



**Registered Charity Number: 1134149**

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup>/ 18th AUGUST 2024:**



This is Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union, in 1876. From her initiative in one parish, MU grew to the worldwide movement it is today.



This is a painting of St Bartholomew, by Anthony van Dyck.

Our series of evening services for August continues, on 11<sup>th</sup>, with Mary Sumner, and on 18<sup>th</sup>, St Bartholomew. Two people born nearly 2,000 years apart, yet both shared a passion for following Christ that transformed their lives, and those of many. As we mark this season of saints and festivals, we are reminded that all of us who follow a Christian path can make remarkable things happen. Maybe we won't all found a worldwide movement, or be recognised as an apostle of the Church, but however we put our faith into practice it will make a difference. Even if we don't keep an official 'you' day, you are valued and precious to God, and are celebrated as one of our family.

**Nick Parish**

## **DIARY**

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

- 8.30am Holy Communion at St Martin's**
- 9.30am Holy Communion at Langley Vale Village Hall**
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St Martin's**
- 4.00pm 6 steps to the Bible in the Lady Chapel**
- 6.30pm Season of the Saints 2:**  
**Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union.**

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

- 10.00am Holy Communion at St Martin's**

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's**
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St Martin's**
- 6.30pm Season of the Saints 3**  
**St Bartholomew**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August**  
**10.00am Holy Communion**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August**  
**9.30am Holy Communion at Langley Vale Village Hall**  
**10.00am Holy Communion at St Martin's**  
**4.00pm 6 steps to the Bible in the Lady Chapel**  
**6.30pm Season of the Saints 4: St Aidan**

### **General notice**

*Please note there will not be a newsletter on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August. The next newsletter will be published on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>.*



**T L G** **make lunch** **SUMMER 2024**

**Pull up a seat, you are welcome!**

**Where?**  
St Barnabas Church, Temple Road  
KT19 8HA, Epsom

**When?**  
The sessions start at 11:30am and finish around 1:15pm.  
30th July  
6th August  
13th August  
20th August  
27th August

**What?**  
Our free sessions help you to answer the 2 big questions most kids have during the holidays: "What are we going to do today?" and "What's for lunch?"

At your local **Make Lunch Club** you'll get to meet a friendly team of volunteers, who make sure that there's plenty of food and fun activities to go around.

Book at [www.stbarnabas-epsom.org.uk/makelunch](http://www.stbarnabas-epsom.org.uk/makelunch)

**St PB**

## **Deanery Synod**

We need one more lay representative to fill our places on the Deanery Synod. Howard Bluett and John Padwick are our current reps. Synod is a serious business, but not hard work and not overly bureaucratic. Meetings are quite relaxed and friendly; there are three meetings each year, held in a different church each time.

What is Deanery Synod? **The Deanery Synod** is part of the government of the Church of England. They were set up in 1970 for representatives of the various congregations to meet and exchange ideas they have found helpful to the whole mission of the church in worship, pastoral and social activities and evangelism. They are linked to the Diocesan Synod and General Synod so their collective views can be made known in the debates about the church's government, its laws, doctrine and forms of worship. They consider the business of the Diocesan Synod, and particularly any matters referred back by the General Synod, sounding parochial opinion whenever they are required or consider it appropriate to do so.

Interested? We have a vacancy! Please speak Howard, John or one of the clergy to explore further. (Synod members are automatically members of PCC).

## **COFFIN CLUB RETURNS!**

*The Brigitte Trust* are excited to be bringing back our Coffin Club series this September!

Every Monday morning from 9th September to 14th October, we will be joined by a different speaker in the beautiful setting of Clandon Wood Natural Burial Ground to discuss topics such as funeral planning, the role of a soul midwife, wills and lasting power of attorney, and more. The sessions will each run from 10AM to 12PM, and there is parking available on site.

Come along for as many of the six sessions as you'd like- you can join us for just the one, or you can get involved with all six! They are free to attend and open to anyone. If you're interested in attending, please visit our Eventbrite collection page here; [bit.ly/3zZUND5](https://bit.ly/3zZUND5) You can also book your place through our Service Coordinator Sarah Pattenden at [sarah.pattenden@brigitte-trust.com](mailto:sarah.pattenden@brigitte-trust.com) or on 07469932192.

