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Articles for the next month's magazine should be sent to
The Parish Office (email: stmartins@stmartinswestacton.com)
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They should reach the Editor by 17th September.
The August magazine will be on sale by 1st October.

End of the Holidays – Permanently?

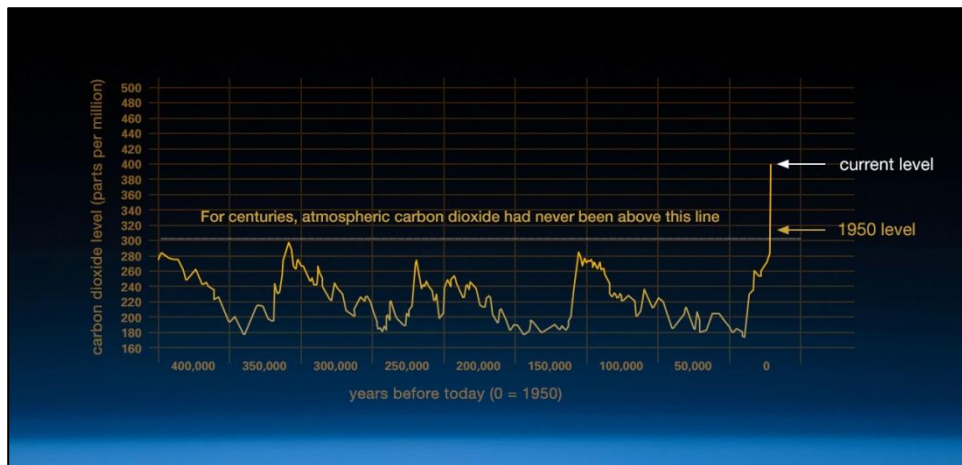


Carbon dioxide (CO_2) is an important heat-trapping (greenhouse) gas, which is released through human activities such as deforestation and burning fossil fuels, as well as natural processes such as respiration and volcanic

eruptions. Atmospheric CO_2 levels are measured at Mauna Loa Observatory, Hawaii. It is currently at 406 parts per million as compared to the before the Industrial Revolution in the 19th century, when global average CO_2 was about 280 ppm. During the last 800,000 years, CO_2 has fluctuated between about 180 ppm during ice ages and 280 ppm during interglacial warm periods. In short the amount of the gas is at record levels and rising fast and with these rising levels a concomitant warming of the world.

Efforts are finally being made to address the problem lest the global world temperature rise more than what is considered a dangerous amount and the recent Paris agreement on climate change builds upon the Convention and – for the first time – brings all nations into a common cause to undertake ambitious efforts to combat climate change and adapt to its effects, with enhanced support to assist developing countries to do so. As such, it charts a new course in the global climate effort. Unfortunately the new President of the United States has unilaterally withdrawn that country from the accord.

Of course not everyone agrees that global warming is happening or if it is it is not associated with human activity – that's what being in a democracy is all about.



Having offered this as a preamble my own sympathies are obvious but is this issue important for Christians or Christianity? It will not surprise you to learn that I wish to answer in the affirmative.

It's difficult to find exact scriptural reference to back this up but there are some pointers. For example we might as in Matthew 6 and Luke 12 'consider the lilies of the field' where Jesus is actually reminding us to get our priorities right. Alternatively, from the creation account in Genesis 1, humankind is given rule over all other animals. Here this might be best interpreted as a need for responsible stewardship rather than despoliation.

Do we live our lives as consumers responsibly? Of course not, Western people consume far more of the world's resources and generate far more per head by way of pollution than those in the third world. That doesn't obviate what should become an increasingly significant part of our lives. From recycling to wise use of energy we really should think through what we are doing, even if it costs more. Many doing this might make a difference and we'll be able to monitor what's happening in CO₂ parts per million!

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Christenings in St Martin's

The Christening of Alfie Stote took place at St Martin's on Sunday 13th August. Pictured left to right; Mark Burton, Jordan Barry and Sonja Clarke – godparents; Richard and Kate Stote; the Vicar; and Charlotte Hamilton – godparent.



Mission to Seafarers

On Sunday 9th July, we held a fundraiser known as "Seafarers' Sunday". We are pleased to announce that the total sum raised was **£390.60** together with Gift Aid envelopes.



