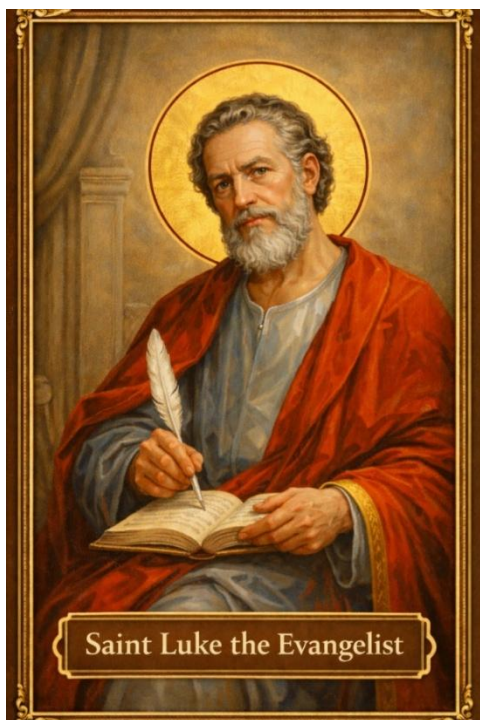


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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER 2026

ST LUKE



DIARY

Sunday 18th October St Luke

9.30am Morning Prayer at Langley Vale

10.00am Healing Holy Communion service at St Martin's

6.30pm Choral Evensong service at St Martin's

Tuesday 20th October

4.00pm Time to Talk (tea and biscuits from 3.45pm in church)

An exploration of Leviticus 19

The moral laws of this chapter are not mere injunctions of conformity. They call for just, humane, and sensitive treatment of others. The aged, the handicapped, and the poor are to receive consideration and courtesy. The labourer is to be promptly paid. The stranger is to be accorded the same love we give our fellow citizens. The law is concerned not only with overt behaviour but also with motive; vengefulness and the bearing of grudges are condemned.

You might be surprised by what is in this chapter. Come along to Time to Talk and discover more!

Wednesday 21st October

10.00am Holy Communion service at St Martin's

Thursday 22nd October

New start date for 'Being With the Bible' - first session now on Thursday 22 October 7.30-9pm in the Lady Chapel

Our first session takes place on Thursday 22 October from 7.30 to 9pm in the Lady Chapel at St Martin's. There will be ten sessions altogether, from Genesis to Pentecost, on 22, 29 October, 12 and 19 November, 3 and 17 December, 7 and 21

January and 4 and 11 February. However, we realise that participants may not be able to come to every session. 'Being With' uses a different approach to exploring our Christian faith. Each session is an invitation to listen, reflect and imagine, and share our different experiences. Each session also includes a talk which seeks to offer a different perspective on a well-known Bible passage. Our first session will look at sibling relationships in Genesis 4.8-10. Do contact me if you would like to come along and have not already let me know. revjudith@stmartinsepsom.org

Music @ St Martin's Saturday 24 October 4.30pm

Duo B!z'art

B!z'art or bizarre? This 'out of the ordinary' piano duo from Belgium bring a programme of music which evokes childhood through the music of Bizet, Ravel & Barber.

These two enthusiastic musicians, Geoffrey Baptiste and André Roe, promise a thoroughly entertaining live music experience. With popular and enchanting pieces such as Ravel's 'Mother Goose' and Bizet's 'Children Games', it will be an occasion to delight the ear and lift the spirits.

The concert is free - donations are asked from those who are able.

Sunday 25th October Bible Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion service at Langley Vale

10.00am Together@10 Holy Communion service at St Martin's

6.30pm Taize workshop at St Martin's

Diocesan Black History Month Service 3pm on Sunday 25 October at Guildford Cathedral

All are welcome to this service celebrating black history, faith and culture, and reflecting on racial justice, welcome and belonging in the Church. During the service I will be giving a short talk on our new memorial project at St Martin's. It would be great if others from St Martin's are able to come along. ***Rev Judith***

Director of Music

Interviews for a new Director of Music (Church & Community) are taking place this month. There are three candidates, so please pray for them, for Iain and the choir, and for the interview panel. May God guide us all in our decision-making process.

Sarah & Rob

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](#)

Donations for the Christmas Fair

There is a box at the back of Church for donations to the Christmas Fair. We need Jigsaws, Unwanted gifts, China and Glass, Jewellery, Toiletries and Chocolate for the Tombola.

Nancy, Sarah and Maureen

MISSION FOCUS – OCTOBER

Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network

The network is committed to supporting refugees and asylum seekers in our area. In the decade since they were founded they have grown to meet the needs of an increasing number of refugees. They provide vital services to those new to the country, such as English lessons, help finding work & education, assistance in accessing services, benefits & healthcare, as well as a social network and one-to-one support. See the boards in church or <https://epsomrefugeenetwork.org/> for further details.

