

ST. MARTIN'S MONTHLY

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Please ring the Parish Office.

Articles for the next month's magazine should be sent to
Clive Davis (email: clive.a.g.davis@btinternet.com)

They should reach the Editor by 12th October.

The November magazine will be on sale by 25th October

October

October is inevitably associated with autumn and at St Martin's we always celebrate our Harvest Festival on the first Sunday in October, in symphony with the poet Keats' sentiments in his 'Ode to Autumn'. John Keats wrote the poem in 1819 at a particularly difficult time in his life but it still conjures up beautiful sentiments encapsulated in the opening line, 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'.

Harvest is important to us even in urban London where we live. It's a rare opportunity to reconnect somehow with our rural hinterland, to reflect on God's goodness and to think of others less privileged than ourselves. This latter is becoming particularly important as we wrestle as a nation and indeed as a continent of Europe with the growing number of migrants who have been displaced by the horrors in their homelands in the Middle East. I have no solution to offer but somehow displaced peoples need a compassionate response even whilst their very numbers seem overwhelming.

On a brighter note on Sunday 18th October at 10am we will not only celebrate the confirmation of candidates young and adult at our annual confirmation service but we will welcome the Rev'd Brandy and Rob Pearson into our Christian family here at St Martin's. It'll be a joyful occasion and remind us of our fellowship in Christ. This is an October and Harvest theme in the sense of fulfilment and completion as well as marking of new beginnings.

With this latter in mind may I take the opportunity to thank those of you who have been so generous in helping us over a particularly difficult financial period when we have had to undertake significant refurbishment in St Martin's Cottage. Thank you also in advance for your generosity in supporting our Annual Gift Day.

Sometimes church life can seem to all about giving but that is actually in the spirit of our Faith and the teaching of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who quoted by St Paul in the Book of Acts 20 v 35 says: 'it is more blessed to give than receive'. At the heart of our Faith also is the Christ who gave his life for our sakes.

So October represents completion, harvest and fulfilment and could for the sake of argument represent what we all aspire to as taught by Jesus, namely 'the Kingdom of God'.

Nicholas



On Sundays this month

Sunday 4th October

10am Harvest Festival

All gifts go to the Ealing Women's Refuge

12 noon: Harvest Lunch

6.30pm: Recital 'Come ye thankful people come!'



Sunday 11th October

Annual Gift Day

Donations may be sent to the Parish Office

If you need a Gift Aid envelope -

contact the Vicar or Parish Office



Sunday 18th October

10am Confirmation Service

with the Bishop of Willesden

Including the Licensing of our new Assistant Priest,

Revd Brandy Pearson and her husband Rob

Harvest Festival 4 October 2015

Once again, we are asking for donations towards the work of our local women's refuge.

At any one time, the refuge houses twelve women and their children who are fleeing from domestic violence to a place of safety. They usually stay there for about 6 months, and in this time have an opportunity to regain their self-respect and make practical plans for their future.

For some years we have been actively involved in supporting the refuge, and have developed strong ties. Through the year we have been making up Welcome Packs, and so far 20 new residents have each received one of these.

At the Harvest Festival, we welcome donations of food, fruit and vegetables. You can bring store-cupboard items such as tinned fish or meat, longlife milk, tea, pasta, etc. They can also use fresh vegetables as they have cooking facilities. Fresh fruit is particularly welcome.

We are also asking for items for inclusion in the welcome packs (many of these things can be purchased in the local pound-shops). Here is the list:

- Body wash or shower gel
- Shampoo, both for women and children
- Tooth brushes for adults and children
- Toothpaste for adults and children
- Towels
- Deodorant (roll-on)
- Body and hand lotion
- Nappies
- Tissues
- Sanitary towels
- Knickers for women and children
- Baby wipes
- Notebooks (A5 size)

If you have any questions, please contact me.
(margaretrosaleenjones@googlemail.com)

Margaret Jones

QUIZ NIGHT

**29 October 2015
7:00pm to 10:00pm**



**Church Hall
St Martins Church
Hale Gardens
London W3 9SQ**

**Do you know who wrote Beethoven's Fifth
Symphony? Or what is the capital of England?
If so, then you are off to a good start!**

**Join in the fun on tables of six people.
Make up your own table with friends or make
new friends by joining a table.**

**£10 Entry includes Ploughman's Supper.
Liquid Refreshments available for purchase**

**Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church
Or**

Let the Parishes Office know on 020 8992 2333

St Martin's Foundation

All lectures take place at 8pm in the Parish Room
(entrance via Parish Office, to rear of Church Hall)



Paul of Tarsus: a First Century Radical? Thursday 22nd October

A fresh look at Christianity's most important
theological influence

Canon Dr. Anne Davison
Former Vice-Moderator,
World Council of Churches

Christians under pressure do we have selective amnesia about our fellow Christians in the Middle East? Thursday 19th November