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Christian Aid Week

This year, St Martin's Church raised £685.25 for May's Christian Aid Week. We then received this thank-you letter to mark our donation.



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Rev Dr Nicholas Henderson
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25 July 2017

Dear Rev Dr Henderson,

RE: YOUR CHURCH DONATION FROM CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2017

I am writing to thank you for wonderful gift which we have received because of your support during Christian Aid Week.

Through Big Brekkie events, church, street, station and house to house collections, and numerous other activities, you are part of a movement that demands a fairer world. Indeed, around 20,000 churches took part in Christian Aid Week this year. The very significant contribution of £685.25 from St Martin's, West Acton, is hugely appreciated – thank you. We very much appreciate your work in securing these funds and this is a terrific encouragement to us as well as a great contribution to Christian Aid's vision and mission.

The focus of our thoughts and prayers this Christian Aid Week has been on our work with refugees around the world. Nejebar and her family from Afghanistan, along with Theodor who has been a supporter since he was helped by Christian Aid in the aftermath of the Second World War, have provided us with inspirational messages of hope and love. Thousands of refugees across the globe struggle to make sense of the turmoil they face. Through the time and energy you have given this Christian Aid Week, you're standing with people like them – thank you so much.

You may be interested to know that I attended the Sunday School at St Martin's and still have the book prizes given to me dating back to 1968, not to mention photos of the Christmas Play! I would be very happy to meet with you or the Church Rep, Margaret Jones, if you would like an update on our work or if I can help in any other way.

With all best wishes and huge thanks again.

Every blessing

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jill Coombe".

Jill Coombe
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Upcoming Events

Friday September 8th - St Martin's Soiree and Panto £15.00 - £7.50 concessions - From 7pm An evening of jollity - supper - music - and laughter		
Sunday October 1st at 10am Harvest Festival 		Sunday 15th October at 10am Annual Confirmation Service 
All-Age Service Followed by Harvest Lunch at 12noon		Whatever your age, Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey at which you affirm for yourself the faith into which you have been baptised. This affirmation is confirmed through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop. CONTACT THE VICAR AT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT BEING CONFIRMED mailto:STMARTINS@STMARTINSWESTACTON.COM



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St Martin's 2017 Foundation Programme

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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 20th April 2017

John Gallagher, past mayor of Ealing, freeman, alderman and councillor, will give a talk on the coats-of-arms of the Church of England bishops and their religious, historic and heraldic associations.



8pm Thursday 18th May 2017 The Vicar lectures on:

'Whatever happened after Henry VIII?'

Three queens and two kings – Reformation and counter-reformation changes with us to this day.



8pm Thursday 15th June 2017

Local M.P. Dr. Rupa Huq

'Religion and British Politics'

Preparation for Confirmation for adults A short course of five sessions on Sundays 11.15am – 12.30pm

September – October 2017 (Confirmation Service – 10am Sunday 15th October 2017)

If you would like to be confirmed or would like to brush up your knowledge with our adult confirmation course please contact the Parish Office



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

Out With The Old (Kitchen)...

The work on the new church kitchen is proceeding under the oversight of Phil Barnes; pictured here with Rosemary Milne, who helped us get a £10,000 grant towards the cost.



John and Fanny were married in 1885. Their first son, William was born in 1888. By 1891 they had moved to Faraday Road, Acton. In 1892 their second son, Llewelyn was born – he was killed in action in 1915. By the time **Bernard Wallace Edwards** was born the family were living at 2 Apsley Terrace, Horn Lane when he was born on 25th July 1893. He was baptised in St Mary's Church on 28th October.

A younger sister, Mildred, was born in 1896 and a younger brother, Harold, was born in 1900. By 1911 the family were living at 22 Lynton Road, Acton. Their eldest son, William was in India – he was a police officer and married Mary Helm in Bombay, Feb 22nd 1915. Bernard was a "Boy Clerk" in the Civil Service – in the India Office.

Following Bernard's military career was challenging. He enlisted with the Royal Sussex Regiment for training in 1916. On 5th August records show that Cadet B W Edwards was transferred to the Rifle Brigade as 2nd Lieutenant. The London Gazette shows that on 18th November 1916 he became Lieutenant, and on 24th January 1917 Bernard was promoted to Captain. He was also "Mentioned in Despatches". I have been unable to find the documentation which would give the details. During the Great War the London Gazette was not allowed to report the place and date of the action when the citations were awarded. This was because of "security reasons". The documents with the details were kept by the War Office. Many of these documents were destroyed in the London Blitz of World War II. So I am unable to tell you what the "act of gallantry" was. I did find the War Diary which described the action in which Bernard was killed.

