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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2023



The abolition of slavery in the 19th century was a significant moment in our country's history. We are working on response to 'contested artefacts' in St Martin's which are linked to that era of enslavement. Sadly, modern slavery is still a major issue in our society – despite all our laws against the practice, it apparently flourishes still.

Christianity is a religion founded on the basis of freedom. Our services today reflect that, celebrating our freedom in Christ, and committing ourselves to the mission of setting others free to enjoy the abundant life that Jesus promised.

The Vicar

THIS SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER ANTI-SLAVERY SUNDAY

9.30am Holy Communion at St Stephen's

10.00am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

Advanced notice

St Martin's Church building will be closed from Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th October (and possibly Friday 27th). It is being used by the pianists David Nettle and Richard Markham for recording. However the **Midweek Communion on Wednesday 25th** will still take place in the Lady Chapel at 10am. Access will be via the North Door.

Sarah Lutton

Tuesday 24th October

4.00pm Take Time to Talk - How Can I live my best life?
(tea and biscuits from 3.45 in the Headley Room).

Following on from Grave Talk a couple of weeks ago there will be a small discussion group on a particular topic every two weeks on a Tuesday at 4pm.

The topic for this week is 'How can I live my best life?' All the spiritual traditions teach that our best life doesn't come from pretending that we are going to live forever, but from discovering what death can teach us about living fully.

Following a short introduction to the topic we will reflect, talk, and listen, remembering that in this sort of exploration, questions are more important than answers. Everyone is welcome to come along - just turn up.

Lynne Scholefield

Wednesday 25th October

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 26th October

5.00pm Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Friday 27th October

9.00am Ministry team awayday (at Howell Hill).

NEXT SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's

10.00am Holy Communion

6.30pm Songs of Praise

This will be a Service of praise and thanksgiving when members of the congregation will choose a hymn and tell the congregation about the organisation they represent. Do come! It will be fun as well as good worship!

Adrian Esdaile

Anti-Slavery Day – Sunday 22nd October

What one thing could you do to help make our community Slavery Free?

Any action, no matter how small, could change or save the life of somebody in desperate circumstances.

Could you undergo training to help you spot the signs of modern slavery? Could you set up a social action project? Could you make a commitment to ethical purchasing? Could you use the Safe Car Wash App?

To find out what other people are doing, including the Bishop of Dover, Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, see <https://theclewerinitiative.org/campaigns/anti-slavery-day-make-it-slavery-free>

And read her reflection for Anti-Slavery Day at <https://theclewerinitiative.org/blog/the-role-of-the-church-in-fighting-modern-slavery>

And for details of training materials, see

<https://theclewerinitiative.org/training-and-events>

At St Martin's our Anti-Slavery Day service will take place at 10 am on Sunday 22nd October. **Rev Judith**

The Gospel of John for the 21st Century: an evening with Professor David Ford, Thursday 26 October, 7.30pm – 9pm (doors open 7pm) at Guildford Cathedral

Our Diocese's Local Ministry Programme, in partnership with Guildford Cathedral, are building a Theology Hub, a new learning experience and community for theologians and the theological curious.

Whether you are a little bit interested or have spent years studying, Theology Hub is a series of events and opportunities to gather people around theology. Activities include lectures delving into topics we grapple with, smaller seminars to debate and discuss, and new ways to connect with other theologians and support one another.

The first lecture, *The Gospel of John for the 21st Century: an evening with Professor David Ford*, will take place in the Lady Chapel at Guildford Cathedral on Thursday 26 October, 7.30 – 9pm (doors open at 7pm). Professor David Ford OBE will unpack the fresh and profound encounter with Jesus offered by the Gospel of John. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the lecture.

Book your place at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-gospel-of-john-for-the-21st-century-professor-david-ford-obe-tickets-723856693857>

Judith Mitchell

Light of the World

Churches Together in Epsom is running an Outreach Stall, in the town centre, outside Metro Bank, on Saturday October 28th, from 10 am to 12.30 pm, with the theme "**Jesus is the Light of the World.**"

There will be a craft activity, take away goody bags, face painting and stencilling, appropriate to the theme, for children and families, as an alternative message to Halloween. There will also be opportunity for prayer and pastoral conversations with passers-by.

