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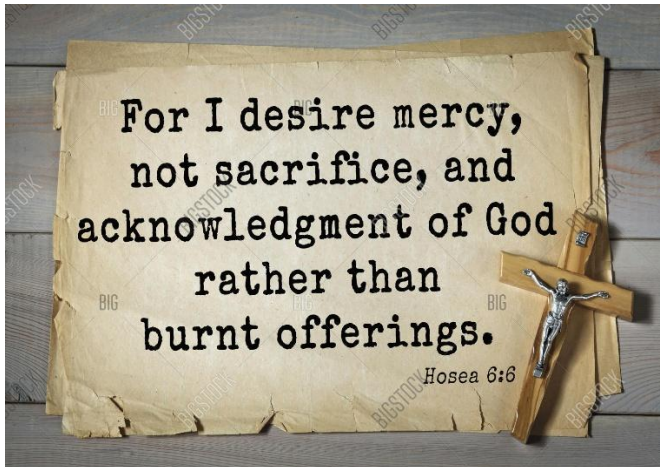
St Stephen on the Downs
Langley Vale

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 7th JUNE 2026

TRINITY 1



DIARY

Sunday 7th June Trinity 1

- 9.30am Morning Prayer service at St Stephen's
- 10.00am Holy Communion service at St Martin's
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer service at St Martin's

Wednesday 10th June

- 10.00am Holy Communion service at St Martin's

Saturday 13 June

- 4.30pm Music @ St Martin's:- Lin Xu-Zhang, piano

Australian-born pianist Lin Xu-Zhang is a striking and engaging young performer with a distinctive style and wide musical tastes. As one of around 50 performances in his current UK and international concert season, Lin brings to his recital in our series a characteristically eclectic programme. There is a work written just a few years ago by Stephen Hough, compositions by Chopin and Haydn and music of the 16th & 17th Century English keyboard masters Bryd and Gibbons.

Admission free - donations asked from those who can.

Sunday 14th June Trinity 2

- 8.30am Holy Communion service at St Martin's
- 9.30am Holy Communion service at St Stephen's
- 10.00am Choral Mattins service at St Martin's
- 6.30pm Second Thoughts service at St Martin's
(refreshments from 5.45pm)
Rebecca Jaillot

'John Piper – School, Faith and the Artist's Eye'

John Piper was both at Epsom College and a member of the congregation at St Martin's. He was richly inspired by the Curate of the day, Dr Victor Kenna, to expand his interest in modern art. Rebecca will develop on all these aspects of John Piper's life. Rebecca has an extensive background in the Arts and Heritage sector. She began her career at Tate Britain, contributing to the launch of Tate Modern. After a decade at Leighton House Museum in Kensington, she joined The Foundling Museum dedicated to Britain's first home for abandoned babies and children. For the past nine years, Rebecca has served as the Archivist at Epsom College. Alongside this role, she is training as a psychotherapist, specialising in work with teenagers and young people.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Bishop Paul is visiting us on **Sunday July 19th**. He's coming to dedicate our new solar panels share in a parish tea and, at **5.30pm**, lead a service that will include first communion for some of our children and confirmation for young people and adults. If you have never been confirmed (or even baptised) and would like to make these public declarations of faith and discipleship, please let one of the clergy know. There will be short preparation courses in the run up to the service.

Lost property

There's now quite a collection of scarves, hats, gloves, reading glasses, drinking vessels, etc. at the back of church. I plan to remove these within the next week or so and, where possible, they'll be donated to charity shops. So please check if anything among them belongs to you or someone you know. Thanks.

Sarah

Nature conservation and local government reform

We're all aware of the great efforts at St Martin's under the Eco Church initiative, but an army of volunteers is also working in the wider community to care for Epsom's extraordinarily rich green spaces and wildlife. This work now faces uncertain times due to the upheaval of local government reform. The Epsom and Ewell Times, our local news website, has recently reported on the drive to ensure nature isn't forgotten when the borough is abolished next year. To read the article please click here: <https://epsomandewelltimes.com/epsom-and-ewell-countryside-volunteers-face-uncertain-times>

Parish Giving Scheme

If you are on our mailing list you will have received details of how effective and simple this scheme is. Making it simple to donate regularly by direct debit. If you haven't yet done it. Do follow this link to set up your regular giving:

[The Parish Giving Scheme Website](#)

NEW PEOPLE ELECTED AT APCM

Rob Jeffrey was elected as our second Churchwarden. David Eggett was elected as a new PCC member. Our deanery Synod reps are now Howard Bluett, John Padwick, Lynne Scholefield and Alex Rennie.

