



Registered Charity Number: 1134149

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 6th August 2023

TRINITY 8



This is a portrait of Christian August, the father of Catherine the Great of Russia. I wish you all a 'Christian August', in which you may find rest in the peace of Christ.

Nick Parish

THIS SUNDAY 6th August – Transfiguration

- 9.30am** Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
- 10.00am** Holy Communion at St Martin's – live streamed
- 6.30pm** NO SERVICE

Tuesday, 8th August

- 11.00am** Contemplative Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel
- The 'saying' which will be our starting point will be Mark 12.35:
'You are not far from the Kingdom of God'. All will be very welcome.
- Adrian Esdaile**

Wednesday 9th August

- 10.00am** Holy Communion

Thursday 10th August

- 5.00pm** Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY 13th August – Trinity 10

- 9.30am** Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
- 10.00am** Holy Communion at St Martin's – live streamed
- 6.30pm** NO SERVICE

Wednesday 16th August

- 10.00am** Holy Communion

Thursday 17th August

- 5.00pm** Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Sunday 20th August – Trinity 11

- 9.30am** Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
- 10.00am** Holy Communion at St Martin's – live streamed
- 6.30pm** NO SERVICE at St Martin's

August Office Hours

Please note that the office will be open from 10am to 12noon on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in August.

Afternoon Tea at the Vicarage

All are invited for tea at the Vicarage on **Sunday 24 September at 4pm** to celebrate the apple harvest.

More information to follow and a sign-up sheet nearer the time.

8.30am service in September

Due to clergy holidays, this will be on **SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER** NOT Sunday 10 September. Please note in your diaries.

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.



3. You can give cash in church
(use the collection plate provided).

St Martin's Choir at Portsmouth Cathedral

As part of our periodic cathedral singing mission and as a final



'hurrah' before the summer break, we sang the services at Portsmouth Cathedral last weekend whilst the cathedral's own choir was on holiday. Hearty singing from our men's voices led the music for Choral Evensong on Saturday and the full choir joined us for the Sunday services of Sung Communion and Evensong.



The cathedral in Portsmouth is located in the heart of the old city and shares an integral part of the extensive naval and fishing history there. Indeed, last Sunday's eucharist

included the annual commemoration devotions for all of the ship's company lost on the Mary Rose which sank on 19th July, 1545.

As always on these visits, the choir acquitted themselves admirably by singing with total commitment, and Iain's masterful organ playing on a very different instrument was typically brilliant and inspiring. We received many appreciative comments from worshippers and cathedral staff who also enjoyed a selection of music by Epsom composers, including, Helen Williams' anthem

'Love is the Key, Iain's Preces and responses, 'Angel Voices' by Felton Rapley (DoM 1948-65) and my Missa Brevis.



The cathedral trips play an important role in binding the choir together socially and musically, while also waving a flag for the parish of Epsom and St Martin. Our cathedral tally since 2017 includes visits to Winchester, Chichester, Southwark, Rochester, Guildford, Chelmsford and now Portsmouth, with Canterbury and St Alban's in our sights for the future!

Richard Dacey

Autumn Music Recitals

It's time to update your diaries with details of our forthcoming autumn concerts at St Martin's. We've a range of great music to enjoy with a wide variety of composers and musical styles in each programme. We're especially excited to welcome back international piano duo Nettle and Markham who will present a programme of Saint-Saëns works for two-pianos on Saturday 14 October prior to recording them in St Martin's later. Our admission by donation policy aims to keep all concerts affordable, so please share this poster and information with family and friends to help maintain and grow our audience. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Music@StMartin's

AUTUMN CONCERTS 2023

SAT 23 SEP AT 4.30PM

CITY OF LONDON FREEMEN'S SCHOOL

Talented musicians from the City of London Freeman's School open our autumn series with a varied programme of solo and ensemble music for voices and instruments.



SAT 14 OCT at 4.30pm

NETTLE AND MARKHAM PIANO DUO



International piano duo, Nettle and Markham present an exciting concert on their Pleyel Double Piano, prior to their recording of the virtuoso two-piano works of Saint-Saens. Don't miss this opportunity to hear major works of the French duo repertoire, as originally conceived on this very rare, authentic instrument.

SAT 25 NOV at 4.30pm

IAIN MACFARLANE -organ

St Martin's organist, Iain Macfarlane presents a programme of music old and very new with something seasonal and local too, including pieces by J S Bach and Epsom composer, Felton Rapley.



More information at www.stmartinsepsom.org

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, EPSOM KT17 4PX

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Admission to the concerts is by donation. You can also use our QR code to support the series at any time.



CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PLAN – UPDATE

All churches in the diocese have been asked to come up with a Development Plan. We presented our draft Plan earlier this year and welcomed your comments. You may have been wondering what has happened with it. Well, since then our Plan has evolved and details, means and methods discussed. It has been approved by the Archdeacon and adopted by the PCC. The five main goals of our Plan are these:

- Growing a younger congregation: children and families and younger adults
- Communicate effectively with each other and the community
- Building for the future – creating space for church and community
- Explore small groups afresh as a way of growing faith
- Increase financial giving

As we work towards these goals you will notice some changes and some new things happening. Some of the changes and happenings have already begun, some will be soon, others will be on a longer timescale. We will keep you updated. Most of all we hope you will support our efforts and, where possible, get involved so that you can be a part of the future of St Martin's and St Stephen's.

If you have any questions, please talk to one of the members of the CDP group: Lynne Scholefield, John Padwick, Graeme Lodge, David Eggett, Rob Jeffery, Sarah Jeffery, Helen Williams and Sarah Lutton, or a member of the clergy.

Flowers in Church

As part of our worship and celebration of life and nature, we aim to have fresh flowers in St Martin's most weeks (except Lent, Advent and August). As there are fewer people available to make the beautiful floral arrangements that we have been used to, we are changing the way in which we provide flowers in church. We will continue to provide floral arrangements for the festivals (Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance), but we are inviting all members of the church to consider giving the flowers, perhaps in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. You are invited to donate flowers or contribute towards the cost of flowers.

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of flowers, then the recommended donation is £15. Please use the card reader in church to make your payment. If you pay for the flowers, then a member of the flower team will purchase and arrange them for you. If you would prefer to provide flowers, from your garden, allotment or the shop, then please bring them to church on Friday morning. One of the flower team will be available to help you arrange the flowers.

You can find the sign-up sheet at the back of church on the noticeboard, nearest to the glass room. Please put your name against the week that you would like to pay for or provide the flowers.

Many thanks, Yvonne Parish

MISSION OF THE MONTH – AUGUST

Home Mission

The Sunnybank Trust supports people with learning disabilities and autism to say what they want and live the life they choose, through their range of services. Voices—Choices—Futures, providing Advocacy and Social opportunities and transitional

support of young adults and their families leaving full time education.

Spinnaker Trust—Engaging-Inspiring-Equipping

The aim of this Christian Charity is to support Primary Schools with Assemblies and R.E. Lessons, and locally here they have worked at 11 Schools in Epsom and Ewell.

They aim to inspire this generation of Primary School children to engage with the Christian Faith and explore its values.

Abroad Mission

'Wheels for the world ' is part of the 'Through the Roof' charity. The charity exists to transform lives of disabled through Jesus. Thousands of disabled people across the world have experienced God's love through the ministry of 'Through the Roof' strengthening local churches in the UK and developing countries welcoming disabled people.

'Wheels for the World; restores donated wheelchairs and distributes refurbished wheelchairs to disabled adults and children in developing countries providing life changing mobility.

Jill Chapman and Meg Topley – Mission

FOOD BANK

This week, we need the following items:

Sponge puddings - URGENT

Cooking sauce (not pasta sauce, we have lots)

Non-dairy milks (oat, soya, almond and so on)

Instant Mash

Chocolate

Sugar (small bags)

Shaving gel/foam, Men's deodorant, Shampoo

Washing up liquid, Household cleaning items

Nappies sizes 5+ and 6+,

Bags for Life / Very strong bags

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 (closed on Bank Holidays).

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

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APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL TRUSTEES

I am writing on behalf of the Chairman of the trustees, Mr John Steward. The charity owns three Almshouses in Epsom which house single women and married couples who have had difficult lives. The Almshouse function is the charities' main function. However, the charity also makes grants to people in Epsom under our Relief in Need Charity. The charity does not fund raise. We also have funds to give grants for betterment of life for younger people.

The trustees meet every three months - usually at 5pm, on the first Tuesday of each month at St Martin's Church House. Meetings last for a maximum of one and half hours. Trustees are emailed, from time to time, for their input into requests for aid. The management, and repair issues, of the three Almshouse are supervised by the charity surveyor and administration is dealt with by the Clerk to the Trustees.

We are very much in need of additional trustees. If you are interested, then please contact me.

Thank you. Derek

*****Please note that in August, the Parish Office is open
Mondays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays, 10am – 12 noon*****

Submitting an item for the newsletter:

**The next newsletter will be on Sunday 20th August.
Please ensure that all items are emailed to the office by
12 pm on Wednesday, to be included in the newsletter
for that week.**

Thank you.

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