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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2023



THIS SUNDAY 19th February – Last Sunday before Lent

9.30am	Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
10.00am	Sung Communion at St Martin's
6.30pm	Sung Evensong at St Martin's

Wednesday 22nd February ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00am Holy Communion service at St Martin's

Saturday 25th February

7.00pm Compline with Lenten reflection

In the Headley Room in Church House

LENT PROGRAMME

This has been sent via e-mail, and printed copies are available in Church this Sunday.

Our spring concert series – Saturday 11th March

Our spring concert series continues on Saturday 11th March with a piano recital by Simon Watterton. Simon studied at the Purcell School and RCM in London, and has performed in China, Canada, the USA, Sweden and Italy as well as extensively in the UK. He made his London debut at Cadogan Hall and has given concerts in St John's, Smith Square, the Purcell Room and the Wigmore Hall. His programme at St Martin's features a wonderfully varied selection of music by Scarlatti, Schubert, Brahms and Rachmaninov. All are welcome.

Richard Dacey

Draft Church Development Plan - your feedback

Thank you for the comments and ideas we have received so far following the presentation of the draft plan on 5th February. The group working on the plan, which is the result of an initiative launched by the diocese, is meeting on Monday 20th February to discuss the feedback so there is still time to give us your comments. The poster with details of the plan is at the back of

church. Speak to a member of the group after Sunday morning's service - Sarah Lutton, David Eggett, Rob & Sarah Jeffery, Helen Williams, Lynne Schofield, John Padwick and Graeme Lodge. Alternatively, email the office: office@stmartinsepsom.org

Farewell and good wishes for Jean Wright

The 10am service on 26th February will be the last occasion Jean Wright will be worshipping with us before she moves to York. To help send her on her way with our love and thanks, cake will be served with our coffee after the service.

Update on the project to dispose of redundant Furniture and decluttering the Church

The project to declutter St Martins Church is progressing well.

This week, the Churchwardens decluttered the Vicar's vestry and in so doing, found the two Churchwarden's Wands that were used at St John's Church until it was closed for worship in 1975. As these wands have not been used in almost 50 years, we have decided to ask the PCC to add them to the list of items that need to be disposed of.

In addition, the PCC wishes to dispose of the wooden lectern that we use on the dais and the wooden steps to the brass lectern; both items will be replaced with new and better equivalent wooden lectern and steps. The wooden steps in particular need to be easier for people to get to and climb back down from the brass lectern, as some people find using the existing steps difficult. Neither the wooden lectern nor the steps to the brass

lectern will actually be disposed of until we have purchased their replacements.

On the 08 March, the PCC will formally consider the list of the items they wish to dispose of; in advance of the PCC meeting, we have reviewed the list again and added the three items mentioned above:

The revised items of furniture that are under consideration are:

1. Four pew responds, that are currently stored by the north door and in the south transept,
2. A small oak table
3. A small prayer desk,
4. A small bookcase
5. 2 red chairs
6. Larger Prayer desk
7. The two medium sized hymn boards that were in front of the Georgian pews,
8. The two large hymn boards that were hung either side of the rood screen.
9. Three small hymn boards
10. Two medium sized prayer desks
11. Two candle stands for tea lights.
12. The wooden lectern on the dais
13. The steps to the brass lectern
14. The Two Warden's wands from St John's Church.

All these items, except for items 1 5, and 14, are stored in the space behind the choir stalls on the south side of the chancel. The two red chairs are currently in the Sanctuary and the Wands are in the Vicar's vestry.

If you would like to know more about our plans for these pieces of furniture, please do not hesitate to speak to the Churchwardens in the first instance.

As we need formal permission from the Diocese to dispose of these items, the PCC will be asked to formally resolve to petition for permission to do so at the meeting on the 08 March.

The Churchwardens

Volunteer Drivers for Medical Appointments

Age Concern Epsom and Ewell are looking for volunteer drivers to take older people from the Borough of Epsom and Ewell to medical appointments, or to visit family or friends in hospital or residential homes. We are experiencing a high demand for this service and really need more drivers to help us fulfil all the requests that we receive.

Volunteering is a great way to meet people and to support your local community, it can also improve your own happiness and wellbeing. If you are looking for a volunteer role which enables you to meet interesting people, help the older members of our community, and if you like driving then this could have the role for you!

This can be a regular weekly commitment or on an ad-hoc basis. A mileage allowance of 50p per mile is paid and we will need to undertake a DBS clearance for you.

