



The Epsom Group Ministry St Martin of Tours, Epsom

The parishes of Christ Church, St Barnabas and St Martin
The Parish of St Martin of Tours Epsom,
with St Stephen-on-the-Downs

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Registered Charity Number: 1134149
Please take this newsletter home with you!

Welcome to our churches, especially if you are visiting Epsom or Langley Vale or have come to live in the area. Please sign our Visitors' book and join us for refreshments afterwards. A **hearing loop** and **large print** versions of the Parish Communion Booklet, the Weekly Service Sheet and the Hymn Book are all available. The Welcome Team or a Sidesperson can give you any help you need – **please ask!**

Newsletter – Sixth Sunday of Easter

13th May 2012

Today - The celebration of the Easter season continues for the next two weeks and culminates with Pentecost on 27th May. A **warm welcome** if you are visiting this weekend or attending worship here for the first time.

Evening Worship today for the Group Ministry is a celebration of Choral Evensong at St Martin's at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

Christian Aid Week - A reminder that Christian Aid Week begins today. Please be generous in your response this year - the Government has pledged to match donations 'pound-for-pound' up the value of £5 million this year. This makes it possible to double the value of your individual donations.

Worship Consultation - Can I warmly encourage you to participate in the forthcoming Consultation on Saturday 19th May at 10am in the parish church. There will be other opportunities to express your views if you are not able to be present.

Simon Talbott

Tower Abseil 26 May - I am now getting interest from people outside the parish who are keen to abseil down the tower, which is excellent. There are still plenty of slots available however, if you are still thinking about it! Apart from Simon, people from St Martin's collecting sponsorship include: Carole Sharpe, Francis Simmonds, Joanne Haswell, David & Vicky Holmes and Jacqui Bale. Others have signed up to do it unsponsored. Details of scheduling will be available the week before. If you have any queries, please contact me: Margaret Bale (Epsom) 276554.



Christian Aid Week 13-19 May - This is Christian Aid Week, and I hope everyone will give it their full support as usual. If you do not get an envelope delivered to your house, there should be spares in the box at the back of church. Please give filled envelopes to Jay, or hand in to the Parish Office.

Please join us to Worship God, Walk with Christ and Witness in the Community

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Gifts of Jubilee Bulbs from the Beavers - To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the 3rd Epsom (St Martin's) Beaver Colony are undertaking a series of 60 challenges. As one of the challenges, they have planted and cared for 60 bulbs to be given out to the community as a sign of friendship and as a Jubilee gift. On Sunday 20 May, when the Beavers along with the Cubs and Scouts will be leading the Family Service, these Jubilee bulbs will be available to members of St Martin's congregations. So do please collect your gift from the back of church after the 9.30 and 11.30 services.

Yours in Scouting, Judith Hetherington, 3rd Epsom Beaver Scouts



Clothes Collection for Genesis shop in Sheffield - Once again please put clothes and shoes in strong black plastic sacks clearly labelled Sheffield. They can be left at Mary Street's Epsom 740693 or the Parish Office. If transport is difficult, Maureen Suatt can collect them. Phone Epsom 723675. The last date they can be left is Monday, **May 14th**.

Contemplative Prayer Group – The next meeting will be 24th May at 8pm. We shall use the words of the Lord to Paul in 2 Cor. 12 v 9 "*My grace is sufficient for you.*" Anyone is welcome for an hour's quiet reflection on the riches of God's word.

Sons of the Clergy Service

St Paul's Cathedral
on Tuesday, 15th
May at 5.30pm.
David Holmes
(Epsom 279177) has
tickets if anyone
would like to go.

An Invitation to YOU!

What? St Martin's WORSHIP CONSULTATION
When? Saturday, 19th May at 10.00am
Where? St Martin's Church
Why? To share your ideas, suggestions,
VISIONS for future WORSHIP PATTERNS

Everyone Welcome!

Second Thoughts - This promises to be a really exciting evening at 6.30pm on Sunday 27th May. '*Love Enclosed – Julian of Norwich*' An exploration of the life and writings of Julian of Norwich through story, song, meditation and original piano pieces. The Revd Dr June Boyce-Tillman, MBE, is Professor of Applied Music at the University of Winchester and an honorary Chaplain to Winchester Cathedral, a composer and a hymn-writer.

Tower Appeal Quiz! - A big thank you to everyone who joined in the Bellringers "Quiz with a Difference", which has raised over £200 towards the Bells Appeal! The winner was Alistair Mann from London (nephew of one of the ringers). If you are curious as to which were the most popular 'answers', they can be found on the Bells

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Appeal pages of the church website: www.stmartinsepsom.org – or at the back of church this Sunday.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Sun 13 May | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 9.30am | Parish Communion |
| | 11.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 6.30pm | Choral Evensong |
| Mon 14 May | 10.00am | Visiting Bell ringers |
| | 8.00pm | Bell ringing practice |
| Tue 15 May | 10.30am | Bible Study Group |
| Wed 16 May | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| Thur 17 May | 9.30am | Ascension Day service at Christ Church – all welcome |
| | 10.00am | Mother and Toddler Group |
| Fri 18 May | 9.45am | Downsend School Visit |
| | 7.15pm | Choir Practice |
| | 8.00pm | Badminton Club |
| Sat 19 May | 10.00am | Worship Consultation Meeting in Church |
| Sun 20 May | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 9.30am | Parish Communion |
| | 11.30am | Family Service |
| | 3.00pm | Baptism of Luca Mevoli |
| | 6.30pm | Praise Communion at Christ Church |
| Mon 21 May | 8.00pm | Bell ringing practice |
| Tues 22 May | All day | Roof alarm installation |
| | 10.30am | Bible Study Group |
| Wed 23 May | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| | | Roof alarm installation |
| Thur 24 May | 10.00am | Mother and Toddler Group |
| | 8.00pm | Contemplative Prayer |
| Fri 25 May | All day | Setting up for the Jubilee Fair |
| | 7.15pm | Choir Practice |
| Sat 26 May | 12.00pm | Jubilee Fair (Abseiling begins at 10.30am – all are welcome to watch. Simon's abseil begins at 12pm). |

Clergy Team - The Rev'd Simon Talbott – (Epsom 743336)
The Rev'd Canon Adrian Esdaile (Epsom 723770)
The Rev'd Lynn Alsop, Assistant Curate – 07881745004

Weddings & Baptism Applications: Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

Please join us for Morning Prayer at 9.15am & Evening Prayer at 5.00pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday Evening Prayer is at St Barnabas in May.

ST STEPHEN-ON-THE-DOWNS Every Sunday there is a service of **Holy Communion at 9.30am**. The children from Happy Club take part in every service. *On the **3rd Sunday** of each month: **Family Communion Service**. Do come and join us, you will receive a warm welcome.

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ST STEPHEN ON THE DOWNS Every Sunday

Congratulations and Blessings

Oscar will be baptised on

Family Communion service. Do come and join

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As you will receive a warm welcome.