We look forward to seeing you there!

***The Brigitte Trust team***



## AUGUST MISSION – REDRESS

The Redress mission is an international organisation dedicated to deliver justice and reparations for survivors of torture, challenge impunity for perpetrators and advocate for legal and policy reforms to combat torture. The vision of REDRESS is a world without torture.

Please see the display boards in Church for more information.

### **Ride and Stride Day**

It is now less than three months until the annual sponsored Ride & Stride day on **Saturday, 14th September**. Of the monies raised 50% is returned to the nominated church and the balance distributed as grants to maintain or improve the fabric of Christian places of worship. The Trust has an unprecedented amount of money available to distribute as grants which can be up to £3,000 per church. When considering applications, the Trustees look more favourably on those who have shown support for the Ride & Stride. We would like your support on the day: this could range from providing people to visit other nearby churches and chapels, providing refreshments for your visitors, just having the doors open for visitors to look inside or merely putting a signing in sheet on the outside door. I am attaching a poster, sponsorship form, a list of Surrey churches (including some which are now in Greater London) and a Visitor Register; other information and documents can be found on the website:

<https://www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org/ride-stride/>

Colin Quemby, Area Organiser.

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CTIE is planning the return of the PASSION PLAY on Good Friday 2025. Involvement of all of the congregations from all the churches in Epsom would be very welcome. If you feel you would like to be involved in the PASSION PLAY, whatever role, please contact Meg Topley.

## **PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY**

Please remember in your daily prayers this fortnight:

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Our Bell-ringing Team and Tower Captain Mike Bale. Our Ministry Team. All local young families. Those living and working in Downs Avenue, Downs Hill Road, Downs Road and Downs Way.

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Our Prayer and Healing Ministry: Contemplative and Centering Prayer. Those who work on our Website, Facebook and YouTube channel. Wheels for the World (Our Missions) and the Sunnybank Trust (based in Epsom). Those living and working in Downside, East Street and Elmslie Close.

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Our Church Development Plan: for Renewal and Growth. Those who read the Bible through the Bible Reading Fellowship notes and Didi Steck. Those living locally who are housebound and their carers. Those living and working in Farriers Road, Fyfield Close, Grosvenor Road, Grove Avenue and Grove Road.

### **Wednesday 14th**

Our Mission and Evangelism Team. Our Church Finances and Our Treasurer. Our MP Helen Maguire. Epsom and Ewell Borough Council: elected members and officers. Those living and working in Hambledon Hill, Hambledon Vale, Harding Road and Hawthorne Place.

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Our Discipleship and Fellowship Team. Our Premises and Gardens Team. The Emergency Services: Fire, Police and Ambulance. Those living and working in Headley Road, Heathcote Road, Hereford Close, High Street and Highridge Close.

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Our Choir, and our vision for a new Worship Band. The growth of our Life Groups, Study Groups, WhatsApp Groups. Our Missions: Redress (justice against torture). Those living and working in Hillcrest Road, Hook Road, Hylands Close, Hylands Road, Jackson Close and Kilcorral Close.

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Our Livestreaming Team led by Rob Jeffrey. Our Sacristan Mary Holloway-Neville and chalice assistants. University of the Creative Arts, Laine Theatre Arts staff and students. Those living and working in Kiln Lane, Kingsdown Road, Laburnum Road, Ladbrook Road, Leighton Way and Leith Road.

## **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Vocations to Ministry, ordained and lay. Churches Together in Epsom: Russell Holding (Chair); Revd Judith (Secretary). Our Missions: AMECA (for Malawi, Epsom based). Those living and working in Langley Close, Langley Vale Road, Links Road and Lintons Lane.

## **Monday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Our Home Communion Team and those to whom they take Communion. Our Flower-Arranging Team: Yvonne Parish. Staff at local Citizens' Advice Bureau, Age Concern and Job Centre. All those seeking their help and/or in need of work. Those living and working in Longdown Lane South, Longdown Road, Lynwood Avenue, Lynwood Road, Mannamead, Mannamead Close, Middle Close and Middle Lane.

