

# ST. MARTIN'S MONTHLY

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Articles for the next month's magazine should be sent to  
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Please title the email "magazine item"

**They should reach the Editor by 18th February.**

**The March magazine will be on sale by 25th February.**

## Lightbringers



In February we reach the end of the Epiphany season. At this time we remember the presentation of the baby Jesus in the Temple. Forty days after the birth of a son, it was the custom for Jewish parents to take their baby to the Temple

in Jerusalem. We read in Luke's Gospel that Mary and Joseph went to the Temple with their baby to give thanks to God. We also read that this was the occasion on which both Simeon and Anna recognised that this baby was to become the promised Messiah.

Simeon said that Christ was to be a Light to lighten all people. We remember this as we celebrate Candlemas, a festival of light. At St Martin's we have a family service in which we each hold a lighted candle. February is often a dreary and dark month and it is good to be reminded of Christ's guiding light in the world.

On 25<sup>th</sup> February, we shall hold our Annual Church meeting. This is an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for all the blessings which we have received, to review our finances and other achievements and to reflect on our future when we lose the long-serving ministry of our present vicar. We can be certain that whatever the future holds for us, the love of God will go with us and our intention will be to share this with each other and with all whom we meet.

Margaret Jones

# Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Parish of **ST MARTIN'S, WEST ACTON**

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will be held in

**ST MARTIN'S CHURCH HALL**

on **SUNDAY** the **TWENTY-FIFTH** day  
of **FEBRUARY** 20 **10** at **11.15** am/

For the election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows:

\*to the deanery synod **NO ELECTION THIS YEAR** representatives

to the parochial church council **FIFTEEN** representatives

FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SIDESMEN AND THE  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER OR AUDITOR.  
FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF:

- a/ A report on changes in the roll since the last annual parochial church meeting;
- b/ An annual report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
- c/ The financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31st December immediately preceding the meeting audited or independently examined;
- d/ A report upon the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;
- e/ A report on the proceedings of the deanery synod; and other matters of parochial or general church interest.

## NOTES:

1. All persons whose names are entered upon the church electoral roll of the parish (and such persons only) are entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.

2. Subject to the provisions of rule 14(3)(c) a person is qualified to be elected a parochial representative of the laity if:-

- (a) his name is entered on the church electoral roll of the parish;
- (b) he is an actual communicant which means that he has received Communion according to the use of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England at least three times during the twelve months preceding the date of the election;
- (c) he is of eighteen years or upwards (for election to the deanery synod) or

of sixteen years or upwards (for election to the parochial church council); and

(d) he is not disqualified as referred to in paragraph 3 of these Notes.

(N.B. As regards (a), as a result of the Synodical Government (Amendment) Measure 2003, a person over the age of 18 who is seeking election as a parochial representative of the laity in 2004 or any later year must have been entered on the church electoral roll of the parish for at least the period of 6 months before the election.)

- 3. (a) A person shall be disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected from serving as a churchwarden, a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or any synod under these rules if he is disqualified from being a charity trustee under section 72(1) of the Charities Act 1993 and the disqualification is not for the time being subject to a general waiver by the Charity Commissioners under subsection (4) of that section or to a waiver by them under that subsection in respect of all ecclesiastical charities established for purposes relating to the parish concerned.

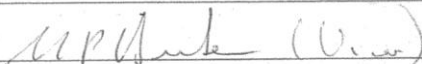
In this paragraph 'ecclesiastical charity' has the same meaning as that assigned to that expression in the Local Government Act 1894;

(b) A person shall also be disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected from serving as a churchwarden or member of a parochial church council if he has been so disqualified from holding office under section 10(6) of the Incumbents (Vacation of Benefices) Measure 1997.

- 4. Any person whose name is on the electoral roll may be appointed as a sidesman.

5. \*\*A resolution is in operation in this parish which provides that any person entitled to vote in the elections of parochial representatives of the laity to the parochial church council or to the deanery synod or to both that council and that synod may make application on the appropriate form to the undersigned for a postal vote. The completed form must be received before the commencement of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Signed



+Minister of the parish

NOTE: In this notice 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

\* Include where applicable.

\*\* This paragraph should be deleted if no resolution for postal voting is in operation in the parish.

+ Or 'Vice-Chairman of the Parochial Church Council' as the case may be (see rule 7(3) of the Church Representation Rules).

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## Election of churchwardens

Parish of

ST MARTIN'S, WEST ACTON

in the deanery of

EALING

and the diocese of

LONDON (WILLESDEN EPISCOPAL AREA)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

of a meeting of the parishioners to be held at

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH HALL

on

SUNDAY

the

TWENTY-FIFTH

day

of

FEBRUARY

20 18

at

11.15

am/pm

for the purpose of electing churchwardens.

