



Registered Charity Number: 1134149

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2023



This weekend we remember all whose lives have been lost or scarred by war. Jesus once said, 'there will be wars and rumours of war', and that has proved to be the case ever since. We are thankful for the sacrifices made for the causes of freedom and peace, and we pray for all who are still dedicated to those causes.

The Vicar

THIS 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.

Tuesday 14th November

Please note that there will be **no Centering Prayer** this week.

The next meeting will be on November 28th at 4pm.

Wednesday 15th November

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 16th November

5.00pm Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER SECOND BEFORE ADVENT

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's

10.00am Sung Communion Service at St Martin's

6.30pm Choral Evensong

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

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. **WE NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS BY 14th.** Please use the sign-up sheet in Church or email/ring the office to confirm your attendance, as we need a minimum number to make event viable. Thank you.

Mary Gilbert and Elaine Snook

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Cakes, Cakes, Cakes

We need lots of cakes for the Cake Sytall at the Christmas Fair. Please bring them on either Friday 24th or preferably Saturday 25th.

Bottles

We are in need of bottles for the Bottles Tombola. Any full bottle will do, wine, oil, lemonade, salad dressing. Just leave them at the back of Church.

Maureen Suatt

Christmas cards and advent calendars

For sale in Church - a wide variety of cards both in design, size and cost, in packets of 10 or 20 cards. Also, Advent Calendars (which come with their own envelopes in case if you wish to post them); 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:

- 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

NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS

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:

Long Life Sponge Puddings - (we have none)

Powdered Milk

Long Life Juice- (we have none)

Squash

Chocolate Spread

Toilet Rolls

Washing Powder (Bio and Non Bio)

Children's toothbrushes - ages 0-2 and 6+

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!

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.**