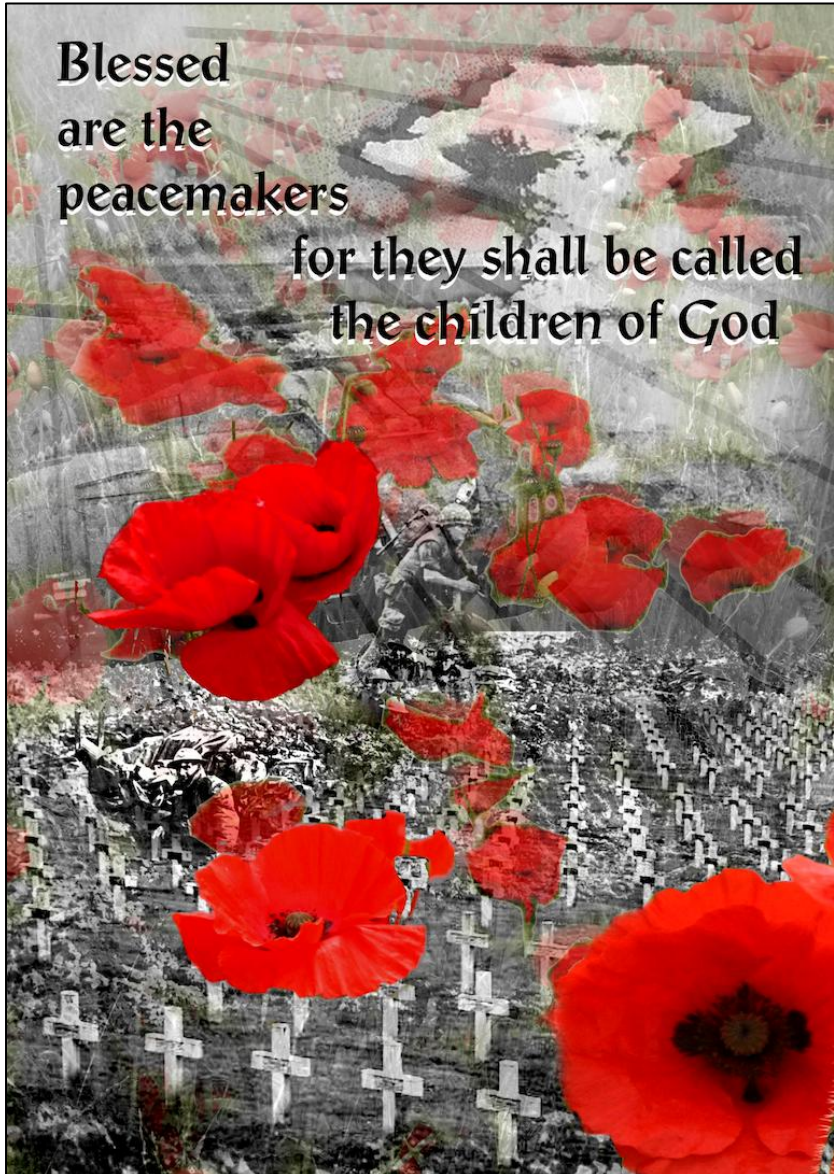


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November 2017

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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 15th October.

The November magazine will be on sale by 29th October.



November

November leaves me with mixed feelings. In some ways it's the dying part of the year with shorter days and colder weather, yet in others it's a time of reflection and preparation – not least for that near ubiquitous season of Christmas.

Included in the season are the great Christian festivals of All Saints (1st) and the companion All Souls (2nd). Then there is the excitement of Bonfire Night, this year held on Saturday 4th November, as we'd prefer not to be setting fireworks off on the Sunday. On Sunday 5th November we celebrate our Patronal Festival of St Martinstide.

Remembrance then follows with the Armistice at the end of the First World War marked at 11am on Saturday 11th November and our annual act of Remembrance at the war memorial at 11am on Sunday 12th.

