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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2023

TRINITY 16



This is an artist's impression of Jonah, on his way to Nineveh. Today, we hear the story of what happened when he finally got there. He wasn't happy! Why? Because they listened to his warning and repented. Vengeance was off the table. Am I angry when God forgives and redeems?

The Vicar

THIS SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER Trinity 16

9.30am Holy Communion at St Stephen's

10.00am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 27th September

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 28th September

5.00pm Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER HARVEST FESTIVAL

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6.30pm Evening Prayer

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.

News from Richard Dacey

Richard has announced that he is retiring from his post as Director of Music. His departure will be a great loss for St Martin's as he has done a remarkable job over the years in developing and leading the musical life of our church. He will continue in his role until Christmas, but we have already begun the work of finding a replacement and to ensure as best we can that St Martin's music can continue to flourish.

David and Sarah, Churchwardens

Harvest Festival 1st October



Our harvest celebrations reflect on God's generosity to us, so we are asking for a generous response to our harvest giving. Harvest gifts will be donated

to the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank, so please look at the list in this Newsletter for the items being asked for. You can bring your gifts and leave at the back of church at any time before Sunday 1st October, or on the day.

Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer is said in St Martin's Church every Thursday at 5.00 p.m. Additionally, ***Evening Prayer on Zoom*** is held throughout the week, Monday – Friday, at 5.00 p.m. It lasts about half an hour. If you are interested in joining us please contact me for further details (link or i/d and password) on mlgilbert88@gmail.com . Alternatively you can speak to me when you see me as I am in Church most Sundays.

You will need to be able to access Zoom, and also the service provided by the Church of England. (Find: Church of England Daily Worship/Join us in a service of Daily Prayer; scroll down and click on 'Evening Prayer', making sure you have selected the correct date.)

Mary Gilbert

Developments at St Martin's

Part of our Church Development Plan is to smarten up the west end of the church. We now have approval from the PCC to make some changes which you will start to see over the next few weeks. One of these changes - an upgraded card payment machine - is already in place. We are also disposing of two of the four bookshelves at the back of the pews together with some of the books. A good number of the books are being donated to the charity book-aid.org and others are being offered to other churches across the diocese.

If anyone is interested in the bookshelves or would like to take any of the books, do please speak to either of the churchwardens. We are also happy to answer any questions about the developments.

Sarah & David

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.

Harmonies for Hope – in support of Parkinson’s UK Saturday 30 September at 7.30pm at St Martin’s

This charity concert brings together four incredible choirs in a collective effort to raise funds for Parkinson's UK. The concert showcases the soul-stirring performances of the Epsom Male Voice Choir, the electrifying Rock Choir, the harmonious sound of Fourté a barbershop quartet and the traditional choral voices of St Martin’s Church.

With their diverse musical styles and unwavering dedication, these talented choirs aim to spread harmony and hope, uniting the community in support of this noble cause.

The concert’s primary objective is to raise funds for Parkinson’s UK, a charitable organisation dedicated to supporting people with Parkinson’s disease and finding a cure. Parkinson’s UK provides essential services, funding research, and offers vital information to improve the lives of those affected by the condition.

This promises to be an uplifting and impactful evening that celebrates the power of music to bring people and communities together. As the event draws to a close, you can take solace in the knowledge that your support has contributed to this worthy cause of advancing research and support for those living with Parkinson’s Disease.

100% of money raised will go to Parkinson’s UK

To buy tickets click on this link: [Harmonies for Hope - In support of Parkinson's UK \(thebestof.co.uk\)](https://www.thebestof.co.uk)



GraveTalk, Sunday 1st October, 4pm – 6 pm

You may have seen the slides during our 10 am services advertising 'GraveTalk'. This is a relaxed way to chat about death, dying and funerals over tea and cake, using GraveTalk cards, with questions such as:

- If you knew this was your last day of life, what would you do?
- If you were planning your funeral, what would you include?
- What does it mean to have a 'good death'?
- Do come along and join us for good conversation and cake at the back of St Martin's.

