

ST. MARTIN'S MONTHLY

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Grapes growing at the back of the Church

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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 16th November.

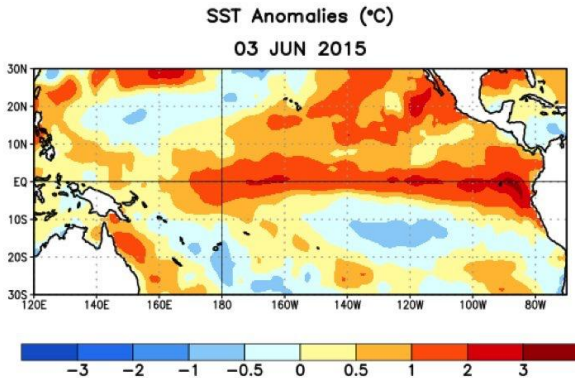
The December magazine will be on sale by 29th November

Cover photo: Revd Nicholas Henderson.

The Pyracantha was given, as cuttings, to the church by Adrian Anthonisz in 2009.

Cause and Effect

There's apparently an enormous El Niño brewing in the Pacific Ocean. El Niño (the Christ child) so called because it is a periodic vast warming of the Pacific Ocean that peaks near to Christmas time. It has a counter part in La Niña (the little girl) which is a cooling effect.



Both have profound effects on the world climate and the El Niño in particular seems to be increasing in scale, intensity and frequency.

Such events seem far off but they can affect us and cause and effect are something

which most of us are familiar with even in day-to-day living.

Jesus also observes this, as in Matthew 7 v12 and Luke 6 v 31. He gives us what has become known as the 'Golden Rule' - "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".

It's pretty good advice and if we all took it all the time of course the world would be a better place. Nevertheless, as the Christian pilgrimage through life shows we are still some way from the elusive Kingdom of God that Jesus also spoke of and encouraged us to strive towards.

However, there are some hopeful signs especially here at St Martin's. We are greatly blessed in that, now that Brandy and Rob Pearson have joined us for the first time for a long period, we have a full staff compliment. They will work closely with the whole ministerial team both lay and clerical and hopefully we will be able to build on the goodwill and sense of community that we enjoy at St Martin's.

Cause and effect can also be broadly understood. This is in the sense

that although we here at St Martin's now have more staff the real work of evangelism lies with the whole congregation – the people of God, each and every one of us. Lay people, to coin a phrase can 'reach the parts that the clergy cannot!' Who can tell what this might do?

I started with El Niño and goodness knows what will happen as a result of the latest one – but it has been pointed out to me that there are also lots of holly berries this year on our trees in the churchyard – does this presage a cold winter? Notwithstanding anything else, I think that at least I can say with confidence it means that Christmas isn't far away!

Nicholas



**Thursday 5th November
6pm**



Parish Bonfire and Firework Party

Come and help burn another hole
in the Vicarage lawn!



St Martin's Church Flower Rota: November 2015

30/10/15 – 11/11/15

Betty Anderson 020 8992 3412

13/11/15 – 25/11/15

Jill Hull 020 8755 1931

27/11/15 - 9/12/15

Lisa Ambridge 020 8992 3029



Monday 2nd November at 8pm

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

Sunday 8th November

Annual Act of Remembrance during the Parish Communion

Wednesday 11th November

11.30am: Open House Coffee Morning



Thursday 19th November

8pm in the Parish Room

Christians under pressure.

Do we have selective amnesia about our fellow
Christians in the Middle East?

The Rev'd Canon Dr. William 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)



Sunday 29th November

10am Christingle Family Service

Followed by the

Annual Bazaar

12noon to 3pm

6.30pm: Advent carols by candlelight



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Last month.....



Left to right: Fiona Stuart, Amy Oage and Emma Stehlin demonstrate signing for the deaf language signing of the children's hymn and seated Claire Pain our guest Christian Aid speaker.



Pictured with the vicar: Laura Hitchings seen here holding her son Ralphy with his godparents Lisa, Terence, Arlene and Matthew. Ralphy was christened in St Martin's on the afternoon of Sunday 11th October.

The Refurbishment of the Flat



The new kitchen and bathroom in St Martin's Cottage pictured almost finished.

Thanks to everyone for their support and help both financial and practical.



Liza Ambridge, Tara Bramwell, Simon Merrick, Matthew Mognadamnia, John Trussler and Michael Franks all laboured organising, moving things, and painting for which many, many thanks.



The final touches.
Simon Merrick ably assisted by his daughters Emily and Annabel paints the windows of St Martin's Cottage.

Brandy and Rob moved in at the beginning of October in preparation for their licensing which took place at the Annual Confirmation Service on Sunday 18th October.



The Great War – 100 years on

Continuing to tell the story behind the names on our War Memorial.

On 4th August 1883 Owen Hubert Charles Anning married Fanny May Challice in St Simon's Church, Rockley Road, Shepherds Bush. They set up home at 12 Dunsany Rd, Hammersmith. Their first child was Sydney Charles in 1885, followed by Ethel May in 1887. Hubert Percy was their last child born on 7th October 1889.

Hubert attended Latymer Upper School in Hammersmith. By 1911 the census shows the family had moved to 23 Hale Gardens, Acton. Hubert Percy was an horticultural student. The census was recorded in April 1911. His mother, Fanny, died in June. The July 1911 issue of the parish magazine expresses sadness at their bereavement.



In 1912 Hubert was working near Canterbury as a fruit farmer. During 1912 he joined the East Kent Mounted Rifles. Records show that during his first camp, Private Anning (no. 1492) won six prizes, including the Troop Challenge Shield for shooting and the Lloyd Lindsey Prize. At the outbreak of War in August 1914 he volunteered for 'foreign service'.