These set the scene for what is nowadays marked in the Church calendar as the 'Kingdom Season'. With its roots in a pre Second World War commemoration of 'Christ the King' it was instituted by the Roman Catholic Church as a kind of antidote to the rising Fascism of the time. Protestant Churches, particularly in the United States, coupled this with a marking of Kingdomtide. The two aspects have come together and produced for the Church of England the period between All Saints' Day and the First Sunday of Advent to be observed as a time of celebration and reflection on the reign of Christ in earth and heaven and known as 'The Kingdom Season'.

During the season we use the liturgical colour of red and with its reflective readings from the Bible it has become a kind of Advent Season before Advent. I have likened it as 'The Kingdom Season is

the new Advent and Advent is the new Christmas'. In any case we need a time of quiet and reflection this month because we're certainly not going to get one in December! So by the time we get to the climax of the Kingdom Season on Sunday 26th November with the feast day of 'Christ the King' when we celebrate Jesus as King and Lord of all, the month of November may seem altogether more positive and hopeful.

Nicholas



Women in Wartime



Thursday. November 16th Female
Tommies: Women in Uniform in WW1
How did women prove their value in the field and win the acceptance of the War Office in WW1 with Elizabeth Shipton, military historian and researcher for the BBC. 8pm - in the Parish Room



In Memoriam



A memorial service was held in St Martin's o Sunday 8th October for the late Rev'd Nathanael Sonoda of the Japanese Anglican Church U.K. Nathanael had helped with our Japanese services for many years and will be much missed.

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Harvest Festival

Many thanks to everyone who donated items to the Women's Refuge on Sunday 1st October, our Harvest Festival. The total amount donated is shown below.



Bonfire Night



Bonfire Night Party
6pm on Saturday 4th November
St Martin's Vicarage Gardens
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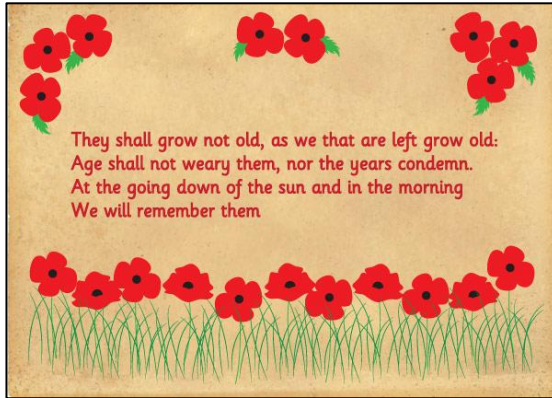


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Remembrance Sunday

St Martin's will commemorate Remembrance Sunday at 11am on Sunday 12th November at the war memorial.



Harvest Lunch

Thanks to Jackie Nicholls and her team - the Harvest Lunch held in the church on Sunday 1st October made £575.00 for the 32.5K fund.



Concert in St Martin's

Ealing Symphony Orchestra held a concert in St Martin's on Saturday 7th October. Pictured here are John Gibbons conductor and Peter Nall, Leader of the orchestra. As ever the splendid acoustics of St Martin's were much appreciated.



Sunday
December 3rd
12noon – 3pm
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Baptism

Baptised on Sunday 1st October in St Martin's Jackson James David White. Pictured with his parents Christopher and Jasmin and godparents Mark and Angela Byne and Darren and Katrina Greenfield. The vicar is there too!



Confirmation

The Bishop of Willesden, the Rt Rev'd Pete Broadbent, with the churchwardens and St Martin's Confirmation candidates after the 10am Confirmation service on Sunday 15th October at St Martin's.



The Great War – 100 years on

Clive Davis tells the story behind another name on our War Memorial.

