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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2023



Today we mark All Saints' and All Souls' tide in our services. We are in the season of remembrance – thinking of all those people down the centuries who have been made Saints of the Church, all Christian people and, indeed, all who have died whom we love and whose memory we hold dear.

At the heart of the Christian Church is the breaking of bread together – itself an act of remembrance of our Lord, His sacrifice and our redemption. This, together with our calling to mind those who have gone before us, enable us to have hope for the future, both in this life and the one to come.

The Vicar

THIS 5th NOVEMBER ALL SAINTS

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's

10.00am Sung Communion

6.30pm Memorial Service

Tuesday 7th November

11.00am Contemplative Prayer group. Lady Chapel

An hour or so of prayer and silence. Our starting point will be the lovely phrase, spoken by God, and recorded by Ezekiel in 18.4 - *'Every living soul belongs to me'*. All are very welcome.

Adrian Esdaile

4.00pm Take Time To Talk – All Saints and All Souls

(tea and biscuits from 3.45pm in the Headley room)

October 31st Samhain (pronounces 'sow-en), November 1st All Saints, November 2nd All Souls – the end of summer and the beginning of winter. What do these festivals mean to us? Who are the Saints? What do they do? 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. If you want to know more, please ask me.

Lynne Scholefield

7.30pm Ministry Team in the Headley Room

Wednesday 8th November

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 9th November

5.00pm Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Friday, November 10th

10am Churches Together in Epsom: Invitation to Coffee, Fellowship and Prayer

You are invited. We meet from 10-11am at the Old Moat Garden Centre Cafe, Horton Lane, Epsom KT19 8PQ. All are very welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE

9.00am Holy Communion at St Martin's

9.30am Remembrance Service at St Stephen's

10.45am Remembrance Service at St Martin's

6.30pm 2nd Thoughts *Refreshments beforehand*

Canon Rob Esdaile *The Sword and the Cloak:*
St. Martin, Armistice Day and the Gospel of Peace

We gather in a building dedicated to St. Martin of Tours, described in some quarters as 'the first Christian conscientious objector'; and we gather on Remembrance Sunday, recalling the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in 1918, when the guns fell silent ... on the Feast of St. Martin. Can St. Martin speak to us today in a Europe riven by armed conflict?

And how should our responses as Christians to questions of peace and war differ from those of our non-Christian neighbours?

Canon Rob Esdaile is a presbyter of the Roman Catholic diocese of Arundel & Brighton and has been parish priest of Woking and Knaphill since September, 2022.



Church Maintenance

If you notice anything that needs attention in or around the Church, please contact the office at office@smartinsepsom.org so that they can arrange for repairs. Thank you.

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

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



Mission Of The Month

NOVEMBER

Home Mission

In 1957 a young disabled man asked for “ opportunity , not pity for disabled people” and they should be given the chance to share in a programme of exciting opportunities on equal terms with non- disabled people. This led to the foundation of PHAB. Phab grew to provide the services they provide today ; a network of Phab clubs, Clubs on school sites, Holiday projects, and Advocacy partners.

Abroad Mission

Mercy Ships, which is a Medical Mission run entirely by fully qualified volunteers.

There are 2 hospital ships that work from off the coast of Africa.

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
(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 need the following items:

Urgent- Long Life Sponge Puddings - (we have none)
Urgent - Powdered Milk
Urgent - Long Life Juice- (we have none)
Urgent- Squash
Urgent- Chocolate Spread
Urgent- Toilet Rolls
Urgent- Washing Powder (Bio and Non Bio)
Urgent- Children's toothbrushes - ages 0-2 and 6+
Urgent- Children's Toothpaste - ages 6-12
Crisps
Nappies 6+
Male Deodorant
Christmas items- No alcohol

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.

Music@StMartin's

AUTUMN CONCERTS 2023

SAT 25 NOV AT 4.30PM

St Martin's organist, Iain Macfarlane, presents a delightfully varied programme of music by *Byrd, Bach, Baldwin, Farrington, Ives* 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 free.

Suggested donation for this concert £10

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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Please contact clergy and lay ministers via the office.