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Signed

*[Signature]*

(Incumbent or churchwarden)

### NOTES

1. All persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish and all persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

2. Under section 4 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001, candidates for election must be nominated and seconded in writing by persons entitled to attend the meeting. The nomination paper must include a statement, signed by the

person nominated, that he or she is willing to serve as a churchwarden and is not disqualified under section 2(1), (2) or (3) of the Measure. The nomination paper must be received by the minister of the parish before the commencement of the meeting; if there is no minister, it must be received before the commencement of the meeting by the churchwarden who signed the notice convening the meeting.

## The 133rd Bishop of London

I am delighted that Downing Street has today announced the name of the 133rd Bishop of London — the Rt Revd Sarah Mullally DBE, currently Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter.

Bishop Sarah has proven qualities of leadership and commitment to collaborative working. Her work in the public square uniquely equips her for the important outward focus that is required in leading the Diocese in this great World City. She also brings strong experience of parish and cathedral life, and sees her vocational experience as nurse, civil servant, priest, and bishop as a totality.

This is an exciting time in the life of the Diocese of London as we seek, under God, to build on the strong legacy left by Bishop Richard and to develop Capital Vision 2020 on into the next decade. As a Diocese, we have been successful in receiving several tranches of Strategic Development Funding, and we have much to do to develop the life of both traditional parishes and church plants, chaplaincies, and *niche* congregations. Bishop Sarah will challenge us to think afresh about what is involved in the re-evangelisation of London and the ways in which we engage with our city with confidence, compassion, and creativity.

Along with the rest of my colleagues in the Senior Staff, I welcome the announcement of Bishop Sarah's appointment and look forward with excitement to working under her leadership as our Diocesan Bishop.

The date of her installation will be announced in due course, as will the arrangements for her to meet the Diocese. In the meantime, please pray for Bishop Sarah and her husband Eamonn as they prepare for the move to London. Please pray particularly for the practical arrangements for housing while renovation works are carried out at the Old Deanery.

With best wishes for Advent and Christmas. May you know and experience the joy of the incarnate Christ Child.

### **Pete Broadbent**

Acting Bishop of London & Bishop for the Two Cities



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## Diocese of London plans for the next 5 years and budget for 2018

With the start of the New Year, we wanted to share with you some of the key elements from the London Diocesan Fund 5 year plan (which we refresh each year) and the 2018 budget, which were approved at the end of last year.

Our overall purpose remains the same – of **doing everything we can to support the mission and growth of the church in London.**

This is put into practice in the 5-year plan which consists of two parts: the planned activities and the financial plans to resource them. We have summarised the activities we will be undertaking in 6 major objectives, 5 of which are carried forward from the current plan:

1. Taking forward Capital Vision 2020
2. Investing in establishing a Christian presence in London's major new development areas
3. Encouraging growth in lay discipleship and leadership and promoting diversity
4. Investing in the well-being of our clergy and chaplains
5. Developing existing and new services to support our clergy and parishes well
6. Overseeing the transition to a new Bishop of London

These plans are built on the aim of being affordable and sustainable. We have three core parts to our financial framework, and the key points from each are:

### - **General Fund**

- This is **balanced for 2018** as a result of your generous common fund pledges along with the increased investment property income (which we have increased by over £1.5m, or more than doubled, over the last four years)
- We foresee **challenges in years 3 to 5** if the trust income reduces and the costs of training the increased number of ordinands are not partly covered by the National Church. As a result, we are actively looking at ways to address this.

## - **Capital Vision 2020**

- This is now **fully funded to 2020**, partly as a result of the successful fundraising for the Richard Chartres Fund for London.

## - **Capital strategy**

- This sets out our plans to **release capital sums** from parsonage developments over a number of years and how we will be re-investing a large proportion of these funds in **installing double glazing** in vicarages (as part of the quinquennial and ingoing works programmes) and **establishing some new churches** in major development areas.

We have also been successful in securing **trust funding** for our Capital Youth strategy and for work overseen by the Bishop of Islington. This has enabled us to fund some additional posts funded outside of the General Fund.

If you would like to understand more about our plans please have a word with ourselves, or speak with one of the team.

We are blessed with talented people across the Diocese, an inspiring strategy in Capital Vision 2020 and some resources to invest – but we are reminded that it is God's work. So we pray that God will take our plans, and use them, and shape them as he sees fit, and for his glory.

Thank you for all you are doing and for your partnership,

**Pete Broadbent**

Acting Bishop of London

**Richard Gough**

General Secretary

# St Martin's, West Acton, London



Charity No:IT32976

## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, HALE GARDENS, LONDON W3 9SQ January & February 2018

**Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm**



**Epiphany Carol Service**  
Celebrate the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas with the Magi

From January 7<sup>th</sup>

**Welcome the Welcome Team!**

If you are interested in becoming a part of it – see Bryony Franklin

### Reflections Group

after the  
10am Service  
January 14<sup>th</sup>  
February 11<sup>th</sup>



Reading & discussion on issues that affect our daily lives - a sharing of ideas and experiences

To find out more contact John Beastall on 020 8998 6315 or jsbeastall@hotmail.com



**Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**At 10am**  
**All Age Service**  
For  
**Candlemas**

**Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>**

Ash Wednesday  
11am – Informal Eucharist at the Vicarage with Ashing  
8pm – Eucharist with Ashing



### 'JUST GIVING' - the 32.5K Fund



Don't forget our fundraising for essential repairs and renovations to St Martin's – new kitchen being installed in February!