Raymond Stanley Dunford was born to Charles William and Elizabeth in 1896. The family was living at 64 Salham Crescent, Kilburn. He had an elder sister, Lizzie. Raymond was baptised on 8th November 1896 at St Luke's Church, West Kilburn. By 1911 they had moved to St Elms, (20) Hillcrest Road, Acton. Fortunately, most of Raymond's Army Records have survived. He enlisted at Camberwell on 2nd September 1914. His chest measurement is recorded as 33½ inches, increasing by 3 inches when breathing out. He was attached to the London Regiment (First Surrey Rifles). It formed part of the 60th Division. Following concentration at the White City in October 1914, from December 1914, the Division moved out of London to the Dorking-Reigate area, where it joined Second Army, Central Force. In March 1915, the division moved to the St. Albans area. At the end of May it moved into Hertfordshire and Essex and in January 1916 the Regiment was encamped on Salisbury Plain.

His Army Records tell us he was on Home Service until 23rd June 1916 and was appointed Lance Corporal on 9th September 1916. On 24th June 1916 he embarked from Southampton arriving at Le Havre the next day as part of the French Expeditionary Force. The Records for the Surrey Rifles time in France does not seem to have survived. Next we know is that Raymond embarked at Marseilles on 30th November 1916, arriving at Salonica (now Thessaloniki) on 8th December 1916. During the night of 24th April 1917, east of Machukovo (now on the Greek-Macedonian border), the Regiment attacked the Bulgarian position which lay west of Lake Dojran. By May 8th the British had met with some success in what was called the Battle of Dojran. They had secured five hill positions without a single casualty. On June 12th the first part of the Regiment was moved to Egypt.

Raymond was part of Regiment that embarked Salonica on 17th June disembarking at Alexandria on 19th June as part of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force (EEF). By 4th July the troops had all gathered in the Southern Suez Canal area. This Division was now ready to move

forward. The move, 8 miles south-west of Gaza was largely completed by the end of July. The scene was now set for the third Battle of Gaza. The first two battles had resulted in defeat for the British. Since then General Allenby organised the Allied Forces into three Corps. On 31st October he attacked the Ottoman Forces at Beersheba. Once this had fallen he turned towards Gaza. In the first few days of November a series of night-time raids captured a number of enemy positions. By the 7th November the Ottoman forces retreated towards Jerusalem. The British pursued them as they retreated to Tel esh Sheria. This was eventually captured and the British now moved towards Jerusalem. By 24th November 1917 the EEF had reached the outskirts of Jerusalem. There were several counter-attacks by the Ottoman-Turkish Seventh Army over the following days. It was during one of these attacks that **Lance Corporal Raymond Stanley Dunford** was killed on Friday 30th November 1917. He is buried in the Jerusalem War Cemetery (Grave B.95).

The Register of Soldiers' Effects shows that monies owed and forwarded to his father in June 1918 was £10 7s 6d. The War Gratuity paid to his father in December 1919 was £14 10s. Additional headstone inscription requested by his parents:

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Acton Care Centre Harvest Festival



The vicar as Chaplain of the Acton Care Centre with Brandy Pearson and Marie Nugent voluntary service organiser at the Annual Harvest Service.



CALLING LONDON

On Tuesday October 10th, with hundreds of other clergy from the London Diocese, I went to a study day, "Calling London" at Church House (where the General Synod meets when in London). The subject of the day was "Vocations". As Bishop Pete wrote in his Welcome, as acting Bishop of London, *"the word 'vocation' is probably the most misused at misunderstood word in the Christian vocabulary"*, and the aim of the day was *"to rehabilitate it and get excited about vocations again"*.



Did I come away feeling excited about vocations? I think I did. The day focussed on the Church of England's need to increase the number of ordinands each year by 50%. Quite simply we need more deacons, priests and bishops to replace those of us who are retiring beyond 2020. One priest who spoke told us that he felt called to ordination when he was a little boy – and was supported in this, simply by people not laughing at him then. Do you know a child who talks about

wanting to be a vicar when they grow up? Don't laugh, encourage them. Maybe you feel that people like you don't get ordained? Look around the London Diocese – there might not be a proper proportion of black and minority ethnic priests – but there are enough to talk to, be inspired by, as well as clergy of many other kinds.

