items as we are at capacity: dog food, cat food, tea bags, tinned fish, tinned soup

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APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL TRUSTEES

I am writing on behalf of the Chairman of the trustees, Mr John Steward. The charity owns three Almshouses in Epsom which house single women and married couples who have had difficult lives. The Almshouse function is the charities' main function. However, the charity also makes grants to people in Epsom under our Relief in Need Charity. The charity does not fund raise. We also have funds to give grants for betterment of life for younger people.

The trustees meet every three months - usually at 5pm, on the first Tuesday of each month at St Martin's Church House. Meetings last for a maximum of one and half hours. Trustees are emailed, from time to time, for their input into requests for aid. The management, and repair issues, of the three Almshouse are supervised by the charity surveyor and administration is dealt with by the Clerk to the Trustees.

We are very much in need of additional trustees. If you are interested, then please contact me. Thank you. Derek



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER
4pm – 6pm in St Martin’s Church

**A relaxed way to chat about death, dying
and funerals over tea and cake.**

**If you would like to know more, speak to
Lynne Scholefield or Chris Hyde.**

Submitting an item for the newsletter:

**The next newsletter will be on Sunday 3rd September 2023.
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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