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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 25th AUGUST 2024: ST BARTHOLOMEW



This is St Bartholomew's Church, on Park Avenue in the heart of New York City. A place with many people, a place where anonymity is almost inevitable.

The Church has a great 'strapline' – "***Everybody needs a place; we invite you to make this place yours.***"

I see no reason to re-invent the wheel, so on this day of celebrating St Bartholomew. Let me extend that invitation to you – make St Martin's/ St Stephen's your place. We will worship, learn and grow together.

Nick Parish, Vicar

DIARY

Sunday 25th August: St Bartholomew

- 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

Wednesday 28th August

- 10.00am Holy Communion at St Martin's

Sunday 1st September

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at Langley Vale Village Hall
- 10.00am Sung Communion at St Martin's
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer at St Martin's

Wednesday 4th September

- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 11.00am Ministry Team

Sunday 8th September

- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Holy Communion at Langley Vale Village Hall
- 10.00am Choral Matins
- 6.30pm 2nd Thoughts

General notice

Please note there will not be a newsletter on Sunday 1st September. The next newsletter will be published on Sunday 8th September.

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 or chat to us in church with your questions.

Ride and Stride Day

We are fast approaching 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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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

Faculty Application for automation of the winding of the tower clock

As has been announced at the 10 o'clock services this month we have applied to the Diocese for permission to install a mechanism in the tower that will enable the clock to be wound automatically. Currently the clock is wound manually on a weekly basis. It is a time consuming and physically demanding task which John Aronson has been carrying out.

The required public notice about the application and the folder of information will remain in church until the end of August. After this date the application will be forwarded to the Chancellor of the Diocese for his consideration and, hopefully, approval. If you have any questions please ask John or I.

Sarah

Replacement of the Mothers' Union Bench

The plan is to purchase a new bench to replace the one at the south-west corner of the church that was recently vandalised. The new bench will be placed in the Memorial Garden where it will take the place of another bench which has reached the end of its useful life. If anyone would like to make a contribution towards the new bench, please talk to me or Nick or contact the office.

Sarah

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 You can also book your place through our Service Coordinator Sarah Pattenden at 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.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

Prayer is the foundation of God's kingdom and the most powerful tool we have. It underpins everything we do. We can work as hard as we are able, generating lots of activity and exerting much effort in our discipleship and mission, but without prayer much is in vain. The gift of prayer is that all of us, however limited we may be physically, or in the time we have available, can play our part. Please remember in your daily prayers this fortnight:

Sunday 25th

The Vale School: children, parents, the Co-Heads, staff And Governors. Scouts (especially our 3rd Epsom (St Martin's) Scout Group), Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies and their leaders. Local refuse collectors, those who deliver the post and other items. Those living and working in Station Approach Stevens Close, Strand Close, Sunnybank, and The Grove.

Monday 26th

Our 'Second Thoughts' programme on the second Sunday at 6.30 pm. Education and training in the Parish and future courses. Our Missions: PHAB (bringing together disabled and non-disabled to create an inclusive world). Those living and working in The Hayes, The Oaks, The Parade, The Ridge, The Ridings, Tintagel Close and Treadwell Road.

Tuesday 27th

All involved in planning and leading Family services. Christian Aid and its annual collection in May and the projects it supports. Local prisons and their chaplains: Downview and High Down. Those living and working in Upper High Street, Victoria Place, Warren Hill and Waterloo Road.

Wednesday 28th

All who are bereaved and grieving, and local funeral directors. Our young people and teenagers – our vision for the future. USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel). Those living and working in Westgate Close, Wilmerhatch Lane and Wimborne Close.

Thursday 29th

All parents and toddlers. Users of Langley Vale Village Hall: Sean Porter. Care and nursing homes in the Parish. Those in sheltered housing. Those living and working in Woodcote Close, Woodcote End, Woodcote Green Road, Woodcote Hurst, Woodcote Park Road and Woodcote Side.

Friday 30th

Epsom College, staff and students: Chaplain Andrew Haviland. May all who enter our churches find peace and welcome. Epsom & Ewell Foodbank (Our Missions) and the Leprosy Mission. Those living and working in Wootton Close, Worple Road, Wyeths Mews, Wyeths Road, Yeomanry Close and Yew Tree Gardens.

Saturday 31st

May the choirs who give concerts at St Martin's and their audiences feel God's presence in our church. Those in our church family who now live elsewhere. Our borough libraries: their librarians, volunteers and those who use them. All who attend our churches and live in roads outside the Parish boundary.

