



Registered Charity Number: 1134149

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

w/b SUNDAY April 3rd, 2022
5th Sunday of Lent,

Hello,

Today marks the beginning of Passiontide. The list of meaning of 'passion' in the dictionary is as follows:

1. Intense and barely controllable emotion
2. A state or outburst of strong emotion
3. Strong sexual love
4. The suffering and death of Jesus.

Number 4 is quite a contrast to 1-3. When we speak of Passion Sunday, I suspect most people would have an image related to 1-3, rather than 4. This time of the Church year feels very 'in house' in terms of its meaning – Easter being a far more popularly understood. But that's OK – I think the next few days are a time for serious discipleship – taking this journey to the cross afresh will give spiritual insight to us, and thereby strengthen our resolve for mission and evangelism at Easter and beyond.

The Vicar

THIS WEEK

Sunday 3rd April – 5th Sunday of Lent

- 9.30am – Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
- 10.00am – Holy Communion at St Martin's, with Ark junior Church Meeting. In church and live streamed
- 11.00am – 8+ Group meets
- 6.30pm – Evening Prayer

Wednesday 6th April

10.00am – Holy Communion (*by extension this week*)

The Wednesday morning Bible Study will begin again after the communion service. Refreshments will be available and the session will run from 10.45 to 11.45am.

The first meetings will be around the question “Are we sheep?” looking at Judgement in Matthew 25. Howard

7.00pm - Ministry Team meeting

Saturday 9th April

4.30pm – Recital in St Martin’s (the Rice family)

Arthur, Stephanie and Sapphire Rice present a varied programme of piano solos and duets by Bach, Chopin, Ibert, Astor, Hopekirk and Grainer. All welcome; admission free.

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 10th April – Palm Sunday

8.30am - Holy Communion

9.30am – Holy Communion at St Stephen’s

10.00am– Sung Communion at St Martin’s,
in church/ live streamed

6.30pm – Second Thoughts

STUDY AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.



11th April 9.00am Morning Prayer
12th April 9.00am Morning Prayer
13th April 10.00am Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY 14th April
10.00am Holy Communion
7.30pm Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY 15th APRIL

10.30am Ecumenical Service in the Market Place
12.00pm – 2.00pm St Martin's open for prayer
(*A prayer and a reading will be given on the hour and half hour*)
2.00pm-3.00pm Music and readings for Good Friday
2.00pm-3.00pm St Stephen's service

EASTER DAY 17th APRIL

8.30am Holy Communion
9.30am Easter Communion at St Stephen's
10.00am Easter Sung Communion
6.30pm Choral Evensong

DIOCESAN MOTHERS' UNION QUIET DAY

You are warmly invited to join the Diocesan Mothers' Union Quiet Day on Wednesday 27th April 10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. at the Church of St. Thomas on the Bourne, Farnham.

It is open to men and women, regardless whether you are a member of the Mothers' Union or not.

The cost of the day is £20 with a bring and share lunch. The Theme of the day is 'Welcoming Transformation' and will be led by The Revd. Haydon Wilcox, Chaplain to St. Columba's House, Woking.

Please email: haydonwilcox@mac.com for a brochure and booking form to be emailed or posted to you.

APCM

Our Church annual meeting will be on Sunday May 1st at 11.30am. We will elect church wardens, PCC members, as well as receive reports on our accounts for 2021, and our Church activities during the year.

Look out for nomination forms for PCC/ warden in Church.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

Please be aware that the Revision of the Electoral Roll notice has been placed on the church notice boards. Please check your entries in the folder at the back of St Martin's (or with me by email aronson_john@hotmail.com) and let me know if I need to make any amendments (eg change of address). If you are not on the roll and wish to join please complete a form available at the back of the church and deliver it to the Parish Office.

Thanks

John Aronson

MISSION FOR THE MONTH – April

HOME MISSION

Christian Aid

Is an International NGO that insists that the world can and must be changed to one where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty and inequality.