If this role is of interest or if you would like more information, please contact Jane Hodgson, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01372 728458 or by email jane.hodgson@ageconcernepsom.org.uk

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.



MISSION OF THE MONTH – MARCH

ABROAD MISSION

New Mercy Ships Display on St Martin’s Mission Board Volunteers wanted. Please take a leaflet.

Please have a look at St Martins Church Mission Board which is located at the back of the church. We have updated the literature which includes the award to Mr Don Stephens, Mercy Ships Founder, for a Lifetime Achievement Award. Presented by the Egyptian Minister of International Co-operation of Government, Rania Al-Mashat at the Opening of the GE7African Visionary Leaders Summit in Washington DC by African Dignitaries.

The new Ship will be based in West Africa, Senegal and then Sierra Leone.

HOME MISSIONS

Refugee Network

The Epsom and Ewell Refugee Network helps refugees and asylum seekers in this area with support and guidance. They connect with people and organisations who can help with English classes, housing, clothing, food and other essential needs. They organise social events and collect donations to help all Refugees in the UK and abroad. They are helping a great deal on all fronts with regards to the Ukraine crisis.

CMS in the UK

Andrea Campanali is our UK based Mission Link Partner, forming a network of pioneers helping to renew the Church. Please have a look at the display boards at the back of the Church and hold them in your prayers.

Jill Chapman

FOODBANK

We urgently need:

Bags for Life / Very strong bags (This is urgent)

Packet Soup

Long Life Sponge Pudding

Long Life Fruit Juice

Condiments (Ketchup, Brown Sauce, Mayo)

Non Dairy Milk

Cooking Sauces

Spreads (P Butter, Marmalade, Jam)

Washing Up Liquid

Washing Powder/Pods

Nappies 6+ ONLY

Pump Hand Soap

Please use our supermarket donation points or bring donations directly to us at Epsom & Ewell Foodbank, Good Company Hub, behind West Ewell Primary School, Ruxley Lane, Ewell KT19 0JG

We are open for donations Monday - Friday, 9am-2pm

Please ensure donations are sealed, in date and do not contain alcohol.

Please, no more of these items: Dog Food, Cat Food, Tea Bags, Tinned Fish

Donations can also be made if you prefer by texting any amount between £1 and £20 followed by your chosen amount to 70450. If you wish to donate a larger amount please e-mail us.

foodbank@goodcompany.org.uk

MUSIC@STMARTIN'S CONCERT SERIES 2023

Sat 21 Jan at 4.30pm

EPSOM COLLEGE MUSICIANS

Talented musicians from EPSOM COLLEGE present a show-case programme of solo and ensemble music guided by their inspiring teachers.



EPSOM
COLLEGE

Sat 11 March at 4.30pm

SIMON WATTERTON -PIANO

Described as a rising star in International Piano Magazine, Simon Watterton made his concerto debut at London's Cadogan Hall. He has also appeared at the Wigmore Hall and the Purcell Room and broadcast on Radio 3 and Classic FM.



Sat 1 April at 4.30pm

DE BEAUVOIR PIANO TRIO

Formed in 2019, this exciting piano trio explores music from a unique perspective, incorporating concepts from linguistics and literary studies to elevate their communication with one another and their audiences.



More information at www.stmartinsepsom.org
ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, EPSOM KT17 4PX
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Admission to the recitals is by donation. You can also use our QR code to support the series at any time.



EPSOM CHAMBER CHOIR

Guest conductor: Jack Apperley

Music for Passiontide

Buxtehude Membra Jesu Nostris

Anerio ♦ Sulpitia Cesis ♦ Lassus ♦ Lotti

Sarah MacDonald ♦ Paul Mealor ♦ Weelkes

with the Epsom Early Music Players

Saturday 25th March 2023 7:30pm

St Martin's Church, Epsom, KT17 4PX

Tickets: £16 in advance | £18 on the day | Under 18s Free

online www.epsomchamberchoir.org.uk | telephone 020 8672 5495 | text 07940 486163

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EPSOM CHORAL SOCIETY

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Saturday 18th March 2023 at 7:30pm

St Martin's Parish Church, Church Street, Epsom KT17 4PX

Jonathan Dove | Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Arvo Pärt | Salve Regina

James Whitbourn | Son of God Mass

John Tavener | Svyati

Brahms | Geistliches Lied

Julian Collings | conductor

Peter Jaekel | organ

Kyle Horch | saxophone

Rebecca Hepplewhite | cello

Tickets: £16, £8 (students and U18s)

www.epsomchoral.org.uk/tickets

Box office: 01372 727078 or 07522 111219



Registered charity number 273757



We are a local independent charity empowering older people in the borough

Could you volunteer with us?

