

ST. MARTIN'S MONTHLY

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Please ring the Parish Office.

Articles for the next month's magazine should be sent to
The Parish Office (email: stmartins@stmartinswestacton.com)
Please title the email "magazine item"

They should reach the Editor by 16th July.

The August magazine will be on sale by 30th July.

Things to do in July



Should you be at a loose end this July, here in London you might:

- Visit Buckingham Palace during its summer opening to the public.
 - Enjoy the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships.
- Go to the RHS Hampton Court Flower Show.
 - Enjoy numerous musical offerings and attend festivals from the Southbank to Docklands.

Alternatively you might come to church, as the regular signs on our noticeboards read: 'We're here every Sunday'. Indeed we are every Sunday as despite changes in time and tide as society mutates into one thing and then another a celebration of the day on which Jesus rose from the dead – the Lord's Day – is the principle day of worship for almost all Christian denominations. It is so because the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the most important theological event that his followers adhere to. It is at the heart of the Faith.

You might at this point wonder why I did not write this article as an Easter one. Well I did in a way and always do but the point is that even in July on the cusp of the great holiday month of August (which incidentally never seems to me to have real summer weather) Christ is risen! And each and every day this is true. This is Gospel or as the old English word on which it is based the old English *god spel* i.e. good news.

So whatever we might do this July as holidays approach and summer really gets going, we have a priory not to forget Jesus. Our faith is for any time of year, any day.

Nicholas

Sea Sunday

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We're raising funds for the 'Mission to Seafarers' on Sunday 9th July as part of our outward giving. Envelopes will be available a couple of weeks before – please try and support this important cause.



The plagues of Egypt

God says to Moses, "Moses, I have good news and bad news for you." Moses asks, "What's the good news?"

God replies, "Moses, I shall visit plagues upon the Egyptians. Their rivers will run red with blood, frogs will infest their houses, lice will infest their bodies. I shall cause flies to swarm upon them. Their cattle shall die; boils will infect both man and beast. I shall cause hail to destroy their crops; and locusts shall devour anything green that is left in their land. Darkness will cover their land for three days and nights. I shall then lead you through the wilderness, until the children of Israel reach the Land flowing with milk and honey."

Moses replied, "That's great, Lord! What is the bad news?"

"You, Moses, will need to fill in a Risk Assessment Form."

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The Great Community Mural Competition 2017



Show us how creative your church is!

Our 2017 Church Competition is all about celebrating the community work of the UK's churches. We're inviting all of our church insurance customers to submit a piece of original artwork on A3 paper that celebrates the role their church plays in its local community. Entries can be created by anyone with a connection to the church, young or old, and we welcome collaborations! Submissions can be via any medium - be that collage, crayons, chalk, felt-tip, embroidery or something else!

The winning church will receive a prize of £10,000; with 4 runners-up receiving £2,500 each. The Great Community Mural will be unveiled at a prestigious London venue before touring to a select number of cathedrals around the UK.

How to enter

All customers have been sent an entry form in the latest issue of our Church Matters newsletter. You can also find the full terms and conditions, an entry form plus a short video about the competition on our website.

Remember, the closing date for entries is 21st August 2017.

If anyone is interested please contact the Parish Office.

St Martin's Foundation 2017

An educational programme for contemporary Christians

Lectures and talks at 8pm on Thursdays

in the Parish Room (Rear of Church Hall) Hale Gardens, London W3 9SQ



8pm Thursday 19th October

Clive Davis St Martin's Magazine Editor and historian

'Their name liveth for evermore' is inscribed on St Martin's War Memorial - The 36 names may live forever but they were parishioners. Clive explores the men behind the names who they were and how they died.



8pm Thursday 16th November - Elizabeth Shipton

Female Tommies: Women in uniform in WWI

2017 marks the centenary of the first women in the British Military. How did women prove their value in the field and win the acceptance of the War Office during WWI?

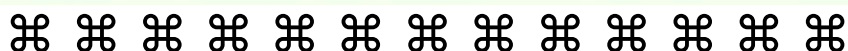
A military historian and a researcher for BBC television and radio, Elisabeth Shipton is the author of *Female Tommies: The Frontline Women of the First World War*.



8pm Thursday 14th December

'Last Christmas I gave you my heart'

The Vicar muses on the season



New Lambeth library

Lambeth Palace is to build a nine-story tower in order to house the biggest collection of religious works outside the Vatican. The new library will stand at the far perimeter of the grounds.