It is a faith based agency, yet they operate on a basis of need, irrespective of religion, ethnicity, caste, gender or nationality. They have more than 70 years of experience to address causes of poverty through integrated development and humanitarian programming, policy and advocacy work, seeking to help in every possible way at the root of the problem.

Jill Chapman



ABROAD MISSION

Mission Aviation Fellowship. Flying for life.

At MAF we believe nothing should stop people from receiving the love of God and the essentials of life no matter how remote they are. Our vision is to see isolated people changed by the love of Christ. We use aviation and technology, because in many places those are the only ways to reach isolated people in need.

Meg Topley



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 either:

1. Click on the following link:

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

OR

2. Use your Smart Phone and Scan the QR Code below

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.



ECO CHURCH

The Return of the Hedgehog

We've lost 50% of our rural hedgehogs since 2000 (just stop to think about that a moment and realise that this won't be the only wildlife that has altered so significantly so quickly). Following last week's display of 50 hedgehogs around the borough (including at St Martin's), do find out more on their conservation from the Wildlife Trusts, – www.wildlifetrusts.org/returnofthehedgehogs. If you don't use the internet do ask me! **Helen Williams**



FOOD BANK

This week, we have several urgently needed items:

Longlife sponge puddings, Powdered milk

Chocolate spread

Spaghetti in sauce

Custard, Rice pudding

Shampoo, Hair conditioner, Shaving foam, Loo roll

Adult toothbrushes, Adult toothpaste

Nappies size 6+

We also need

Longlife fruit juice

Tinned soup

Long life UHT milk (full fat and semi skimmed only)

Dried pasta in sauce, Ketchup

Tinned fish

Coffee, Sugar (500g bags please)

Instant mash, Squash., Peanut butter

Tinned potatoes

Washing up liquid, Pump soap

Tampons, Deodorant

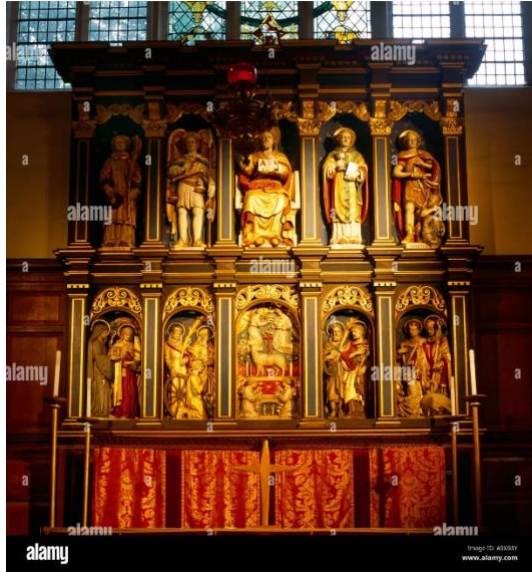
Chocolate biscuit bars (ie penguins, clubs etc)

Small bars of chocolate, Crisps

Booking a supermarket delivery? Let us know when to expect it
You can donate at 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. Donations
can also be made if you prefer by texting any amount between £1
and £20 FoodbankGift followed by your chosen amount to 70450.

THE HIGH ALTAR – A MYSTERY



Many publications describing our Reredos have said that in the niche on the south side of the victory are effigies of St Peter with the keys, and St Paul. I have repeated this without questioning it in the revised short guide I produced a few years ago.

One of the NADFAS team recording the artefacts in our church has drawn attention to the fact that the second figure is holding a scallop shell. This is the undoubted “signature” of St James. There are some publications which have the correct information. So apart from needing to look for opportunities to correct this it would be interesting to ask why St James is included in the figures in the lower tier.

Indeed, why St Hilda, St Catherine, St Joan of Arc, St Mary Magdalene, St James, St Peter St. Hugh, and King David were selected? Some of them have feast days close to St Martin’s Day, when the rebuilt east end church was dedicated. Is that sufficient reason?

Howard Bluett

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