



Registered Charity Number: 1134149

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2023

TRINITY 13



Schools and colleges are back for a new academic year, and our Junior Church (Ark) and choir are back from today (3rd September). My enduring memory of new autumn term at school was the smell of floor polish, the discomfort of new shoes and embarrassment of a new haircut (*it was the 70s*). But it also brought new starts, new chances, and new challenges. So, too, in Church, September symbolises renewal and new opportunities. Enjoy the ride!

Nick Parish

THIS SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 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**

Music this Sunday

The gradual hymn this weekend is 'Breathe on me breath of God' set to the tune *Afflatus* by Gilbert Stocks. Stocks was DoM at Repton School (1912-34) and wrote his own hymns for use in chapel, combining popular words with popular tunes, or writing his own tunes to familiar words. His most famous arrangement of a melody from Parry's oratorio *Judith*, is 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind' which became a world-wide favourite.

Tuesday 5th September

- 11.00am Contemplative Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel**
Our starting point will be the saying in Leviticus 19.2: '*You shall be holy, for the Lord your God am holy*'. All will be very welcome for this time of prayer and silence with an introduction to the text.
Adrian Esdaile

- 4.00pm Centering Prayer Group at the back of the Church**
- 7.30pm Ministry Team**

Wednesday 6th September

- 10.00am Holy Communion**
- 7.30pm PCC**

Thursday 7th September

- 5.00pm Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel**

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER Trinity 14/ Creation 2

9.30am Holy Communion at St Stephen's
10.00am Choral Matins
6.30pm Second Thoughts (*see below*)

Laurence and Belinda Impey

"Malawi: challenges to survival in a beautiful natural world".

This would give blanket cover to talk about what it takes to get through life in Malawi: the economic and financial challenges, the practical and medical challenges, the social challenges - all within the framework of a strong religious influence on life.

Neither of our speakers knew much about Malawi twelve months ago. Laurence, a former modern languages teacher, gained some first-hand experience of life in Ethiopia a few years ago but knew nothing of southern Africa, while Belinda, a retired paediatric physiotherapist, had encountered life in southern Africa before but her experience was fifty years out of date! So, this inevitably will be a subjective impression of present-day life in Malawi, based on Belinda's two-month-long experience working voluntarily in the CURE hospital in Blantyre, supplemented by a collection of random insights garnered from chatting to diverse people during a two-week tour of scenically beautiful southern Malawi.

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.

COMING SOON

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.

Upcoming Eco Events

Hello! There are several eco-events coming up in the next two months: see which appeal below and then come along. If you have trouble with getting the e-tickets, let me know.

Helen Williams

Pilgrimage for the planet – Saturday 9th September

I will be going on a pilgrimage for the planet on the morning of Saturday 9th September and I invite you to walk with me. The route will take us through traffic and through wildlife as we contemplate our place in Creation. The route is about five miles long and includes some rough (field) terrain, so please wear suitable clothing and take care. I expect we will complete the pilgrimage in three hours or under; my plan is to gather at St Martin's at 9am, and return there by noon. You can hold or wear a symbol or message of pilgrimage as we travel, or bring a banner, as a sign of witness to those we pass and meet.

Please contact me if you would like more details. There are other similar walks going on around the country, organised by other members of Christian Climate Action, including peace pilgrimages.

What is Climate Change and what can I do about it?

Wednesday 27th September 7.30pm, Epsom Methodist Church,
Ashley Road KT18 5AQ

Refreshments served before the event.

John Mackintosh, will be talking to us to explain the science and much more, and will also answer questions. He is the Environment Manager at Mole Valley District Council, and Environmental Consultant at GreenGoals. John is an expert in his field, so his talk should prove to be very informative. GreenGoals help companies and local government to make decisions on how to reduce emissions.

Come and find answers to your questions with Eco-friends in Epsom.

What's stopping us stopping climate change?

An event at Leatherhead Theatre with some high profile speakers - Lord Deben (John Gummer, former chair of the Climate Change Committee), Natalie Bennett (Baroness Bennet, Green Party peer), Ed Straw (author and specialist in Governance and Systems Thinking). 'An inspiring talk on the causes in our system which are preventing transformational delivery - and some big picture solutions', with time for audience Q&A at the end.

Thursday, 28 September, 6.30pm - 8.45pm

Leatherhead Theatre, 7 Church St, Leatherhead KT22 8DN

Book tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/whats-stopping-us-stopping-climate-change-tickets-671493062827>

A short walk from Leatherhead railway station, and there are buses to Leatherhead from Epsom, too.

An outing to West Horsley

If you are feeling arty and would like an excuse to visit West Horsley Place (amazing enough on its own, and known for its summer opera, and starring role in 'Ghosts'), Surrey Wildlife Trust will be hosting the Surrey Hedgerow Festival there: 'the county's - and perhaps the country's - very first hedgerow-themed music and arts festival'. It's happening on 21st October and you can buy tickets (free for children, £5 for adults) for the morning or the afternoon. Nigel and I will be going in the afternoon.