However, the word “vocation” must not be limited to those seeking ordination to the priesthood. All Christians are called all the time, forward into a deeper and deeper relationship with God and all that implies. All human relationships include communicating and listening, and what we do for and with one another, and it is the same with God. Prayer is paramount, as the Archbishop of Canterbury emphasised in his address, but our prayers need to include praying about what you do for and with God – and listening for God's response. What do you feel God is calling you to do today, either at St. Martin's or in the wider church or society? London contains all sorts and conditions of people - the mega rich and the extremely poor, people doing well and people in trouble. What might you be called to do to help build the Kingdom in London?

At the beginning of the book of Genesis, God speaks the world into being – God calls the whole of creation. God is calling you. How are you to respond?

Brandy Pearson



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October 8th
November 12th

Reading & discussion on issues that
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Baked potatoes, refreshments

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Sunday November 12th 10am

Remembrance Sunday



11am Act of Remembrance
at the War Memorial

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How could you help with our fund raising?

St Martin's Foundation

Thurs. October 19th

"Their name liveth for evermore"

Clive Davis explores the men behind the
names on our war memorial, who they
were and how they died.

Thurs. November 16th

Female Tommies:

Women in Uniform in WW1

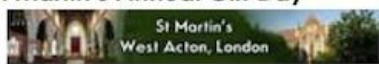


How did women prove their value in the
field and win the acceptance of the War
Office in WW1? with Elizabeth Shipton,
military historian and researcher for the
BBC.

8pm - in the Parish Room

Sunday October 29th

St Martin's Annual Gift Day



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prayer and reflection



Sunday November 5th 10am

All Age Service

for St Martin's

Come and remember
our patron saint

Sunday November 19th 6.30pm

Recital for St Cecilia's Day

Free with suggested donation of £10 for
32.5K Fund



Prayer Support Group

after the 10am service

October 22nd November 19th

Nurturing our prayer life together.
Come and join us

Happy Birthday!



Herand Minasspour, one of St Martin's longest standing members, celebrates his eighty-first birthday with a nice cup of coffee with the vicar.



A date for your diary Sunday 6.30pm Sunday 19th November 2017

Free recital – donations of £10.00 for the £32.5K Fund welcome



*Saint Cecilia with an Angel, Orazio Gentileschi
1653 - 1639*

St. Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs, even if the familiar stories about her are apparently not founded on authentic material.

It was long supposed that she was a noble lady of Rome who, with her husband Valerian, his brother Tiburtius, and a Roman soldier named Maximus, suffered martyrdom about 230, under the Emperor Alexander Severus.

According to the story, despite her vow of virginity, she was forced by her parents to marry a pagan nobleman named Valerian. During the wedding, Cecilia sat apart singing to God in her heart, and for that she was later declared the saint of musicians. When the time came for her marriage to be consummated, Cecilia told Valerian that watching over her was an angel of the Lord, who would punish him if he violated her but would love him if he respected her virginity. When Valerian asked to see the angel, Cecilia replied that he could if he would go to the

third milestone on the Via Appia and be baptized by Pope Urban 1. After following Cecilia's advice, he saw the angel standing beside her and crowning her with a chaplet of roses and lilies. The martyrdom of Cecilia is said to have followed that of her husband Valerian and his brother at the hands of the prefect Turcius Almachius. The legend about Cecilia's death says that after being struck three times on the neck with a sword, she lived for three days, and asked the pope to convert her home into a church. The first record of a music festival in Cecilia's honour was held at Évreux in Normandy in 1570. St Martin's Music Society proudly continues this tradition with a recital held in her name every year on the nearest Sunday to her feast day 22nd November.



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Sunday 1st October: Harvest Festival

Sunday 5th November: St Martin'side

Sunday 3rd December: Christingle

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meets every third Sunday of the month:

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