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## **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**



***The red poppies symbolise both the memory of the fallen and the hope for peace in the midst of a troubled world. It seems that cycle of human conflict is never ending; but so, too, is the vision of peace and the will of people of all faiths and none to work for it. We remember the fallen in combat, the innocent victims of violence and the sacrifice of those who have given themselves in the pursuit of peace. We will remember them.***

## DIARY

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

- 8.30am Holy Communion at St Martin's**
- 9.30am Remembrance service at  
Langley Vale Village Hall**
- 10.45am Remembrance service at St Martin's**
- 6.30pm Second Thoughts at St Martin's:  
'The Beauty and the History of Stained Glass'**

Philippa Martin trained at the Reigate School of Art and became assistant to Lawrence Lee before becoming a stained glass artist in her own right - her work can be seen in St Nicholas' Cranleigh, Redhill Methodist Church, the MCC Museum at Lord Cricket Ground and Guildford Cathedral amongst many others. Philippa will bring with her some of the tools of her trade. ***Adrian***

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

- 4.00pm Centering Prayer**
- 'Be still and know that I am God' Psalm 46:10**

A small group of us meet every other Tuesday at 4pm, at the back of church, to pray together, in silence. Tea and biscuits from 3.45pm. If you would enjoy some time for silent prayer with others, please come along.

We begin with something to reflect on – perhaps a biblical passage or Psalm. After our period of silence, we might share something that we have noticed during our time together.

Do Join Us – All are welcome.

Any questions please ask Lynne Scholefield.

**7.30pm Being With Course –  
Exploring Christian Faith and Life**

We will meet at the back of church from 7.30 to 9pm. Please email [revjudith@stmartinsepsom.org](mailto:revjudith@stmartinsepsom.org) if you would like to come along.

***Revd Judith***

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10.00am Holy Communion**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**9.30am Morning Prayer at  
Langley Vale Village Hall**

**10.00am Holy Communion at St Martin's – *guest preacher is  
Ven Martin Breadmore, Archdeacon of Dorking.***

**6.30pm Choral Evensong at St Martin's**

**St Stephen's Update**

Consultation is underway on the future of the building. As well as having recent meetings with St Stephen's congregation and with the Chair of the Langley Vale Village Hall Association, we'll be asking the views of the residents of Langley Vale using an online survey. In the meantime, discussions are ongoing with the architect and the structural engineers.

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

Please remember in your daily prayers this week:

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**

St Stephen's Church: its life, worship and mission to Langley Vale. Safeguarding in our churches: creating and sustaining a safe welcoming inclusive space for everyone. The Bible Society, Spinnaker Trust (Our Missions) and all those teaching RE locally. Those living and working in Digdens Rise, Dirdene Close, Dirdene Gardens, Dirdene Grove and Dorking Road.

### **Monday 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.

### **Tuesday 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.

### **Wednesday 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.

### **Thursday 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.

### **Friday 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.

### **Saturday 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.



## **Christmas Fair – Goods and Helpers needed**

Please start collecting items for the Christmas Fair. We need the following:

Bottles for the Bottle Tombola, Jigsaws and Games  
Unwanted presents, Jewellery, Christmas Decorations ,  
Craft items, Chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola,  
Books.

Because we have limited storage in Church please keep the items until nearer the time and there will be a box at the back of the Church.

**The Christmas Fair this year is being held on November 30<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am to 2.00pm.**

We need as many people as possible to help even if it is only an hour or two as it means the stall holders can have a break. If you can possibly help, please contact Sarah, Nancy or me so that we can keep in contact. [maureensuatt@virginmedia.com](mailto:maureensuatt@virginmedia.com)

### **Jewelry and Unwanted gifts**

Please sort out all those gifts that you have never used and the jewelry that you no longer wear and donate it to the Christmas Fair. It can be left at the office during the week or in the box at the back of Church.

### **Tombolas at the Christmas Fair**

Please start collecting items for our tombolas.

We need bottles of every sort (soft drinks, oil, wine, sauces etc) and lots of chocolate.

***Maureen, Nancy and Sarah***

## Christmas Tea and Carols, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

This is a reminder to put the date in your diaries now. The Christmas Tea this year will take place on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 from 3pm – 5pm** in the Church.

There will be sandwiches, mince pies, Christmas cake, chocolate cake etc, and of course tea and coffee. It will be followed by the singing of carols round the grand piano. Do please support us.



## **Christmas cards and calendars**

we are beginning to look towards Christmas! I have set up my display of cards, advent calendars and candles in St Martin's.

There are a wide variety of cards both in design, size and cost, in packets of 10 or 20 cards. There are also a Advent Calendars (which come with their own envelopes in case if you wish to post them).

The Christmas candles come in their own container with a variety of nativity scenes.

Payment may be made in a variety of ways:

- Cheque: made payable to "The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Epsom" (please either hand in to the office or place in the wall safe in church)
- 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***

## **Coffee Helpers**

I am about to compile the coffee Rota for 2025 and it would be lovely to have some new volunteers. At the moment we each serve the coffee about every 6 weeks and it is a good way to get to know other members of the congregation. If you would be willing to join us please speak to me or Sarah Lutton.