<https://www.westhorsleyplace.org/event/surrey-hedgerow-festival>
, 01483 282032.

479 bus goes past the door, and if you want to combine it with a nice walk, Horsley Station is nearby.

Christmas Fair



This year's Christmas Fair is on Saturday November 25th, and we need as much help as possible.

The Fair is taking part in the Church, and we are setting up on Thursday and Friday 23rd/24th November so if you can help on any of these days

please contact either:

Nancy Eggett, 07711 264231, email: Nancy.eggett@nltworld.com
or Maureen Suatt, 01372 723675, 07456 988721
email: maureensuatt@virginmedia.com

Music at St Martin's

Choir rehearsals resume on Friday 1st September.

We're especially looking for more sopranos and altos.

Rehearsals on Friday nights 8.00pm-9.30pm are open to anyone who'd like to join us for the evening.

A warm, friendly welcome is guaranteed.

Contact Richard Dacey for more

information: office@stmartinsepsom.org

Harmonies for Hope charity concert on Sat 30 Sep at 7.30pm

For information about the event click on this link: [Harmonies for Hope - In support of Parkinson's UK \(thebestof.co.uk\)](http://thebestof.co.uk)

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.

A forgotten belonging?

During a recent tidy up of the choir vestry we found an electric guitar. Having establishing with a few key people that it isn't theirs, we want to check if it belongs to anyone else and so can be returned. If not, then we will endeavour to find it a new home.

Sarah Lutton



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

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

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.



MISSION OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER

Home Mission - The Church Homeless Trust

One in every 200 people in England are homeless. A very high percentage are young.

The Homeless Trust raises funds to help everyone in need regardless of their gender, sexuality, race or religion.

Working in conjunction with Churches and Communities.

Helping them to move forward with grants and courses to make a new start in Life.

Abroad Mission - Redress

Redress is a non-governmental organisation (NGO). It is the only international organisation dedicated to bringing legal cases on behalf of survivors of torture in the UK and around the world to obtain justice and reparation for the violation of their human rights.

Jill Chapman and Meg Topley – Mission

Update on Mission Giving

The time is coming up for the Mission Committee to decide on the Annual Allocations/Donations to be given out on behalf of St. Martins. Which is 10% of received money from the congregation.

Over the year you have been given all the information about last year's donations.

On the display boards at the back of Church are notices with the full list of our Allocations - where our money goes. And each month 2 different Displays are on HOME and ABROAD Mission projects/causes with more details.

We also ask you to include these in your prayers and focus on them. This information is also given out in the Notices in Church and in the Weekly Notices and on the website.

Shortly we will be Meeting to bring our research together to decide on which allocations would be appropriate/most effective in the right places, depending on our budget.

If you have any thoughts, preferences, points for discussion that you would like to bring to the committee, can you please let me know soon. ***Jill Chapman and Meg Topley – Mission***

FOOD BANK

This week, we need the following items:

Weetabix - Urgent
Peanut Butter - Urgent
Coffee- Urgent
Tinned Meat (ham, meatballs, hotdogs etc) - Urgent
Squash- Urgent
Cooking Sauce- Urgent
Noodles- Urgent (Not Pot noodles)
Baked Beans
Rice Pudding, Custard, Honey
Children's Toothbrushes 0-2 and 6 plus- Urgent (we have none)
Children's Toothpaste 0-2 and 6 plus- Urgent (we have none)
Adult Toothbrushes
Adult Toothpaste
Powdered Milk
Ketchup, Mayo and Brown sauce
Female deodorant, Men's deodorant, Shaving Foam
Toilet Rolls

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: cat food, tea bags, tinned fish, tinned soup

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

We always welcome donations and promise to use them to provide help to people in need. Donations will be shared across [Epsom & Ewell Foodbank](#) and [Epsom Pantry](#). This ensures your donations go to help people who use our services wherever they are.

Please [contact us](#) if you have any questions about donating food.

Do let us know if you book a supermarket delivery direct to us so we can tell our warehouse team when to expect it.
We are unable to accept refrigerated or frozen items.



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.**

ENJOY SINGING?

The choir of St Martin's, Epsom
welcomes you!



Our friendly choir provides music for the Sunday services at St Martin's Church, Epsom. We sing famous pieces by Byrd, Handel, Mozart, Stanford and Rutter plus new works by young contemporary composers. We welcome singers of all ages to help us celebrate and maintain this unique tradition which also includes these additional opportunities:

- Vocal training with the RSCM Voice for Life Programme
- Singing regularly in wonderful cathedrals
- Performing in our monthly Recital Series
- Making new friends and having fun

Rehearsals are on Friday evenings
Juniors (8-13yrs) 7.00pm-8.30pm
Adults 8.00pm-9.30pm

Contact Richard Dacey, Director of Music, St Martin of Tours,
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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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