Please do pray for this event and come with your friends and families to visit the stall as we seek to share the message of God's love with our community here in Epsom Town Centre. Jane Williams, on behalf of CTiE.

EERN Event: A Taste of Ukraine.

28th October 1900, Dell Centre, Ashtead. A feast of Ukrainian food and culture delivered by Ukrainian refugees who live in our community. It will be a fun night, with entertainment from some real talented Ukrainians. Tickets are £30 each, bring your own drinks. Private tables are for 8 people or smaller groups will be sharing with other.

Tickets can be reserved via earn@goodcompany.org.uk or call 07432 660653. Money raised will support the work of Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network.

The Refugee network is also urgently looking for accommodation for Ukrainian families who are having to leave their first temporary home. Can you help?

Or do you know anyone who has spare capacity in their home?

Wind chimes made by the children at Outdoor Ark



Beacon Winter Lunches

Those who read, mark and inwardly digest every word of every Newsletter, will recall that we decided to abandon regular Beacon Teas because of lack of support. Instead we will provide a tea at Christmas, Easter and mid-summer, and a *light lunch* in November, January and February.

The first lunch will take place in the Wisley Room, Church House on **Tuesday 21 November from 1.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.** and will comprise homemade soup (nice and warming), bread/rolls and cheese (nice and filling), salad (nice and healthy), fruit (ditto), a hot dessert (nice, but naughty) plus tea and coffee. This is free but donations are welcomed. Do join us. In order that we can glean some idea of how many we need to cater for, it would be helpful if you would sign the sheet at the back of church.

Mary Gilbert and Elaine Snook

Goods Needed for the Christmas Fayre

We need the following goods to stock the stalls at the Christmas Fayre:

Unwanted gifts and toiletries

Craft Items

Chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola

Jewelry

Games and Jigsaws

Bottles (full ones) for the Bottle Tombola

Books and DVDs

CAKES but not until November 25th

All these items can be left in the Christmas Fayre Box at the back of Church. All donations gratefully received.

Nancy Eggett and Maureen Suatt

Christmas cards and advent calendars

Now summer has passed, and we 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 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 via the below:

- 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

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.

Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer is said in St Martin's Church every Thursday at 5pm. Additionally, ***Evening Prayer on Zoom*** is held throughout the week, Monday – Friday, at 5pm. 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

Music at St Martin's – Choir members

We are 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

MISSION OF THE MONTH – OCTOBER

Home Mission - The CHURCH ARMY

The Church Army activates positive change through Faith, Words, Action.

A Mission focused community with the Anglican Church, positively affecting lives. Prayerfully-Expectant—Risk taking and Generous.

Abroad Mission

Alex's Medical and Educational clinic in Africa (AMECA)

Founded in 2006 by Ruth Markus in memory of her only child Alex.

AMECA is committed to healthcare delivery and supporting the training of care professionals through sustainable initiatives. Malawi suffered from a paucity of effectively managed healthcare facilities, equipment and healthcare professionals.

We as a church have welcomed Ruth several times to update the congregation speaking on the progress of all the health clinics and training of health care professionals in Malawi.

Jill Chapman and Meg Topley – Mission



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.
s(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 Parish

FOOD BANK

This week, we urgently need the following items:

Urgent- Long Life Sponge Puddings - (we have none)

Urgent- UHT Milk full fat and semi skimmed

Urgent- Tinned Vegetables

Urgent - Powdered Milk

Urgent - Long Life Juice- (we have none)

Urgent- Squash

Urgent - Packet Soup

Urgent- Instant Mash

Urgent- Marmalade

Urgent- Chocolate Spread

Urgent- Toilet Rolls

Sugar- All sizes

Brown Sauce, Mayonnaise

Crisps

Nappies 6+

Washing up Liquid

Female and Male Deodorant

Shaving Gel/Foam

We are also in great need of bags for life/ strong shopper 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.

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.

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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

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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.



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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