"Aug 14: Attack on Steenbeek. Intention – to cross the Steenbeek and occupy the ground East of the stream to a depth of approximately 200 yards.

By 3am the Battalion was formed up for attack . . . 250 yards west of and parallel to the Steenbeek. At 3am "B" company took up its position for attack. All this time the enemy sent over a large number of gas shells which fell near Battalion Headquarters as Stray Farm. At 4am the attack commenced. The enemy immediately opened up with fairly heavy machine gun fire. Considerable difficulty was experienced in crossing the Steenbeek as the bridges carried by our assaulting troops were found to be too short and the men had to ford the stream. Casualties from shell and machine gun fire were unfortunately very heavy especially of those of our right who were met by intense machine gun fire. Gallant efforts were made to force the strongly fortified blockhouse which had not been damaged by our shell fire. . . . All efforts to dislodge them [the Germans] were useless. Our left companies were slightly better off, although they suffered considerably from sniping and machine gun fire.

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By 6am consolidation was in progress. Unfortunately all the Company Commanders had become casualties and two companies had no officers at all. The remainder of the day and night was spent in consolidation, which was chiefly in improving shell holes. Enemy sniping was severe. Among Officers the following were killed: [the officers were listed, including] Capt B W Edwards."

Captain **Bernard Wallace Edwards** was killed in action on 14th August 1917. His body was never recovered from the battlefield. Bernard's name is recorded on the Ypres Memorial (Menin Gate), Bay 46 Stone E. By the time the Memorial was unveiled the family were living at 27 Creswick Road, Acton.

Harry and Clara Holmes were from Yorkshire. They were married in August 1893. By 1895 they were in Bristol when **Oswald Matthews Holmes** was born on 2nd April. They went back to Yorkshire to baptise him in June that same year. Oswald was to have two sisters, Constance (b.1898) and Marjorie (b.1905). The 1901 census shows the family were living at 19 Klondike Road, Streatham. Records show that Oswald was educated at Balham Modern School. By 1911 the family had moved to 21 Lynette Avenue, Clapham Common. Oswald was an "evening student" while working as a clerk with Charles Morgan Stationers during the day.

He joined the Inns of Court Officer Training Corps on 2nd Aug 1915 and Commissioned at 2nd Lieutenant on 1st November that year in the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Records show he trained at Ripon passing as a vet, then sent to Pontefract as a Transport Officer. Oswald was sent to France in June 1916 and took part in two battles during the Somme offensive. On 15th September that year he was admitted to No.34 Casualty Clearing Station after being wounded in a gas attack. He was transferred to No.6 Hospital Train the next day. He was awarded a "wound stripe". The wound stripe was a strip of "gold Russia braid" to be sewn on the left sleeve to indicate that the soldier had been gassed or suffered from shell shock.

Oswald was sent back to England on sick leave. While on leave he married Margery Holden in Leeds on 23rd June 1917. He re-joined his regiment in France on 27th June. August 1917 began with the regiment in training in Belgium. On August 22nd they were moved into position. The War Diary takes up the story:

"Aug 22 7am Sanctuary Wood. The 6th KOYLI remained in the woods and dug themselves in under very heavy fire.

11am Orders received to reinforce the front line.

2.15pm Relieved by 2 Cyps of RRRC.

Aug 23 2.30am Moved up to Inverness Copse. A runner was sent with urgent message. The runner was killed and apparently nothing happened until 11.30am. The rest of the day spent consolidating.

9pm Enemy put down heavy bombardment which lasted until 5am next day."

