



Registered Charity Number: 1134149

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

w/b SUNDAY May 1st 2022 Easter 3

I have been asked to write a few words, as Nick is away. I have been Church Warden for five years and will retire at the APCM this Sunday, when someone better will replace me. It has been a great privilege and experience working with David Eggett, I realise how fortunate we are to have someone like him who gives up so much of his time and energy working tirelessly for St Martins. He is totally dedicated and does a wonderful job. Thank you, David!

I am re-inventing myself and will continue to work part-time in medical governance and as a volunteer, but am taking on inspecting potential homes for Ukrainian Refugees and a chairmanship or two..

I hope you can all attend the APCM this Sunday 1st May at 11.30am.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 1st May

9.30am – Morning Prayer at St Stephen's

**10.00am – Sung Communion at St Martin's,
in church and live streamed**

11.30am – APCM

**6.30pm – Evening Prayer at St Martin's in church and
livestreamed**

Wednesday 4th May

10.00am – Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY 8th MAY

8.30am – Holy Communion at St Martin's

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Stephen's

**10.00am – Choral Matins at St Martin's,
in church and live streamed**

**6.30pm – Second Thoughts at St Martin's in church and
livestreamed**

Group for older children

A group for children aged 8+ meets in Church House after the 10am service until about 11.45am. Please spread the word. It will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month. The group is being run by Alana Harris, Kate and John Malhotra and Graeme Lodge but any more helpers would be warmly welcomed. The aim is to reflect on the theme of that morning's service through discussion and other activities.

Contemplative Prayer Group

The group which used to meet with Adrian Esdaile in the Lady Chapel has been in abeyance for 2 years now. We plan to resume our meetings in church on the 1st Tuesdays of the month at 11am. All are welcome for an hour or so of led contemplation and intercession.

So, on May 3RD at 11am our starting point will be John 1.50-51: *'You shall see greater things ... you shall see heaven opened.'*

All are very welcome.

There is also the possibility of the group which met on Thursday evenings (2nd or 4th) at 8pm resuming – this is being discussed – please get in touch if you are likely to consider coming to it at 29 Hereford Close.

Adrian Esdaile

Second Thoughts, Sunday 8th May at 6.30pm (refreshments available beforehand)

Chris Esdaile

‘REDRESS: Fighting for a world without torture’

Chris is Legal Advisor/Solicitor at REDRESS, which seeks justice and reparation for survivors of torture, works to combat impunity for governments and individuals who perpetrate it, and develops and promotes compliance with international human rights standards. Chris will explain some of REDRESS's work, both in relation to individual cases, and also their efforts to influence broader policy in the area, and explain why fighting for a world without torture is still of crucial importance.

Chris's work has always focussed on making the legal system more accessible to the most vulnerable. He has previously worked with farmworkers in South Africa, tenants in Birmingham, abused women in Chile, and victims of corporate excess in Colombia.

Music@StMartin's

SUMMER RECITALS 2022

Sat 14 May at 4.30pm

GEORGIA MORSE -cello

Programme

Suite No 3 in C major -Bach

Suite No 3 -Bloch

Suite for cello -Cassadó

Sat 4 June at 4.30pm

EMMANUEL BACH -violin

ALEXANDRA VADUVA -piano

Programme

Sonata in A -Schubert

Sonata in D -Prokofiev

Valse-Scherzo -Tchaikovsky

COME AND SING EVENSONG WITH ST MARTIN'S CHOIR!

We need more singers from the parish to maintain and grow our celebrated musical tradition. Discover what it's like to sing with us in rehearsal and in a full choral service by attending this special **OPEN EVENSONG** event. For more information, speak to Richard Dacey after a service or get in touch via the church office.

OPEN EVENSONG SUNDAY 15 MAY TIMINGS

5.00pm REHEARSAL

6.05pm REFRESHMENTS

6.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Music by Byrd, Aston and Ireland



The choir pictured at Chelmsford cathedral in April.

MISSION FOR THE MONTH – May

Christian Aid Mission

Christian Aid week starts on 15th May and we shall be focusing on this charity throughout the month, using both display boards. This Faith based agency operates on a basis of need, irrespective of religion, ethnicity, caste, gender or nationality. It tackles the causes of poverty through integrated development and humanitarian programming, policy and advocacy work including looking at the roots of the problems.

On the Display Boards we shall be focusing on Christian Aid both HOME and ABROAD

Jill Chapman

Ukraine Mission

Russia invaded Ukraine on February 23rd. This invasion brought fear, uncertainty, displacement and suffering to innocent people. Christian Aid and many other charities with funds raised are providing emergency assistance, food, Christian literature and other help for displaced Ukrainians affected by this war.

Meg Topley

Mission Donations, Spring 2022

In the light of a public appeal by the Epsom & Ewell Refugee Network for financial support at this turbulent time, the Mission Committee has donated £500 to support the new families from the Ukraine arriving hard on the heels of refugees from Afghanistan. I'm sure we would all want to make them as welcome in our borough as possible.

We have also donated £500 to the Leprosy Mission, a charity which we have supported over many years. It is very satisfying to know that our donation at this particular time will be doubled by a generous supporter.