## **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Our Deanery Synod: Howard Bluett. Our Eco Church Team: Helen Williams. Our Missions: A Rocha. Those living and working in Milburn Walk, Mill Road, Millers Copse, Milton Gardens and Mospey Crescent.

## **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Our vision and work for Social and Racial Justice. Our Readers and Intercessors. Local schools and nursery schools. Those living and working in Oak Hill, Oakmead Green, Old Barn Road, Pikes Hill and Pine Hill.

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

All who offer welcome and hospitality and serve refreshments at our churches. Those to be married in our churches. Our Missions: Mercy Ships. Those living and working in Pitt Road, Portland Place, Prospect Place, Providence Place and Randolph Road.

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Our Electoral Roll Officer: John Aronson. Our Church Cleaners. Local doctors' surgeries. Those living and working in Richmond Close, Rosebery Avenue, Rosebery Road, Sadlers Way and South Street.

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Those recently confirmed and their growing relationship with God. Preparation for future baptism and confirmation. All who enter St Martin's in the week and pass through our garden. Church Army (supporting and empowering those most in need in UK and Ireland). Those living and working in Spencer Close, Squirrels Way, St George's Gardens, St James' Close, St Martin's Avenue and St Martin's Close.

## FOODBANK WANTS LIST

**This week we are in great need of all the following items:**

Cooking Sauces  
Dried Noodles (not pot or instant)  
Long Life Juice  
Tinned Potatoes  
Tinned Vegetables  
Tinned Meat  
Pulses  
Sugar  
Honey  
Biscuits  
Long life Sponge puddings  
Ketchup/Brown Sauce/Mayonnaise

Urgent- Male Deodorant  
Urgent- Shower gel  
Urgent- Washing Powder  
Washing up Liquid  
Nappies 5, 6+ & 7

Strong shopper bags and bags for life

Use our supermarket donation points or bring donations to  
Epsom & Ewell Foodbank, Good Company Hub, behind West  
Ewell Primary School, Ruxley Lane, Ewell . KT19 0JG.

# Being With



New “BEING WITH” Course  
Exploring Christian Faith and Life  
Tuesday 10 September 7.30 – 9 PM for 10 weeks

At the heart of the BEING WITH course is that God’s greatest desire is to be with us. That’s the reason the world was created; that’s why we were created. In a small, friendly group, led by Revd Judith and Helen Williams, the BEING WITH course helps us to recognise God’s presence in our everyday life experiences.

Each weekly session consists of four parts:

**Welcome:** We start with a welcome question. The first is: ‘What has brought you to this course?’ It’s an invitation to be with yourself as you start the session and to share something of who you are right here and now with the group.

**Wonderings:** The centre of the course is not information but an invitation to be with others and wonder about significant areas of life together.

**Talk:** Subjects are: Meaning, Essence, Jesus, Church, Bible, Mission, Cross, Prayer, Suffering and Resurrection.

**Reflection:** An opportunity to raise thoughts and questions about what you’ve heard and reflect together with the others in the group about what it might mean in your life.

Please email [revjudith@stmartinsepsom.org](mailto:revjudith@stmartinsepsom.org) or chat to us in church with your questions.



# “More Food Banks in UK than McDonald’s”

Elmbridge Multi-Faith Forum invites you to learn about the urgent and growing need for food banks and the role of faith communities in addressing this issue

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**TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER**  
**7 PM FOR 7.30 PM START**  
**HERSHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**7 QUEENS ROAD, HERSHAM, KT12 5LU**  
**PARKING AVAILABLE ON SITE**

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**SPEAKERS:**  
**NINA MAYLON, WALTON AND**  
**HEERSHAM FOOD BANK**  
**ALEX MUNRO, COST OF LIVING, EBC**  
**RABBI KATH/SARFRAZ, MITZVAH**  
**SADQA DAY**

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Refreshments from 7 pm; All welcome



**Please confirm attendance:**  
**[Kawther.Hashmi@smef.org.uk](mailto:Kawther.Hashmi@smef.org.uk)**



 [www.elmbridgemultifaith.org.uk](http://www.elmbridgemultifaith.org.uk)

## THE POWER OF POETRY: AUGUST by Mary Gilbert

This month, I have chosen John Betjeman for a lighter offering. He became Poet Laureate in 1972 and was very popular (except with inhabitants of Slough who for some reason took exception to *Come friendly bombs and fall on Slough...*). He is remembered for his role in saving St Pancras Station from demolition, was a founder member of the Victorian Society, made several documentaries for the BBC, was a stalwart member of the C of E, and loved Cornwall, East Anglia, churches, suburbs and much else besides.

