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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER (UPDATE EDITION)

**SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2024:
CREATION 1**



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

Throughout September we mark this season with readings and music that help us focus on our environment. The need for attention to our eco-system grows ever more urgent. Climate scientists suggest that we have 20 years to turn back from warming before it is too late. Is this really God's plan for us, or is it down to our fallen natures? If the latter, our prayer must be for changed hearts, international co-operation and political will to do what it takes, or our grandchildren's world will be a much more hostile one with little hope for the future.

Nick Parish, Vicar

DIARY

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 in the Headley Room

Sunday 8th September

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

Please note that the Wisley Room in Church House is being decorated this week. Please check with office if you planned to use it, so that an alternative can be provided.

Ride and Stride Day

Is on **Saturday, 14th September**. If you can be a helper, or would like to take part (touring churches by foot/ cycle) please go to the following website:

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

If you would like to be a welcomer for visitors at St Martin's, then please let clergy or the warden know. You can find out more from Colin Quemby, Area Organiser.

020 8642 3720k

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.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

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.

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:



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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**If you would like to be added to our mailing list so that you
receive the newsletter and orders of service weekly, please
email the parish office. Please contact clergy and lay
ministers via the office.**