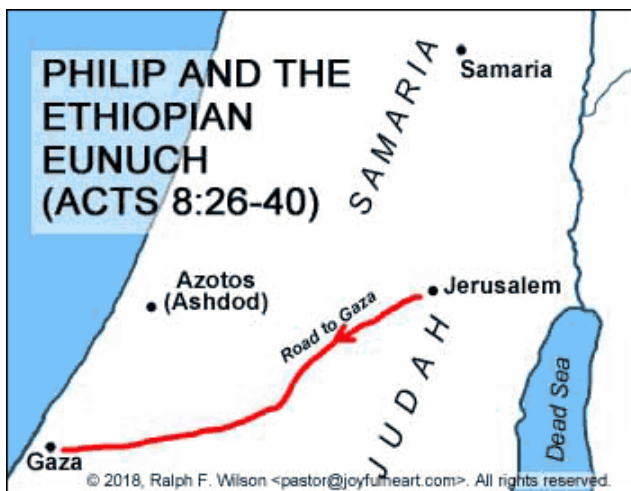


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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025 EASTER 5



Sadly, this is an area of horrible conflict today. 2,000 years ago, on a day some months after the death and resurrection of Christ, the apostle Phillip was on this road, as was an Ethiopian royal court official.

Inspired by the

Holy Spirit, Phillip met and spoke with the traveller, who was reading part of the Hebrew scriptures. Once Phillip had told him about Jesus, he asked to be baptised. As we pray for Church growth, maybe the Spirit will guide some to our churches who will repond to our preaching and teaching by asking for baptism? Or maybe this is a prompt for you to ask?

**Nick Parish**

## DIARY

### **Sunday 18th May**

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at Langley Vale Village Hall**
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St Martin's**
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong at St Martin's**

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 19th**

- 4.00pm Take Time to Talk – St Dunstan's Day**  
(tea and biscuits from 3.45pm in church)

Our Eastertide continues. May is a time of year with many celebrations, often including fires! There is a rich history of ways in which Christians, including those here in Epsom, would have celebrated. 19th May is the feast of St Dunstan (909-988 C.E.). He led a very active life in the Church and is patron saint of goldsmiths, jewellers and locksmiths. We will be exploring a bit about his world and what he did.

If you're curious, do come and join us.

*Lynne*

- 7.30pm Churches together council meeting**  
**Epsom Methodist Church**

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

- 10.00am Holy Communion**
- 7.30pm PCC Standing committee**

### **Sunday 25th May**

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

## **2025 NEW ELECTORAL ROLL**

The Electoral Roll is now open, following our APCM. A copy of the new Roll is available for inspection in the folder at the back of St Martin's. It is also published online on the [stmartinsepsom.org](http://stmartinsepsom.org) website following the tabs: PCC/Church life/APCM. Please let me know if you want any further information.

**John Aronson**  
**Electoral Roll Officer**

## **Silver Party - Eco Award.**



Would you like to go to a party? Two members of our congregation are cordially invited to a celebration of Guildford Diocese churches which have attained Silver recently. It's on Tuesday, 10th June from 10am - 12noon (and I'm sure there will be Fairtrade tea, coffee and biscuits!). I

can't go, but if you'd like to go and be inspired by other churches/share some ideas, please let me know. I have to RSVP by 1st June.

***Helen Williams, Eco Rep.***

## **Christmas Fair 2025**

We are planning to have a Christmas Fair in the Church on November 29<sup>th</sup>, so please save the date and help us make it another happy and successful one. If you have any suggestions for stalls or activities, please let one of us know.

***Sarah, Nancy, and Maureen***

## **SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES IN JUNE**

We will begin an experimental period of holding these in the Lady Chapel, instead of the main body of the Church, and will not be livestreaming them (except Choral Evensong).

We are also adding variety to our programme – and in June our services at 6,30 will be:

1<sup>st</sup> Evening Prayer

8<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Thoughts

15<sup>th</sup> Choral Evensong

22<sup>nd</sup> Compline

29<sup>th</sup> Taize Worship.