Betjeman had a great sense of place in his poetry, making the suburbs for instance or the countryside or seashore come alive, often tinged with nostalgia. I think of lines like

*“ ...To see the whistling bent-grass on the leaside  
And then the tumbled breaker-line appear,  
On high, the clouds with mighty adumbration  
Sailed over us to seaward fast and clear  
And jellyfish in quivering isolation  
Lay silted in the dry sand....” (East Anglian Bathe)*

But here is *Hymn*, a slightly ironic dig at the sometimes insensitive “restoration” of churches. I can almost hear Betjeman’s distinctive voice when I read it. The poem uses the same metre as a hymn which I am sure you will recognise as soon as you start to read\*. So, “Sing on with hymn uproarious...”!

THE CHURCH'S RESTORATION  
IN EIGHTEEN-EIGHTY-THREE  
HAS LEFT FOR CONTEMPLATION  
NOT WHAT THERE USED TO BE.

- JOHN BETJEMAN -

LIBRARY

*The Church's restoration  
In eighteen eighty-three  
Has left for contemplation  
Not what there used to be.  
How well the ancient woodwork  
Looks round the Rect'ry Hall,  
Memorial of the good work  
Of him who plann'd it all.*

*He who took down the pew-ends  
And sold them anywhere  
But kindly spared a few ends  
Worked up into a chair.  
O worthy persecution  
Of dust! O hue divine!  
O cheerful substitution,  
Thou varnishéd pitch-pine!*

*Church furnishing! Church furnishing!  
Sing art and crafty praise!  
He gave the brass for burnishing,  
He gave the thick red baize,  
He gave the new addition,  
Pull'd down the dull old aisle,  
To pave the sweet transition  
He gave th'encaustic tile.*

*Of marble brown and veinéd  
He did the pulpit make;  
He ordered windows stainéd  
Light red and crimson lake.  
Sing on, with hymns uproarious,  
Ye humble and aloof,  
Look up! and oh how glorious  
He has restored the roof.*

*\*The Church's One Foundation*

And, by the way, what **is** an encaustic tile?

**MLG**

## STEWARDSHIP

### Increasing our Giving Income

We hope to grow our giving by 10% this year. If you are a regular giver, thank you, and please could you see if you are able to increase your gift. If you are not yet a regular giver, please consider becoming one. It's easy!

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:



## **Epsom and Ewell Party in the Park - Saturday September 21st 2024**

We would love you to be part of our Party in the Park - take a stall at our Party!. Epsom Rotary will be celebrating 100 years helping the community in the Epsom area this year. We kick off the centenary year by working with Epsom and Ewell Borough Council to run a party for all the family in Rosebery Park.

We will have a range of partners such as The Ashley Centre, The Business Improvement District, Epsom Hospital Radio and others. See our Website as we update the list of companies and charities joining in!! Our website and communications will be updated regularly so you can see the support we are getting. We will have:

- Music performed by local bands and singers
- Dancing by local dance groups
- Family picnic area
- Food stalls (Variety of styles including Thai)
- Local Charity Stalls with cheap or free games for the children
- Epsom Hospital Radio as music hosts

If you would like to take part in this venture then please let us know. Look on our website for up to date information and booking forms at <https://epsomrotary.wixsite.com/partyinthepark>

Clive Richardson, Epsom Rotary

**Submitting an item for the newsletter:**

**Please ensure that all items are emailed to the office marked  
'For Newsletter' in the title by  
12pm on Wednesday, to be included for that week.**

**Parish Office:**

**The parish office is open from 9.30am – 12.30pm every  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday.  
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Website: [www.stmartinsepsom.org](http://www.stmartinsepsom.org)**

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email the parish office. Please contact clergy and lay  
ministers via the office.**