The first library at Lambeth Palace was founded in 1610. The construction of the new one will begin next year, and hope to finish in 2020. It will be the first new construction on the site for 180 years.

St Martin's Foundation Lectures



The lectures in the 'St Martin's Foundation' series has been varied and informative. Last month our local Member of Parliament came and spoke. Dr Rupa Huq, pictured above, spoke on the subject of 'Religion and Politics'. The programme resumes after the summer break with a focus on the Great War. Details can be found on page 7.



Lost in translation

In the lobby of a Moscow hotel across from a Russian Orthodox monastery:

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International Lunch



The Rogation International Food lunch held on Rogation Sunday 21st May in the church raised £470.00 for the 32.5K Fund. Many thanks to Liza Ambridge for organising the event and all those who helped.



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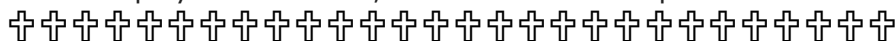
Pentecost window



Pentecost window decorations by Liz Barnes

Jane Austen, a brilliant, quintessentially English novelist much loved for her irony, social realism and criticism of the upper classes, died 200 years ago this month, on 18th July 1817. She was almost unknown in her lifetime, having published books like *Pride and Prejudice*, *Sense and Sensibility* and *Mansfield Park* anonymously.

Her faith may not call attention to itself in her novels, but it is everywhere in her work. One critic wrote: "The stories are subversive and work like Jesus' parables. The humour and the ironic insight into human sin get under your skin." An image of Jane Austen will appear on the new polymer £10 note, to be released in September.



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Celebrating 10 years



The Japanese Anglican Church (UK) which meets every month in St Martin's celebrated its 10th anniversary under the leadership of Yuki Johnson. Pictured here after the service and before tea.



End of Term All-Age Family Eucharist

and Parade Service

at 10am on Sunday 9th July.

A message from the Acting Bishop of London about the Grenfell Tower fire.



Grenfell Tower Fire



The Grenfell Tower tragedy has moved us all deeply. I know that you will be praying – and have your churches open for prayer if that seems pastorally sensible – for the people of Grenfell Tower and all those who live in the vicinity of Latimer Road and the parish of St Clement & St James Notting Dale. We will particularly want to focus on those who have died, those who are bereaved, those whose loved ones are still missing, those seriously injured and in hospital. And for people who have lost their homes and everything they owned in the inferno.

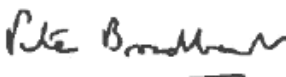
I'm grateful to the local clergy and to Bishop Graham for their tireless work in caring and being alongside people all through yesterday – and to all those clergy who responded to the call-out and came to give priestly counsel and care. Thank you.

Brothers and sisters from other churches have also been involved, together with people of other faiths. I am also hugely grateful to all those staff and members of school communities who have been supporting children in our schools in the area, many of whom have been gravely affected.

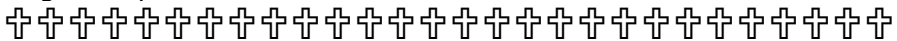
In the aftermath of this event, there will be the need for further pastoral support for both the locals affected by this tragedy and for responders. We will obviously make you aware if and when such further support is requested.

This is another moment where we have nothing but admiration and deep gratitude for the work of our emergency services – particularly the Fire Service, as well as our NHS hospitals, called once again into emergency action. And where we can marvel at the signs of the Kingdom of God expressed in the neighbourliness and care that has been evident in the lives of people of all faiths and none in the local community and beyond. The gifts of clothing, food and hospitality have come from far and wide. Guidance on the Council website suggests that they are now inundated with items, so it may not be productive to carry on sending things. There is, however, a financial appeal. For details, see the [council’s website](#).

Of course, there is still much to be done. A community has been shattered. We, the Church, have a calling to offer hope – practical and material – but also the hope that is found in Jesus Christ.


Acting Bishop of London

The Rt Revd Pete Broadbent
Acting Bishop of London



Why it is good to talk to yourself

When we see people talking out loud to themselves, we can tend to avoid them as slightly odd. But, in reality, they may be very smart indeed. According to a recent study at Bangor University, those of us who speak to ourselves while focusing on a task do better than those of us who stay silent. It seems that when we read instructions out loud, our brains absorb information more quickly. As one psychologist at Bangor explained: ‘Our ability to generate explicit self-instructions is actually one of the best tools we have for cognitive control.’ Things simply work better when said aloud. Talking to ourselves helps us to better organise our thoughts, plan our actions, consolidate our memories, and control our emotions.