Hubert was promoted to Sergeant shortly afterwards. In September 1915 his regiment was sent out to the Dardanelles as part of the reinforcements needed there. He was attached to Corps of Hussars (East Kent Yeomanry), then to the Household Cavalry.

The Gallipoli campaign in 1915 was not going well. The Allied forces had been increased but the Ottoman forces had also reinforced and by the summer of 1915 more men were needed. The Allies held a bridgehead but couldn't advance as the Ottoman forces occupied the hills surrounding Suvla Bay. The Sulva front had by now been reduced to trench warfare. The reinforcements made no real difference.

Sergeant Hubert Anning had been in the trenches for six weeks when he was taken ill. He was taken by hospital ship to Malta. Hospital records show Hubert was admitted to St George's Hospital with jaundice from which he died on 28th November 1915. Sergeant **Hubert Percy Anning** was aged 26. He is buried in the Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta (Grave: D.X.5).

100 years after his sacrifice:
We remember him.

Sunday 22nd November

6.30pm Recital: 'Music for St Cecilia's Day'

In celebration of St Cecilia's Day



Gina Kruger
Vocalist



Brian Davis
Harpist

Proceeds to St Martin's Church



On-Message Group

The On-Message Group will be re-starting on Sunday 13th December. The Group will be led by Revd Rob Pearson and will meet after the 10am service during coffee.

Do you have any questions you want to ask? Perhaps you have ever wondered whether Adam and Eve were real people.

There is a box at the back of the church for your questions. You can submit your questions anonymously if you would like to.

You can then join the group which may discuss the questions posed. Rob Pearson will lead the discussion.

Harvest 2015



The Harvest Lunch on Sunday 4th October was great success. Extra chairs had to be imported from the hall.

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Pictured amongst the harvest gifts is Fred Karlson.

Fred was the guest organist who performed an organ recital for St Martin's Music Society 'Come ye thankful people come' on Sunday evening 4th October.



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Some of our drains had blocked up – the vicar took up the task with enthusiasm.



Classical Concert

in aid of 2016 Japan Earthquake & Tsunami Memorial Service

Sunday 1st November 2015, 3 pm
St Martin's Church
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

Catching up on what has been happening



Nicholas preached away at Barking Abbey on Sunday 20th September.

Here he is in action in the pulpit with Bishop Trevor Mwamba below. Bishop Trevor is a former Bishop of Botswana, and now Rector of Barking Abbey and Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Chelmsford.



PCC members recently spent a Saturday at St Peter's Bourne Retreat Centre in North London discussing and planning for the future. They are pictured after having had some tea!



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Thank you for the Harvest Gifts

Dear all

Thank you very much for all the Harvest Gifts. The food etc has all been delivered to the Women's Refuge.

There has been a magnificent response to the request for items for the Welcome Packs. They are really much appreciated by the new residents in the refuge. We have now delivered 24 laundry baskets containing towels and toiletries etc and I have most of the basics for several more packs which I will deliver before Christmas.(I did take 4 more this week).

As you can see, they are always full at the refuge and have already welcomed 20 new women and their children since the beginning of this year.

The staff and residents do really appreciate our support. As you all know, times are hard in the social sector and there have been various cutbacks, so that the extras which we give them really make a difference.

Best wishes

Margaret



Our Lending Library

Hello,

This is just a quick word to tell you about our expanded Lending Library.

You may have noticed several new books in the library area; these have been kindly donated by Eileen Atkinson, of All Saints Church, Ealing. There is a very wide range of topics available.

I hope you will find something to suit your reading tastes; please stop and browse when passing and if you find a good read, do pass on the news!

Thank you

Gill Hull



PostCapitalism

Envisaging a Shared Future

Keynote speech from **Paul Mason**,
Economics Editor for Channel 4 News.



Chaired by:
Elizabeth Oldfield
Director of Theos

With responses from:



Ann Pettifor
Director of Policy Research in
Macroeconomics (PRIME)



Phillip Blond
Director of ResPublica

Tuesday 3rd November 2015
6.30pm – 8.00pm

Entry is free and all are welcome

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paulmason.eventbrite.com



New exhibition looks at 1,200 years of Christianity, Islam and Judaism at the British Museum

The British Library is to lend one of its greatest treasures, the world's oldest bible, to the British Museum for an exhibition exploring 1,200 years of Christian, Islamic and Jewish faith in Egypt after the pharaohs.

The Codex Sinaiticus is considered to be one of the most important books in the world. It dates back to the 4th century AD. Handwritten in Greek, not long after the reign of the Emperor Constantine the Great, it contains the earliest complete manuscript of the New Testament.

The codex was bought in 1933 by Britain from the Soviet government of Joseph Stalin, desperate to raise cash for the second five-year plan. Remarkably, more than half the £100,000 cost was raised by public subscription.

Experts now believe the codex was the work of four scribes, known as A, B1, B2 and D (the existence of a C has now been disproved by modern scholars). The codex was the prototype for every subsequent Christian Bible.

In the British Museum exhibition, the codex will be displayed alongside two other founding texts of the Hebrew and Muslim faiths: the First Gaster Bible, also being loaned by the British Library, and a copy of the Qur'an from the Bodleian Library in Oxford.

They will be part of what is the first major exhibition to explore, in its 1,200-year entirety, the transition of Egypt from a pharaoh-worshipping society to a majority Christian and then majority Muslim society, with Jewish communities periodically thriving throughout. The exhibition will argue that the transitions, from a society worshipping many gods to a society devoted to one God, shaped the modern world we know today.

• *Egypt After The Pharaohs is at the British Museum 29th October-7th February, supported by the Blavatnik Family Foundation.*

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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 Christingle Service on 29th November.

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

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11am: Informal Eucharist

Followed by the Coffee Club at 11.30am

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