Our 'Just Giving' page:

<http://www.justgiving.com/st-martins-west-acton>

How could you help with our fund raising?  
What ideas do you have?



### Prayer Support Group after the 10am service

January 21<sup>st</sup>  
February 18<sup>th</sup>

Nurturing our prayer life together

### Lent Course

Sundays in Lent from Feb 18<sup>th</sup> –  
Special Sermons  
Thursday evenings in Lent  
Discussion and Lent Supper  
More details to come!

### Annual Meeting

Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup>  
At 11.15am  
In the Church Hall



Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup>  
at 10am

### Nick's Farewell Service



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## The New Vicar

As I am sure many of you know, our Vicar Nick is retiring this coming April. Before then, he is taking a brief sabbatical to clear out the Vicarage and get things in order. We will have a final farewell service on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.**

In the meantime, the Church Council have been putting together plans to ensure that the Church continues to sail smoothly after Nick's departure, including an advertisement for a new vicar.

However, they would like the congregation to engage in this process, as it is their Church and their vicar. If there is anything you would like included in the advertisement, please speak to one of the Church Council members or answer the survey in the online mailing.



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## Editorial



As we enter February, most of the Winter is behind us. We look for the coming of spring, expectantly waiting for the bitter winds and rain to settle down.

However, there are still challenges ahead. As we prepare to say goodbye to Nick, we look for a new vicar to take his place. This new beginning may make us uncertain, but it also inspires us to be hopeful. the saying goes, 'when one door closes, another opens. But we are oftentimes too preoccupied with the door that has closed to notice the one which has opened in front of us.'

As a congregation, we need to be able to see the opportunity before us; and not dwell too long on the door that has closed. As a congregation, we pray to God that he not only takes care of Nick as he departs after many years of service, but that he continues to let his hand save and protect not just our church, but the Church as a whole.

As Spring reaches to us for its new beginnings, so must we reach out, to friend and neighbour, brother and sister, mother and father. A new beginning is a chance to repair relationships; yet also a chance to make them.

Alex Chan

## **LENT AT ST. MARTIN'S**

Lent starts on February 14<sup>th</sup> – so coming soon, as we are putting together sermons and a Lent group and Project. It is still a little in the planning state, but here is what is happening so far!

### **5 MARKS OF MISSION – LENT GROUP**

*Thursdays at 8pm in the Parish Room*

*with Lent Supper – (contributions to Lent charity)*

Feb 22nd

TELL – To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

March 1st

TEACH – To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

March 8th

TEND – To respond to human need by loving service

March 15th

TRANSFORM – To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation

March 22nd

TREASURE – To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

## **5 MARKS OF MISSION - SUNDAY SERMONS**

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> - TELL – To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom -

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> – before APCM - TEACH – To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

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(March 4<sup>th</sup> – NICK’S FAREWELL)

March 11<sup>th</sup> – Mothering Sunday (All Age Service) – TEND – To respond to human need by loving service

March 18<sup>th</sup> – TREASURE - To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth - *Preacher: Bryony*

March 25<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday – TRANSFORM – To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation - *Preacher:*

## **5 MARKS OF MISSION – LENT PROJECT**

To encourage the people of St Martin’s to look at one another and out into the parish and beyond, in terms of the 5 Marks of Mission, to discover where the congregation might be able to engage in outreach.



## Saints in Our Windows

### Jesus & the little children

"Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.' And he laid his hands on them and went on his way."

*Matthew 9:13-15*



#### **PRAYER:**

Lord God, our Father,  
free me to be a child.

Free me to know myself  
loved by you.

Free me of pride and pretence.

Release me from all the futile and unnecessary attempts  
to prove myself worthy of your love.

Let me know the humble prayer  
of being your much loved child.

We ask this in the name of your Son our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ.

Amen

## Quiz Page

Below are the 10 most commonly visited countries. Rearrange into the correct order, starting with the most common.

1. China
2. Spain
3. Italy
4. Germany
5. USA
6. Malaysia
7. Turkey
8. France
9. Russia
10. UK

*Please write answers below.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
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6. \_\_\_\_\_
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10. \_\_\_\_\_

*Last Week's Answers*

1. Sparrow
2. Starling
3. Blue tit
4. Blackbird
5. Woodpigeon
6. Goldfinch
7. Chaffinch
8. Great Tit
9. Robin
10. Long-Tailed Tit



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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.

## **Japanese Anglican Church UK**

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