Coffee Rota

We are looking for some more volunteers for the coffee Rota on Sundays.

At the moment it means we do it about every 7 weeks, but the more people on the Rota the less often we are on duty.

If you are interested either speak to me or one of the churchwardens.

Maureen Suatt

national retreat week

renew:all

23-30 Sept 2023



Recently, I stayed at the Royal Foundation of St Katharine in Limehouse, London for a short retreat which gave me the opportunity for prayer and quiet reflection. Going on retreat is a wonderful way to find stillness and focus among the pressures of daily routines. It is a chance to reflect on our life's direction, explore new ideas or simply find ways to be closer to God.

For those of you unfamiliar with retreats, the Royal Foundation of St Katharine is launching a new initiative **National Retreat Week – renew:all 23-30 September**. It is an invitation to everyone, and support, to take time out for contemplation, prayer and retreat, during the week or any time in the year. Their website <https://www.renewall.org.uk/> includes resources with experienced retreat leaders, and shares ideas and inspiration from across Christian traditions to help everyone get involved in National Retreat Week whether as an individual or group, in your own home, at church or wherever you feel most comfortable.

During National Retreat Week they will be sharing new and specially produced retreat ideas and activities from well-known, experienced retreat leaders and authors including Brian Draper, Adjoa Andoh, Christopher Jamison, Paula Gooder. You may like to [Sign-up for renew:all email updates to receive them direct to your inbox.](#)

Rev Judith

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.eggett3@gmail.com or Maureen Suatt, 01372 723675, 07456 988721 email: maureensuatt@virginmedia.com

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND ADVENT CALANDARS

Now that the summer has passed and we are all beginning to look towards Christmas I have set up my display of cards, advent calendars and candles as well as christmas candles.

There are a wide variety of cards both in design, size and cost, in packets of 10 or 20 cards. There are also a lots of Advent Calendars which come with their own envelopes in case if you wish to post them. There are also advent candles in red or cream.

The Christmas candles come in their own glass container with a variety of nativity scenes.

Payment may be made in a variety of ways:

- Cheque: made payable to "The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Epsom" (please either hand in to the office or place in the wall safe in church)
- Donation Station: contactless payments – please use the "Cards" button
- Cash: via the wall safe in church.

I will keep all items topped up but once a design has sold out, I may not be able to get any further stock. Please ask me if you are looking for something in particular.

All profits for the sale of items goes to help the church.

Thank you for your custom
Mary Holloway-Neville

Mary Lalle

Mary has moved to North Wales near her son and daughter in law and is settling in well. Her address is: Rhosyn Melyn Care Hoe, Room 35, 1st Floor, Cefn Road, Wrexham, LL13 9NH.

Music at St Martin's – Choir members

Choir rehearsals resumed on Friday 1st September. We are 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

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. 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 14th 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 information with family and friends to help maintain and grow our audience. We look forward to seeing you in September.



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**

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. The Trust works 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. Martin's, which is 10% of received money from the congregation. 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 newsletter emailed and available 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 us know soon.

Jill Chapman and Meg Topley – Mission

FOOD BANK

This week, we need the following items:

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Tinned Soup - Urgent (we have none)

Coffee- Urgent (we have none)

Custard- Urgent (we have none)

Honey- Urgent (we have none)

Chocolate treats both adult and children - Urgent (we have none)

Tinned Meat (ham, meatballs, curry, hotdogs etc) - Urgent

Tinned Fruit- Urgent

UHT and Powdered Milk (no skimmed please) - Urgent

Sugar 500g and 1Kg- Urgent

Sponge Pudding's - Urgent

Noodles- Urgent (Not Pot noodles)

Ketchup - Urgent

Baked Beans

Tinned Vegetables

Long life Juice

Chocolate Spread

Peanut Butter

Sweetcorn

Adult Toothpaste

Shampoo

Washing Up Liquid - Urgent (we have none)

Female deodorant- Urgent (we have none)

Shaving Foam

Toilet Rolls

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.

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.

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

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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.



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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www.stmartinsepsom.org

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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