The Rev'd Canon Dr. Willam Taylor,
Vicar of St John's Notting Hill and
Chair 'Anglican and Eastern Churches
Association'

Canon Taylor is a director of
Jerusalem and the Middle East Church
Association and author of "Antioch and
Canterbury"
(Gorgias Press, 2005)

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Triennial Licences

Those who assist at the Holy Communion with the Chalice have to be licensed by the Bishop. The Bishop's permission is valid for three years. Those who have been given permission to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at St Martin's for the next three years are:

Liza Ambridge

Arden Anderson

Sam Boundy

Andrew Choo

John Clark

Paul Debois

Angela Doe

Bryony Franklin

John Holt

Gillian Hull

James Hyde

Jeanette Lovell

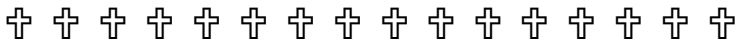
Karen Staartjes

Jackie Nicholls (who is a Commissioned Lay Minister and has permission to lead worship and take a service of extended Communion)

Yuki Johnson (who is a Commissioned Lay Minister to the Japanese Anglicans and has permission to lead worship in Japanese)

This is addition to the Clergy and Readers.

They will be receiving their certificates at the Parish Communion in the next few weeks.



Request from Acton Homeless Concern



1 Berrymead Gardens, London W3 8AA

020 8992 5768

Email: actonhomelessconcern@yahoo.com

Dear Congregation,

I am writing this annual appeal once again for sleeping bags during the winter months ahead, last year we had a fantastic response to the appeal and gave out over 320 sleeping bags to rough sleepers because of your wonderful generosity and kindness, this year I fear the situation will only be worsened by the emigration of so many poor unfortunate people having to flee their countries of birth. I would be so grateful if you would help and support once again to help make it a little more comfortable while they homeless and suffering.

Yours in faith

Ian Breen

Centres Manager Acton Homeless Concern

Coming next month

Sunday 1st November at 3pm

Japanese Concert (details opposite)



Monday 2nd November at 8pm

All Souls Day Requiem with reading of the Year's Mind



Thursday 5th November at 6pm

Parish Bonfire and Firework Party

Come and help burn another hole in the Vicarage lawn!



Sunday 8th November

10 am Parish Communion

Followed by the Annual Act of Remembrance



Wednesday 11th November at 11.30am

Fund raising Coffee Morning for Church Funds



Thursday 19th November at 8pm

'Christians in the Middle East' (See page 7)



Sunday 22nd November at 6.30pm

Recital 'Music for St Cecilia's Day'



Sunday 29th November

10am Christingle Service

Followed at midday by our Christmas Bazaar

Classical Concert

in aid of 2016 Japan Earthquake & Tsunami Memorial Service

Sunday 1st November 2015, 3 pm
St Martin's Church, West Acton
Hale Gardens, London W3 9SQ
Contact: jac.selondon@gmail.com

Manna Ito - Soprano



Yoshiko Endo - Piano



Traditional Hymns
Hymns by Herbert Whone (World premier)
Songs by Dan Barta
Anthems and arias by G. F. Handel



Thursday events this month

Thursday 22nd October

8pm in the Parish Room

St Martin's Foundation lecture: Paul of Tarsus

See page 7 for details

Thursday 29th October

7pm in the Church Hall

Quiz Night

See page 6 for details

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Rule Britannia!



On Saturday evening 12th September members of the congregation and friends enjoyed a supper cooked by Camilla Reid and a televised 'Last Night of the Proms' - a good time and a sing along was enjoyed by everyone there.



The gift

After the Sunday service the minister stood by the door to greet the congregation as they left the church. Soon one of the younger children filed by. "Good morning, Jonathan," the minister said, as the little boy reached out and handed him something. "What's this?"

"Money," said the boy, with a big smile. "It's for you!" When the minister protested in surprise, the little boy continued: "But I want you to have it. My daddy says you're the poorest preacher we ever had, and I want to help you."

Memories of Summer in the City



Summer in the City was celebrated in style and raised some funds for St Martin's on Sunday 23rd August at Ken Bartram's flat and with Camilla Reid's cooking.



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The Visit from Gideons International



Sunday 13th September saw us with a guest speaker David Robbins from the Gideons Society at the 10am service.

The Gideons are a dedicated international charity for the distribution of bibles in hotels, hospitals and schools. Pictured with the Vicar and David Robbins (centre) is John Clark of our congregation. John is a longstanding member of the Gideons and arranged our guest speaker for St Martin's.



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Catching up on what's new.....



For tea and coffee after the service, St Martin's has a smart new urn. This is thanks to Liza Ambridge who has given us this one to replace the very ancient previous one.