PRAYER GROUPS

St Martin's offers these options for praying together:

Evening Prayer on Zoom, weekdays 5pm-5.30pm

This follows the Common Worship rite and is led by one of the regular members of the group.

See <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> All are warmly invited to join on an occasional or regular basis. Find us at:

<https://zoom.us/j/91650281049?pwd=dLiB4jY8FRRdtFcbGBRjaVtMJ9K2Ar.1> or, if you prefer typing details directly into Zoom, use Meeting ID is 916 5028 1049 and passcode 960460.

Centering Prayer: Every other Tuesday, 4pm in Church (Tea & biscuits from 3.45pm)

"Be still and know that I am God" *Psalm 46:10*. A small group of us meet to pray together in silence. We begin with something to reflect on - perhaps a biblical passage or Psalm. After our 20 minutes of silence, we might share something that we have noticed during our time together.

Contemplative Prayer: 1st Tuesday of each month, 11am In the Lady Chapel, St Martin's

A time for focussing on God's presence and allowing oneself to be filled with God's grace. It's a time of stillness and quietness. We listen to the words of God or of Jesus in contemplation.

There is an additional zoom Contemplative Prayer session on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 8pm. Find us using the same Zoom details cited above for Evening Prayer.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

Please remember in your daily prayers this week:

Sunday 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.

Monday 8th

Our Parochial Church Council – officers and members. Our Children’s Church: The Ark – Sarah Jeffery, the children, the parents and volunteers. The Mission to Seafarers and Mission Aviation Fellowship. Those living and working in Chuters Grove, Clayton Road, College Avenue and College Road.

Tuesday 9th

Our Organist: Iain Macfarlane. Our Welcomers: Meg Topley and the Team. The physical, mental and emotional well-being of all in our parish, local mental health units and Love Me Love My Mind (Our Missions). Those living and working in Copse Edge Avenue, Delaporte Close, Denham Road and Depot Road.

Wednesday 10th

St Stephen’s Church: its life, worship and mission to Langley Vale. Safeguarding in our churches: our Parish Safeguarding Officers Revd Judith and Peter Christie, and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team that all of us help to create and sustain 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.

Thursday 11th

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.

Friday 12th

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

Saturday 13th

Our Church Development Plan: for Renewal and Growth. Those who read the Bible through the Bible Reading Fellowship notes: 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.

MISSION FOCUS – JUNE

PHAB - Is a national and local organisation with a network of clubs and partners across the country where disabled and non-disabled people learn, thrive and belong.

PHAB provides safe fun places for people to feel independent, meet new friends and gain confidence together.

We support the Epsom PHAB group with donations.

Please hold them in your prayers. **Jill Chapman, Mission**

THE POWER OF POETRY – JUNE

The poem selected for June is quite long, so biographical details must be quite short. Matthew Arnold was born in 1822 in Laleham, near Staines. His father was Thomas Arnold, Headmaster of Rugby School where Matthew Arnold was educated. He later went to Oxford and became a major poet and writer of poetry criticism.

Dover Beach:

*The sea is calm tonight,
The tide is full, the moon lies fair
Upon the Straits - on the French coast, the light
Gleams, and is gone; the cliffs of England stand,
Glimmering and vast, out in the tranquil bay.
Come to the window, sweet is the night air!
Only from the long line of spray
Where the ebb meets the moon-blanch'd sand,
Listen! You hear the grating roar
Of pebbles, which the waves suck back, and fling,
At their return, up the high strand,*

*Begin, and cease, and then again begin,
With tremulous cadence slow, and bring
The eternal note of sadness in.*

*Sophocles long ago
Heard it on the Aegaeon, and it brought
Into his mind the turbid ebb and flow
Of human misery; we
Find also in the sound a thought,
Hearing it by this distant northern sea.
The sea of faith
Was once, too, at the full, and round earth's shore
Lay like the folds of a bright girdle furl'd;
But now I only hear
Its melancholy, long, withdrawing roar,
Retreating to the breath
Of the night wind down the vast edges drear
And naked shingles of the world.*

*Ah, love, let us be true
To one another! for the world, which seems
To lie before us like a land of dreams,
So various, so beautiful, so new,
Hath really neither joy, nor love, nor light,
Nor certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain;
And we are here as on a darkling plain
Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight
Where ignorant armies clash by night.*

In *Dover Beach* Arnold is writing about loss of faith, which was a casualty of the Enlightenment, accelerated by advances in

Geology which provided evidence that the earth was millions of years older than had been thought and had undergone masses of changes caused by volcanic action, ice ages followed by warming and so on. The publication of Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of Species* in 1859 also impacted on people's belief in the accuracy of the account of creation in Genesis.