During the action Oswald was wounded and taken to No.17 Casualty Clearing Station where he died two days later, on 25th August 1917. The Hospital Chaplain wrote to his parents: *"Your son came in on the evening of 25 Aug and died at 11.20pm that night of wounds in the shoulder, body and hand. He had acute gas gangrene and nothing could be done for him. He suffered very little owing to weakness. He was too weak to speak or understand much."*

Capt Hettler wrote: *"My Commanding Officer has asked me to write to you and give what details I can about the death of your son, 2nd Lieut O M Holmes. It is a most painful duty to perform for by the loss of 2nd Lieut Holmes I miss a real good helper and officer, one who was most conscientious in the performance of his duties, most thorough in all he undertook, and a real friend to the men under his command. I knew his value as an officer; as an only son I can conceive the greatness of the loss you have sustained. On the morning of Wednesday 22 Aug we went into action, your son commanding one of the platoons of my company. He was quite all right until Thursday morning at 11 o'clock when he was hit by a fragment of shell on the left hip.*

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He was promptly attended to by the stretcher-bearers who dressed his wound, then carried him to a place of safety, ready to be despatched to hospital. I saw him in the afternoon and he seemed rather cheerful for one in his condition, and I really believed that he would pull through all right. However, news came through that he died in the evening of the 25th."

Oswald Matthews Holmes died on the 25th August 1917 and is buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Grave XVI. A18. By the time the cemetery had been laid out and the headstones put in place his wife of a few months had remarried. She was now Mrs Verinder and living in Lee. She requested the following additional inscription to be added: "AND HE WAS NOT FOR GOD TOOK HIM GEN. 5. 24". His parents were now living at 72 Chatsworth Gardens. His father died in 1949 and his mother in 1953.

100 years after their sacrifice:
We remember them.



The Ypres Memorial

A Brief Outline of Church Finances – Part 2: Outgoings

The Treasurer

Last month I wrote about where the Church is getting its income from. In this month's article, I shall focus on where this income goes in our spending.

As you can see from our 2016 annual accounts, the basic running costs of the parish such as clergy expenses and staff costs, heating, lighting, insurance, repairs, services etc and our contribution to the Common Fund together accounted for 84% of the Expenditures.

The Common Fund, if you are not familiar with it, is money given by every parish in London to provide, support, and further the work of clergy across the Diocese. Just like the congregation donates to the church, St Martin's gives to the Diocese through the Common Fund.

Through your generosity, the PCC has been able to offer more than the standard contribution. We are paying more than £79,000 for 2017 and this will likely to go up by at least 3% next year. St Martin's has consistently been one of the Top 5 contributors out of 36 parishes over the years. Obviously not all parishes can afford to pay the standard commitment and as almost 200 parishes are in areas classified as 'deprived', it is important that we continue to give generously and sacrificially so for the Church to continue to be present in poor and deprived areas of London. It shows that we care about the importance of God's mission for the future.

This commitment does present some financial challenges for the PCC. At 52% of total expenditure in 2016, it has always been our single biggest annual commitment. If we were only aiming to break even for the year, we will need to have at least the same amount of committed giving from the congregation but there is a shortfall. This "Commitment Gap" has been increasing gradually over the years.

There is not much cost cutting that can be done in my view so we need to look for solutions that will increase our income sustainably. I would be grateful if you could keep that in your prayers.

Did you Know?

The Slovenian word for "child" is also the Slovak word for "slave".

Until 2011, beer was considered as a soft drink in Russia

The Russian Federation has a larger surface area than Pluto

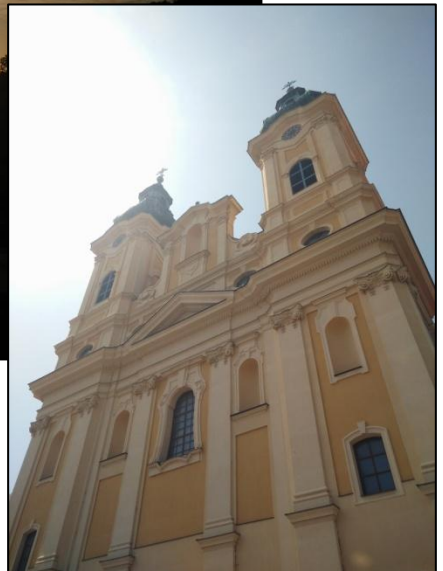
In 1866, Liechtenstein sent out its 80-man army to fight in the Austro-Prussian war. 81 men returned.

Doctors in British Columbia (Canada) are forbidden by law to talk about hockey during surgery.

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Summer in Photos

Photos taken last month



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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 an All-Age or Parade Service.

The next All-Age Services will be:

Sunday 1st October: Harvest Festival

Sunday 5th November: St Martin'side

Sunday 3rd December: Christingle

Japanese Anglican Church UK

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