It is so shiny that you can see the reflection of the Vicar whilst taking the photograph!

Our Flower Guild continues to provide us with lovely flowers every week.

Here is a photograph of Tara Bramwell getting flowers ready for Sunday.

If you want to volunteer and join the team on a rota, please see the Vicar.



Questors Choir
invites you to -

THE SINGERS' GUIDE

A workshop on basic choral
singing and techniques

A morning for people who
want to try out their voices or
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their knowledge.

The workshop is led by Philip
Norman, musical director of
Questors Choir. Philip is also
the artistic director of The
London Sangerstevne, Small
Choirs International and many
other choral projects. See
www.pnms.co.uk

The Singers' Guide is open to
everyone over 16. It costs

- £15 on the door
- £10 advance (if you book
by 29th September) and
concessions
- Free to those aged 16-25.

Saturday
3rd October
2015
10am - 1.30pm
St Martin's
Church
Hale Gardens
Acton W3 9SQ

To book or find out more go to
www.questorschoir.org.uk

Email info@questorschoir.org.uk
Phone 020 8816 7734 or 07802 720 333

Edward the Confessor Helping to found Westminster Abbey

If you approve of giving money to help cathedrals survive, then Edward the Confessor (1003–66) is the saint for you. This early King of England was the virtual founder of Westminster Abbey. And never mind entrance charges – at one point in his life, Edward was giving a full tenth of his income to Westminster Abbey.

Edward was the son of King Ethelred the Unready and his second, Norman wife, Emma. After various ups and downs which included a brief exile in Normandy, Edward was made king of England in 1042.

As King, Edward had a tricky time of it – trying to keep the peace for over 20 years while various Danish and Norman magnates struggled for power (which eventually led to the Norman Conquest). Scholars have argued over how much of a success he was as a king.

As a Christian, there is no doubt: Edward's holiness was evident to all. He made himself accessible to his people. He was generous to the poor, and chaste. He was also reputed to have seen visions and even achieved miraculous cures for people through prayer.

Edward did much to help the Church in many ways. His lasting contribution was the original Westminster Abbey – a huge Romanesque church, 300 feet long, with a nave of 12 bays. Westminster Abbey became the place of coronation and burial of kings and queens of England. It was finished and consecrated just before his death. Edward was buried there, and his relics are undisturbed to this day.

During the Middle Ages, Edward was a very popular saint: along with Edmund of East Anglia he was widely considered to be England's patron saint for a time.

October 13th is the day set to remember him.



Remember to change your clocks!

**Summer Time ends 2am, Sunday 25th October.
Clocks will need to be put back one hour.**

Psalms on the go – CofE launches new mobile app

The latest publication from the Church of England brings an ancient tradition of following the Psalms to mobile devices and e-readers. *Reflections on the Psalms* is a standalone book, ebook and mobile app written for anyone wishing to follow the ancient practise of the Psalter, reading the Psalms of the Bible each morning and evening.

The mobile app is available to buy on the iOS App Store, with an Android version coming soon. Users are asked to tweet their favourite #mysalm @chpublishingUK.

The new publication provides short meditations on each of the Psalms written by Bishops, well-known writers, experienced ministers, biblical scholars and theologians. The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, a contributor, said: "Reading and listening to the Psalms is a great way to start a conversation with God. I love reading and reflecting on them daily."

The book (physical or electronic) is available at:
www.chpublishing.co.uk

The iOS app is available to purchase at bit.ly/PsalmsApp



Plastic carrier bags

How many plastic carrier bags do you have stashed away? The average is 40 for each household in the UK. But the amount of new bags that we use each month is likely to drop drastically from this month onwards. Last year in England shoppers used 11.7 free bags each month. In Wales, where a 5p charge for each bag was introduced, just two were used each month. This month throughout England a 5p charge will be introduced.



100 years ago this month

Edith Cavell was a British Nurse and living in Belgium. When War was declared and chose to remain working as a Nurse. She saved the lives of injured soldiers regardless of which side they were on. Edith Cavell was executed on 12th October 1915 for helping British soldiers escape from German-occupied Belgium. There is a statue in her memory opposite the National Portrait Gallery, near St Martin's-in-the Fields.

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Usual Sunday Services

8am: Holy Communion

10am: Parish Communion

6.30pm: Evensong

Our Junior Church meets in the Church Hall at 10am
except when there is a Family Service.

The next non-Eucharistic Family Service
will be our Harvest Festival on 4th October.

Our Youth Group meets every Tuesday at 7pm
in the Parish Room (rear of Church Hall)

Japanese Anglican Church UK

meets every third Sunday of the month:
(except July, August and December)

3pm Bible Study and Evening Worship in Japanese

Every **Wednesday** at 25 Birch Grove, W3

11am: Informal Eucharist

Followed by the Coffee Club

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