***Maureen Suatt***

## **FOOD BANK**

**This is the list of most needed items for the Foodbank:**

Cooking Sauces, Packet Soup

Beans, Pasta with meat

Brown sauce, Mayonnaise,

Instant Coffee, Powdered Milk

Squash, Long life Juice

Chocolate/Sweet treats

Long life Sponge puddings

Honey/Chocolate Spread

Crisps, Sugar (500gr)

**In October we supported 570 people, 242 were children.**

## MUSIC @ ST MARTIN'S

Saturday afternoons at 4.30pm. Admission by donation.

### **7th December - Fumi Otsuki (violin) & Gisela Meyer (piano)**

This duo offer an intriguing mix of well-known and less familiar composers, among them Faure, Elgar, Grieg, Arvo Pärt and Elena Kats-Chernin.

## NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS

Our mission partner for November is Love Me Love My Mind. This is a small registered charity based in Epsom which aims to promote better understanding of mental health and to support the wellbeing of everyone in the community. It is run entirely by volunteers and funded by grants and donations.

The charity has just held its 17th annual Epsom Mental Health Week, and is running free art and craft activities for children at Epsom Social. Love Me Love My Mind will open its regular Monday drop-in as a Warm Welcome Space on Monday 4th November at St Barnabas Church. The charity also has a volunteer gardening group at a local care home.

## **Our vision - the world we want to see:**

- A world of stable climate and abundant nature, where oceans, rivers, air and soil are free of human pollution.
- Where human society lives in balance with the rest of nature and protects the Earth's natural systems which sustain all life
- Where all people and communities have access to healthy nature locally
- Where the Church worldwide understands the biblical mandate to care for all of God's creation as a core part of its mission and manifests this how it treats its land, buildings, investments and other assets.
- Where Christians play their full role, in collaboration with others, to protect and enhance the diversity and abundance of life on Earth, and to restore and maintain the health of our planet's life sustaining systems
- And where, through Churches and Christians adopting a right relationship with the rest of Creation, others are drawn to a closer, life-giving relationship with our Creator God.

## THE POWER OF POETRY – NOVEMBER

In this Anniversary year of D-Day, two for the price of one! I have chosen first *The Life that I have* – not so much for the poem itself but for the story behind it. Leo Marks wrote it after Ruth, with whom he was in love, was killed in a plane crash in 1943, but it is its subsequent history which is more interesting. He worked for the SOE during the Second World War as a cryptographer, revolutionizing the code-making techniques of the Allies and training agents including many preparing for D-Day. (See *Between Silk and Cyanide* by Marks.)

The agents had to master the encryption of their messages and each agent was required to choose a poem, unique to him/her self, and learn it by heart. One agent, a woman who volunteered following the death of her husband in action, had trouble remembering her poem. So, Marks gave her his poem, relatively simple to remember and relevant to the agent's own grief, making it perhaps easier for her to recall. That agent was Violette Szabo, later captured, tortured, taken to Ravensbrück and executed in 1945.

*The life that I have  
Is all that I have  
And the life that I have is  
yours.*

*The love that I have  
Of the life that I have  
Is yours and yours and yours.*

*A sleep I shall have  
A rest I shall have  
Yet death will be but a pause.*

*For the peace of my years  
In the long green grass  
Will be yours and yours and  
yours.*

We don't always remember the many who worked secretly behind enemy lines, always in danger. We're more likely to remember the soldiers, sailors and airmen who died in action, and in honour of them, particularly the soldiers of WW1, a more typical war poem, *Anthem for Doomed Youth* by Wilfred Owen, 1893-1918:

*What passing-bells for those who die as cattle  
Only the monstrous anger of the guns,  
Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle  
Can patter out their hasty orisons.*

*No mockeries now for them; no prayers nor bells,  
Nor any voice of mourning save the choirs, -  
The shrill, demented choirs of wailing shells,  
And bugles calling for them from sad shires.*

*What candles may be held to speed them all?  
Not in the hands of boys, but in their eyes  
Shall shine the holy glimmers of goodbyes.  
The pallor of girls' brows shall be their pall,  
Their flowers the tenderness of patient minds,  
And each slow dusk a drawing-down of blinds.*

Owen shows the awful realities of battle and its futility, as these young men were slaughtered "like cattle". Despite the horrors of two World Wars evil still goes on fuelled by hatred, love of power, desire for vengeance. In Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, Iran, Lebanon, and many elsewhere. There may sometimes be reasons to fight – in defence, to save others (e.g. the holocaust victims).

Nevertheless, at this season of Remembrance, let us pray for peace.

***Mary Gilbert***

## **STEWARDSHIP**

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 CHORAL SOCIETY

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**REQUIEM**

arrangement for chamber ensemble | Betzner-Brandt

**Saturday 23 November 2024 at 7:30pm**

St Martin's Church, Church Street, Epsom KT17 4PX

**Elizabeth Findon | Soprano**  
**Judy Louie Brown | Mezzo-soprano**  
**John Findon | Tenor**  
**Mark Nathan | Baritone**

**Julian Collings | Conductor**

Tickets: £20 (Under 25s half price)

Ticket price includes free programme and glass of wine

Box office: 01372 727078



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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*Fair*

FREE  
ENTRY

30TH NOVEMBER

FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM

CRAFTS,  
GIFTS &  
FOOD

MODEL RAILWAY,  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES,  
GIFTS, CARDS, BOOKS, CDS,  
HOMEMADE CAKES, BBQ  
AND MORE!

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**St Martin**  
of Tours  
Epsom

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**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:  
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