It is a wonderful and evocative poem, however, written in free verse which at the time was experimental, though the sentiments are Victorian with a grieving sense of loss. It is written as a monologue and apparently the poet is speaking to someone else, probably his wife, though that person does not speak. The first verse begins lyrically, interrupted by the word "Only..." and going on to describe "the grating roar of pebbles". I expect we have all heard this at some time; I heard it quite recently when I was at Birling Gap in mid-May when the sea, at high tide, was grey and rough and the roar of the sea dragging over the shingle was powerful. Even when the sea looks tranquil it is never at rest. Arnold's lines echoes the sound of the sea crashing and then withdrawing over the pebbly beach, using sibilance in many words: strand, cease, cadence, slow, sadness. The last part is full of regret for the loss of faith, and the last five lines are an apt description of our world at the moment. There is no room here for detailed analysis and criticism, but it is worth thinking about what we would reply to his conclusion.

Mary Gilbert

FOODBANK REQUESTS

Non Dairy Milk - **Urgent we have none**
Chocolate - **Urgent we have none**
Sponge Pudding - **Urgent we have none**
Sugar - **Urgent we have none**
Milk UHT – **Urgent**
Instant Coffee – **Urgent**
Tinned Potatoes- **Urgent**
Custard – **Urgent**
Long Life Juice – **Urgent**
Tinned Carrots, Sweetcorn, Cooking Sauce
Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Meat, Instant Mash
Pasta Sauce, Noodles, Tinned Fish
Microwave Rice, Pasta/Beans with Meat
Dried Pasta in Sauce
Tinned Fruit, Breakfast Cereal
Powdered Milk, Biscuits
Squash/Honey/Jam/Chocolate Spread/Peanut Butter/Marmalade
Ketchup/Mayonnaise/Brown Sauce
Male/ Female Deodorant
Shower Gel, Shampoo
Adult Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
Washing Powder, Shaving Foam
Hair Conditioner, Washing Up Liquid
Toilet Rolls
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Parish Office:

**The parish office is open from 9.30am – 12.30pm every
Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

Church House, Church Street, Epsom,

KT17 4PX Phone: 01372 722567

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Submitting an item for the newsletter

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Climate Change –the trouble with ‘Net-Zero’

Wednesday 24th June 2026 7.30pm,

Epsom Methodist Church

Ashley Road KT18 5AQ

Refreshments served before event

John Mackintosh came to talk to us 3 years ago about Climate Change, and a lot has happened since that time. Come back and listen to him talking about some of the most recent hot topics. These will include:

- how are we doing with tackling climate change, both in the UK and the rest of the world?
- where are we with renewables and electric vehicles?
- what’s the reality of more drilling for oil and gas?
- and what does the future hold?

John is a Sustainability Consultant at GreenGoals Consulting and is an expert in his field.

The Eco church group at Epsom Methodist Church would like to invite you to this event.



The Souls of the HORTON 9000 and the EPSOM CLUSTER are calling for their stories to be told ... *will we listen?*

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overlooked —
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to see them anew.**

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Julian Pooley (Surrey History Centre) explores the internationally significant archives of Surrey's psychiatric hospitals through personal case notes and rare photographic portraits

- Why did Surrey become home to so many of these institutions?
- How were their records rescued when the hospitals closed?
- How do these stories shape our understanding today?

Julian's work underpins the **Us & Them Project** —created with The Freewheelers Theatre Company, Leatherhead, pairing contemporary participants with historic patients. Photographer **Emma Brown's** striking portraits echo the historic wet plate collodion originals of the 1850s.

Professor Alana Harris (King's College London) presents **Synthetic Weaves**—a collaboration with artist **Dr Eric Fong**, dressmaker **Valerie Moon**, and members of **The Grange Centre**. The molecular structures of modern pharmaceuticals and the lace collars made and worn by women in the asylums have inspired reinterpretations by clients at the Grange Centre to make artwork which restores identity, dignity and voice to the forgotten.



All proceeds support the vital work of the Grange Centre, empowering adults with learning disabilities to lead independent and fulfilling lives.



**Thursday
June 25th:**
7:00pm for 7:30pm



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Woodfield Lane,
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via Eventbrite

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