CANDES-SAINT-MARTIN (Indre-et-Loire 37)

La collégiale XIIe et XIII s. édifiée sur les lieux où mourut Saint-Martin en 397.

XII and XIII centuries, built on the site where St. Martin died in 397.

Stiftskirche aus dem XII. und XIII. Jh erbaut an der Stelle, an der Saint Martin im Jahre 397 starb.



Dear All:

I am on a walking holiday in the Loire Valley and we come upon this lovely church built over the place where our St. Martin died. I said a prayer for you all here and in the basilica in Tours where he is buried.

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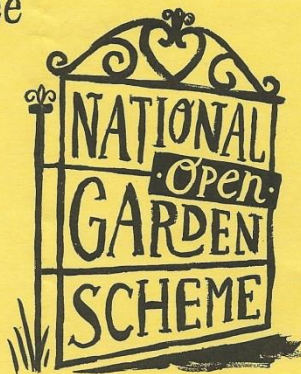
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The Great War – 100 years on

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

Hugh John Upham (b.1882) was the third child of Robert and Ellen. His elder sisters were Nellie (b.1880) and Hilda (b.1881). His first home was 173 Prince of Wales Road, St Pancras. Hugh's father was a Wood Carver by trade and by April 1891 the family had moved nearby to 189 Stanhope Street.

The family must have been prospering as by 1901 they had moved to 11 King Henry's Road, Hampstead. Hugh, however, had still kept in touch with a young lady from Stanhope Street and on 25th November 1905 Hugh married his sweetheart, Margaret King (b.1880), in Christ Church, St Pancras.

Hugh and Margaret started their married life living in a flat at 205 Wightman Road, North Hornsey. The Electoral Roll of 1912 describes the flat as being:

"3 rooms, front and back, first floor, unfurnished".

Hugh was a Commercial Traveller selling "Wholesale Ironmongery".

By the autumn of 1915 Hugh and Margaret had moved into their own home at 42 Waldegrave Road, Hangar Lane.

Hugh was called up for service on 12th December 1915 and was mobilized on 23rd May 1916. He embarked from Southampton on 28th September, arriving at Le Havre the next day.

Hugh was attached to the Royal Garrison Artillery, as a Gunner, on 16th October 1916. Army records show he was admitted to the General Hospital at Etaples on 28th February 1917.

He was diagnosed as having Bronchitis. A month later, on 22nd March, he was discharged from hospital and returned to the 76th Siege Battery on 29th March 1917.

The 76th Siege Battery seems to have been located west of Ypres with their Headquarters at Vlamertinge in Belgium. Army records have nothing more about Hugh until 10th July. There is no significant action recorded in that area until late July. We know that the Siege Battery was just within the German Artillery range.

The Army records pick up Hugh Upham on 10th July when they simply state: "*died of wounds 10.7.17 – 47 Fld Amb France*".

Gunner Hugh John Upham died on 10th July 1917 and was buried nearby in the Hop Store Cemetery, Belgium (Plot I. Row C. Grave 45.)

The Imperial War Graves Commission had engraved on each headstone the Regimental badge, the soldier's number and rank followed by his initials and surname. Below the name there would be his date of death, his age and a religious symbol (Cross, Star of David, etc).

At the bottom of the headstone the War Graves Commission allowed the next kin to have engraved no more than 66 letters (charged at 3½d per letter). Hugh's wife had the following inscription engraved:

LOVED AND LOST FOR A WHILE
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Probate records show that Hugh left his wife £464 10s 7d (worth around £32,500 in 2016).

His wife was awarded a War Pension, in 1919, of 13s 9d (65p) a week (worth around £48 in 2016). She was sent his War Medal and Victory medal in 1922.

In 1919 records show that his parents were living at 33 Whitehall Gardens. Of his sisters, the 1919 records also show that Nellie, a spinster, was living at 2 The Common, Ealing; and Hilda (now Mrs Shattock) lived at 77 Lynton Road, Acton. Hugh's father died in 1929, his mother in 1935. The trail of Nellie stops in 1919. Hilda died in 1967.

Hugh's wife, Margaret, never remarried. She continued to live at 42 Waldegrave Road until her death on 30th March 1956.

100 years after his sacrifice:
We remember him.

St Martin's, West Acton, London



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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 'On-Message' Group meets every second Sunday of the month.
Over coffee the group discusses various issues for Christians.

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)

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