Sunday 1st

Our Vicar: Nick Parish, Yvonne and their family. Our Bishops: Andrew Watson and Paul Davies. The Chaplaincy Team at Epsom & St Helier Hospitals. Those living and working in Adelphi Road, Albert Road, Alexandra Road and Andrews Close.

Monday 2nd

Our Curate: Judith Mitchell and her family. Our Archdeacon: Martin Breadmore and the Guildford Diocesan Staff. Our Missions: The Medaille Trust fighting against modern slavery. Those living and working in Ash Mews, Ashdown Road, Ashley Road, Aston Way, Avenue Road and Axwood.

Tuesday 3rd

Our Priest-in-Retirement: Adrian Esdaile, Jean and their family. Andris Abakuks, priest in the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church, and his family. Our Church Schools: St Martin's Infant and Junior Schools. Children, parents, Governors, Heads, teachers and all staff. Our local public houses, restaurants and shops, and the staff who work in them. The Street Pastors giving help on Friday nights in Epsom. Those living and working in Barn Close, Baron's Hurst, Beaconsfield Place, Beaconsfield Road, Beech Road and Beech Way.

Wednesday 4th

Our Lay Ministers: Clive Dougal (emeritus), Ruth Foxcroft, John Padwick, Howard Bluett, Graeme Lodge. Our Cathedral: Guildford Cathedral, the Dean and Chapter. Our Missions: The Epsom and Ewell Refugee Network. Those living and working in Birches Close, Bridge Road, Bridle End, Bridle Road and Burgh Heath Road.

Thursday 5th

Our Church Warden: Sarah Lutton and for someone to join her as the second Church Warden. All users of Church House. Those suffering from drug or alcohol addiction and their families and friends. Those living and working in Burghfield, Caithness Drive and Carter's Road.

Friday 6th

Our Pastoral Assistants: Mary Gilbert and Elaine Snook. Our Area Dean: Rosemary Donovan. Our Missions: My Time for Young Carers. Those living and working in Cedar Close, Cedar Hill, Chalk Lane, Chalk Paddock and Chalk Pit Road.

Saturday 7th

Our Parish Manager, Church Administrator and Facilities Officer. Those baptised in our churches, past and future, and their families, godparents and sponsors. Swail House and those who are sight impaired. The deaf and hard of hearing. Those living and working in Chantry Hurst, Chartwell Place, Church Road and Church Street.

FOODBANK WANTS LIST

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

Tinned Meat
Tinned Vegetables
Cooking Sauces
Dried Noodles (not pot or instant)
Long Life Juice
Pulses
Instant Mash
Rice
Instant Coffee
Sugar
Chocolate
Biscuits
Long life Sponge puddings

Adult Toothbrushes
Washing up Liquid
Nappies 5, 6+ & 7
Deodorant (Male & Female)
Shower gel
Washing Powder
Shampoo & Conditioner

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.



“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

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

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

Refreshments from 7 pm; All welcome



Please confirm attendance:
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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:





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16th August 2024

Dear Nick and Congregation Members,

On behalf of the Directors of AMECA, I am writing to thank you for your kind donation of £500 you so generously made to AMECA recently.

As you may have read about in our last newsletter, AMECA is currently renovating Chilomoni Health Centre and we have been able to secure a room to be used for physiotherapy services. Disabled patients were receiving limited treatment in an unsuitable portacabin, located in a remote and rather inaccessible part of the health centre. Many patients simply could not access the facility and physiotherapy services were simply not fit for purpose. The new room is located near the entrance to the clinic and is bright and airy, providing an ideal space in which to hold clinics.

Our local carpenter Gibson is making wall ladders, training steps and a host of physiotherapy aids and AMECA brought in ultrasound and Tens machines from the UK for pain therapy and muscle stimulation. We have just re-painted the room and will get a local artist to do some nice wall murals to make things bright and cheery for the patients.

So, your donation really was much needed and will be very used to fund some of the above. God Bless you all for your kindness and generosity of spirit. I look forward to being able to show you the photos in the next newsletter which comes out in October.

We are so very grateful to you for your enduring support for our work; you have made so much possible.

With kindest regards,

Ruthie Markus
CEO & Founder

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.
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 veined
He did the pulpit make;
He ordered windows stained
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

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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ministers via the office.**