Alexander Rennie, Mission Committee

PRAYER GROUPS

Evening Prayer on Zoom, weekdays 5-5.30pm

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

“Be still and know that I am God” *Psalm 46:10*. A group meets to pray together in silence. We begin with something to reflect on - a biblical passage or Psalm. After our 20 minutes of silence, we 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 18th

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 19th

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. Longdown Lane South, Longdown Road, Lynwood Avenue, Lynwood Road, Mannamead, Mannamead Close, Middle Close and Middle Lane.

Tuesday 20th

Our Deanery Synod: Howard Bluett, John Padwick, Alexander Rennie and Lynne Scholefield. Our Eco Church Team: Helen

Williams. Our Missions: Mission to Kenya. Milburn Walk, Mill Road, Millers Copse, Milton Gardens and Mospey Crescent.

Wednesday 21st

Our vision and work for Social and Racial Justice. Those who lead intercessory prayer and read Bible passages in our service. Local schools and nursery schools. Oak Hill, Oakmead Green, Old Barn Road, Pikes Hill and Pine Hill.

Thursday 22nd

All who offer welcome and hospitality and serve refreshments at our churches. Those to be married in our churches. Our Missions: Mercy Ships. Pitt Road, Portland Place, Prospect Place, Providence Place and Randolph Road.

Friday 23rd

For someone to volunteer to take on the position of Electoral Roll Officer. Our Church Cleaners. Local doctors' surgeries. Richmond Close, Rosebery Avenue, Rosebery Road, Sadlers Way and South Street.

Saturday 24th

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). Spencer Close, Squirrels Way, St George's Gardens, St James' Close, St Martin's Avenue and St Martin's Close.

THE POWER OF POETRY – OCTOBER

For this month I have chosen *Let Evening Come*, by the American poet Jane Kenyon (1947 - 1995). She was born, and spent her early life, in Michigan, and later married another poet, Donald Hall, who often used her as a subject of his poetry. She then moved to his ancestral home in Wilmot, New Hampshire. As well as writing poetry Kenyon was also a translator of Russian.

*Let the light of late afternoon
shine through chinks in the barn, moving
up the bales as the sun moves down.*

*Let the cricket take up chafing
as a woman takes up her needles
and her yarn. Let evening come.*

*Let dew collect on the hoe abandoned
in long grass. Let the stars appear
and the moon disclose her silver horn.*

*Let the fox go back to its sandy den.
Let the wind die down. Let the shed
go black inside. Let evening come.*

*To the bottle in the ditch, to the scoop
in the oats, to air in the lung
let evening come.*

*Let it come as it will and don't
be afraid. God does not leave us
comfortless, so let evening come.*

The poem – and I believe all her poetry, though I am not familiar with much of it – is rather spare, but full of emotion and spiritual grace, although I detect a hint of melancholy in this poem. It is not, as is plainly evident, a poem which employs rhyme but it uses simple language and is highly evocative in its descriptions revealing her observational skill. It also seems accepting of whatever life brings. Apparently Kenyon suffered from severe clinical depression for much of her life, and it may be this affliction which lent to her writing the understanding and compassion that is evident. The following is a verse from one of her poems which describes her illness:

*Often I go to bed as soon after dinner
as seems adult
(I mean I try to wait for dark);
in order to push away
from the massive pain in sleep's
frail wicker coracle.*

She died quite young of leukaemia, and I wonder if she already knew her days were limited when she wrote *Let Evening Come*. The last verse, where she acknowledges that God would not leave anyone comfortless, does appear to hint at this. **Mary Gilbert**

Submitting an item for the newsletter

Please ensure that all items are emailed to the office marked
‘For Newsletter’ in the title by 12 noon on Wednesday,
to be included for that week.

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FOODBANK NEEDED LIST

Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Custard
Ketchup/Brown Sauce/Mayonnaise
Jam/Honey/Marmalade/Peanut Butter/Chocolate Spread
Porridge,
Milk UHT (Semi-Skimmed or Whole)
Rice Pudding, Cooking Sauce
Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Potatoes, Rice
Tea (bags), Sugar, Longlife Juice, Squash
Tinned Spaghetti, Instant Coffee
Packet Soup, Sponge Pudding
Chocolate Biscuit Bars
Noodles
Male Deodorant, Hair Conditioner
Washing Powder
Adult Toothbrushes
Shampoo, Tampons

Please note we are unable to take refrigerated or frozen items

Music @ St Martin's

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Autumn/Winter 2026

Saturday afternoons at 4.30pm



Saturday 26 September

City of London Freeman's School

An opportunity to enjoy the musical talents of the young performers studying at this well-renowned local school.

Saturday 24 October

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Saturday 5 December

Iain Macfarlane - organ

As St Martin's resident organist Iain excels in demonstrating the character and range of this fine Norman & Beard instrument. He plays Bach and plenty more besides.

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