Roles available:-

- **Medical Transport Drivers** - to collect clients from their home & take them to medical appointments & back again
- **Befrienders** - to visit clients at home to prevent social isolation and loneliness
- **IT /DIY volunteer-** to help our clients get to grips with their IT equipment in their own homes/help with small jobs around the home, e.g. putting up pictures
- **Trustees** - to oversee the overall management and administration of the charity.

For more information please contact:

Jane Hodgson - Volunteer Coordinator

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT)



Press Release



“I HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOUR FAITH”

Our sisters in Taiwan are sending us blessings with the service they have prepared for World Day of Prayer 2023. Taiwan is an island rich in natural resources and culturally diverse. The women of Taiwan share the issues faced geographically, politically and socially and also their hopes for the future. Let us join with them as we give thanks for the beautiful island and people of Taiwan and encourage one another in our faith just as Apostle Paul did in his letters.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally, at a church near you on Friday March 3 2023 people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Taiwan.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world --- through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

For further information and resources, together with details of services in your area, see the WDP website: wwdp.org.uk

Submitting an item for the newsletter:

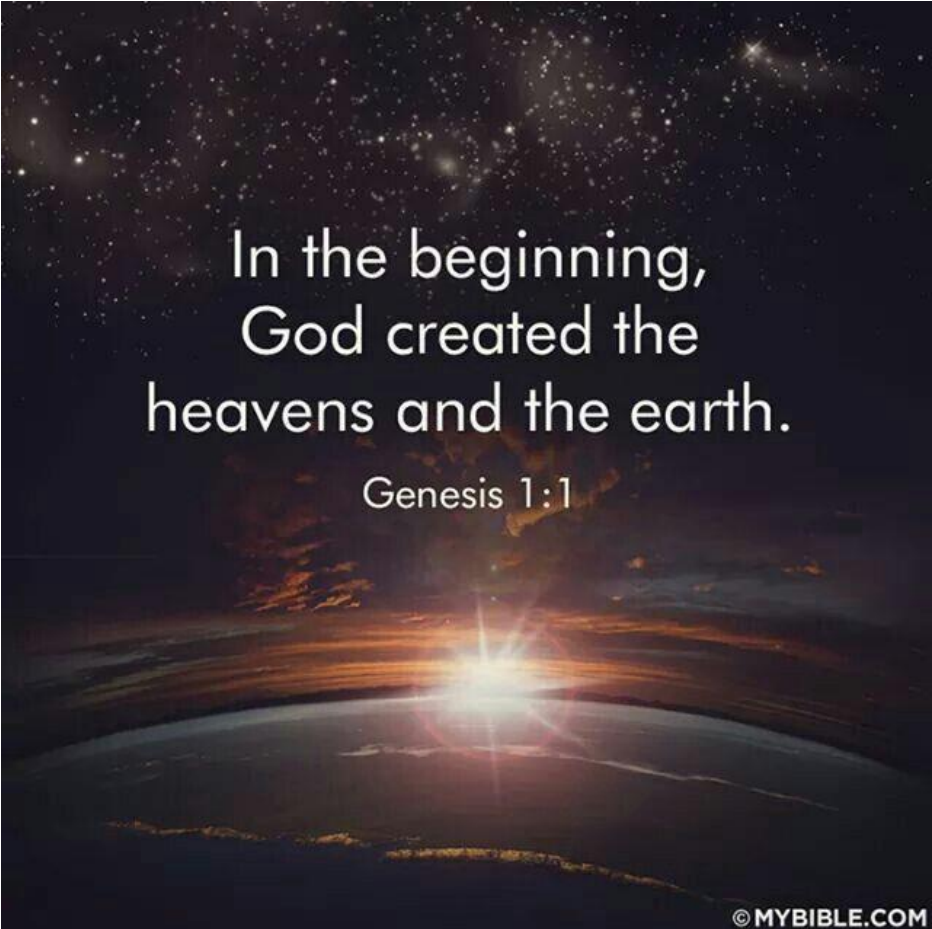
Please ensure that all items are emailed to the office by close of play on Wednesday, to be included in the newsletter for that week. Thank you.

Parish Office:

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The Parish Office is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Please contact clergy and lay ministers via the office.



In the beginning,
God created the
heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

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