Laurence Impey

STEWARDSHIP

Giving to St Martin's and St Stephen on the Downs

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 Click on <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/13377>

There is also a "Donate" button on our website.

Cheques to St Martin's

If giving a cheque donation to St Martin's Church, please can it be payable to:

'The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Epsom'

Donation Station

If you wish to give via contactless payment, please use the donation station in church. You can give a pre-set amount or choose one. You can also gift aid your donation.

the
prayer
course

An 8 week journey through the Lord's Prayer

All welcome

At St Barnabas Church, Epsom

Starting Wednesday 4th May | 8-9:30pm

Developed by Pete Grieg and
the 24/7 Prayer Movement



Church Garden Lawn Treatment

On Wednesday April 20th the inner area of the church garden received a professional lawn treatment. This is needed because although the garden's increased use during CV may have benefitted many it has worn out the lawn during the Winter of Discontent.

In order for the treatment to do its stuff, may I ask please that for the next month visitors should enter the garden through the side entrance – by the benches. If there is a need to walk or stand on the lawn around the crescent bed, please tread on the edges of the lawned path and give the treatment a chance.

Jean Wright

CODE NINJAS GRAND OPENING

Please be aware that the Code Ninjas will be holding a Grand Opening event in the Wisley room in Church House on May 7th from 11am to 3pm. The Worshipful the Mayor of Epsom & Ewell: Councillor Peter O'Donovan will be visiting to cut a ribbon. Visitors will have the chance to peer in and see what the ninjas get up to in the Crypt and get a hit of gaming nostalgia upstairs where over ten consoles and computers will be set up for visitors to play video games from across the decades. Visitors will also have an opportunity to win a three-month subscription to Code Ninjas by competing in a high score challenge on a classic arcade game.

Lee Richards – Code Ninjas Owner and Centre Director

3rd EPSOM SCOUT GROUP



The 3rd Epsom (St. Martin's) Scout Group is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Initially founded by a former Churchwarden we have been continuously Scouting since 1922. As a St. Martin's sponsored Group, we are now based in the Scout Hall behind St John Chandler Hall on Church Road (just off East Street) and we are now the oldest continuously running Scout Group in the area.

On the 24th July we are holding a celebration day for anyone who is or has been associated with the Scout Group. We are meeting for tea and coffee at 10:30am before people being able to optionally partake in a number of scouting type activities. We are ending the day with a Hog Roast supper and traditional campfire starting at 8pm. People are able to join us for the whole day or just part of it. For more information please email 100years@3rdepsom.org.uk or complete the form at <https://www.3rdepsom.org.uk/100Anniversary.html>

Did you attend Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers with the Group when you were younger?
Did your children go there?
Did you volunteer as a leader there?
Do you have any other connections?
We would also be grateful for any memories or photos of your Group and its members.

Please get in touch.
Richard Ascough
Group Scout Leader
3rd Epsom (St. Martin's) Scout Group

FOOD BANK

Thank you to those who arranged supermarket deliveries directly to us last week, we really appreciate getting donations we need this way.

We have completely run out of:

Washing up liquid
Shaving foam
Savoury biscuits

We urgently need:

Powdered milk
Long-life sponge puddings
Custard
Instant mash
Tinned fruit
Ketchup
Long-life UHT milk (semi-skimmed and full fat only)
Coffee
Shampoo/Conditioner
Adult toothpaste
Deodorant – all kinds
Soap

Please no more of these items as we are fully stocked: Pulses, pasta, noodles, sweetcorn, rice, beans, porridge, and hot chocolate.

Booking a supermarket delivery? Let us know when to expect it. You can donate at the usual supermarket points, or bring donations to our car park (please wear a mask);

Epsom & Ewell Foodbank, Generation Resource Centre, (Behind West Ewell Primary School), Ruxley Lane, Ewell KT19 0JG

Donation drop off times: Monday to Friday 9am – 2pm. We are closed on Bank Holidays.

* Please make sure all donations are sealed, in date and do not contain alcohol*



SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 11th June – 12 noon – 4.00pm

Plans are well underway for our Summer Fayre, which will go ahead whatever the weather! To make this event a success we need your help.

Firstly we need items to sell, in particular:

- Plants – please keep until the week before the fayre and then bring to church
- Cakes – please let Jane Norris know if you can supply
- Games and Jigsaws (complete)
- Red, White and Blue items (new, unwanted presents etc. NO bric a brac please)
- Wine bottles – full of wine!

Any items can be brought to church as soon as possible.

Secondly we need helpers – please let us know if you are able to run a stall, help out on a stall for a short period etc. Without your help there can be no Fayre.

Fancy Dress Parade – advance notice we will be running a Fancy Dress Parade (judging at 1.00 pm) with the theme “Kings and Queens”.

Thank you, in advance, for your support for this event.

Events Team

Alyson Aronson, Nancy Bluett, Mary Holloway-Neville and Cathy Morris

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**Opening hours are
9.30am to 12.30pm**

Please contact clergy and lay ministers via the office.