Any feedback will be most welcome as we look forward to planning for the autumn.

Nick Parish

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

Please remember in your daily prayers this week:

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

Vocations to Ministry, ordained and lay. Churches Together in Epsom: Russell Holding (Chair). 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, John Padwick and Alexander Rennie. Our Eco Church Team: Helen Williams. Our Missions: Mission to Kenya. 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** This week we need the following:

Breakfast Cereal  
Cooking Sauces, Pasta  
Sauce  
Tinned Meat - **Urgent**  
Tinned Fish, Tinned  
Spaghetti  
Noodles  
Tea bags, Instant Coffee,  
Squash  
Long Life Juice - **Urgent**  
Ketchup/Mayonnaise  
Chocolate Spread

Sugar (500gr) - **Urgent**  
Tinned Fruit - **Urgent**  
Long life Sponge puddings  
Savoury Biscuits  
Biscuits  
Chocolate Biscuit Bars  
Deodorant (Male/Female) -  
**Urgent**  
Shower Gel - **Urgent**  
Adult Toothbrush /  
Toothpaste

Shampoo & Conditioner -  
**Urgent**  
Sanitary Towels/Tampons

Toilet Rolls  
Washing Powder

## STEWARDSHIP – MAKING YOUR DONATION

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## THE POWER OF POETRY – MAY

I am very grateful to John Padwick for the suggestion of the following poem, *Finisterre* by David Whyte. I confess to never having heard of Whyte, although he is apparently well-known internationally.

Finisterre is a rugged cape in north-west Spain looking to the Atlantic and facing the North Atlantic gales, and whose name means 'end of the earth'. In Roman times it was thought of as the end of the known world. It can be a wild and tempestuous place but is also awe-inspiring. (Until 2002 it was also one of the Shipping Forecast Areas, now renamed 'Fitzroy'.) It is also near to the pilgrim route Camino de Santiago, and pilgrims on this route sometimes extend their journey to Finisterre.

A pilgrimage is often a search for identity, or for something other than our everyday life or what has gone before, and this moving poem seems to reflect this. It does not mean giving up, but sometimes in life we get to a point when we know things must change. We jettison (or would like to, though it takes courage of course) our old ways and habits and start afresh.

This, for some, is akin to a religious epiphany when we start anew, and try to lead better, more fulfilling, lives dedicated perhaps to the service of God (though Whyte's poem has no direct religious reference).

## *Finisterre*

The road in the end, taking the path the sun had taken, into the western sea, and the moon rising behind you as you stood where ground turned to ocean: no way to your future now but the way your shadow could take, walking before you across water, going where shadows go, no way to make sense of a world that wouldn't let you pass except to call an end to the way you had come, to take out each frayed letter you had brought and light their illumined corners; and to read them as they drifted on the late western light; to empty your bags; to sort this and to leave that; to promise what you needed to promise all along, and to abandon the shoes that brought you here right at the water's edge, not because you had given up but because now, you would find a different way to tread, and because, through it all, part of you would still walk on, no matter how, over the waves.

The language and the rhythm used is gentle, reflective, and I felt I could imagine standing there in the dusk, that point where day changes into night, with the moon rising and the sun sinking. Words such as 'shadow', 'frayed', 'drifted', evoke the feeling of evening; and not just the evening in actuality, but as a metaphor for the life that had brought you to this point. A point of reflection and change. I may not have done justice to this poem which, as I said at the start, was new to me, and as ever with poetry the reader

brings their own experience into it. I hope you enjoy this poem which I found very thought-provoking.

*Mary Gilbert*

# **The Trinity and Us**

## **Exploring God and Humanity**



**Sundays 11 May – 1 June 2025**

Four self-contained sessions 4pm – 6pm in the Headley Room, Church House, with tea and cake.

# Music @ St Martin's

## Summer Recital Series

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**Saturday 10 May**

### **Epsom College Music Scholars**

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### **Face the Music with Hope**

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**Saturday 5 July**

### **Gisela Meyer - Ravel at 150**

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