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They should reach the Editor by 19th September.
The October magazine will be on sale by 30th September.

Note from Margaret

For many of us, September is a time of renewal. Our children start back at school and St Martin's resumes its regular activities including the Wednesday morning informal Eucharist. We look forward to a full programme of Sunday events, including three guest preachers, a Parish Lunch and a Mini-Sale. The Prayer Support Group and the Reflections Group will also meet again, and the PCC will be working on our parish profile.

On September 9th, we are welcoming Revd Richard Bartlett who is a longstanding friend of St Martin's. After serving as the Associate Vicar at All Saints, Ealing Common, he worked in Brazil. On returning to the UK he was vicar of Holy Trinity, Northwood. He is now the Director for Mission Engagement with the USPG. He is certain to have some interesting news about the Worldwide Anglican Church.

This autumn, as our interregnum continues, we will be involved in the recruitment of a new vicar. We are therefore pleased that our Area Dean, Steve Newbold, is coming to preach at our 10am service on 16th September. The Archdeacon, Duncan Green, will be with us on 30th September. On the following Sunday, October 7th, we welcome our Area Bishop, the Rt Revd Pete Broadbent to our Confirmation Service. These three senior clergy play an important part in the selection and appointment of a new incumbent. We shall all have a chance to meet them individually over the next few weeks.

During the summer, most of us have enjoyed some sunshine and relaxation. It is good to remember those for whom this summer has been a particularly difficult time. We think of those with mental health problems, those who are lonely and those who have been forced to go to foodbanks. We also remember the people living in war-torn areas such as Syria and the Yemen.

As we look forward to our future together, we are thankful for the faithfulness of God who is with us throughout our lives. We can be confident that the God of the past is the same God who will be with us through the coming years. We ask for his Spirit to guide us and sustain us.

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness". (Lamentations 3; 31-2)

Margaret Jones

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Alan Ward, 8/5/1925 – 29/10/1940

One of the first casualties in World War Two was a young boy called Alan Ward. A glance at the dates at the top of this article shows that he was 15 years old. Alan Ward was the older brother of Brian (Bill) Ward, long-time member of this congregation and husband of Brenda.

He was serving as a cabin boy, in S.S. G.W. Humphreys. If you were a young man in the Merchant Navy you were called a "boy", i.e. boy seaman, cabin boy, boy steward, boy deckhand etc. until you were 17 1/2, when you were then referred to as "young" – young seaman, young deckhand and so on. So, at 15 he was a cabin boy, learning how to be a merchant seaman. The attitudes of people towards young people in those days was very different, they were treated as adults with responsibilities and duties. My own father, twelve years older than Alan, had lost his father at age 12, and needed to start work as a messenger in the City of London at age 13.

So it was a different world. But 15 was and is tragically young to die for your country. The ship he was on was moored a few miles from Southend Pier, and was blown up, in the Thames Estuary, at the East OASE buoy, because it was mined by the enemy. There was a crew of twenty-four people on board, seven of whom were killed on that day.

There were over 22,000 merchant sailors lost in the Second World War with no known grave. There is a

memorial to them all in Tower Hill, with their names listed under the ship they were serving on. All of the people listed there were just as much war heroes as the big names you hear about, - because there is no league of bravery. Some people have the chance to do something admirable, and others just do their job, - we are grateful to all of them, they lost their lives that we might live as we do now.

Lynne Armstrong



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Appointing a new vicar for St. Martin's:

The appointment of a new vicar is an extensive process. In addition to the official recruitment procedures, a church has to ask its congregation to reflect on their needs and to evaluate the Parish. Using this information, the PCC has to then compile a Parish profile for prospective candidates. The PCC has been hard at work during the interregnum period to bring everything together and here is the proposed timeline for the appointment:

September: Section 11 meeting

- During this meeting the PPC will approve the Parish profile and the two members of the PCC who will sit on the interview panel.

10th October: Section 12 meeting

- Senior clergy attend PCC meeting in which the Bishop signs off the Parish profile and panel members.

26th October / 2nd November

- After approving the profile, the Bishop prepares an advert which is placed in the Church Times ideally by the beginning of November

15th November

- Closing date

19th November

- Shortlist agreed

26th November

- Interview and appointment

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News from the Women's Refuge

For many years, the congregation of St Martin's has been supporting the work of the local Women's Refuge. On a recent visit, I was delighted to learn that all the residents' rooms have been repainted and refurbished and the fire safety features have all been upgraded. The atmosphere is both safe and welcoming and we can be confident that the residents are getting help and support from the dedicated staff. There is a large garden where the children can play safely and the latest project has been to acquire a hut in the garden which can be used as a place of private retreat for the women, or as a place for other activities.

We have been sending the refuge regular donations of children's clothing and toys. All of the women and their children arrive at the refuge having fled from domestic violence and abuse. Most of them come with only a very few possessions, if any, and they are particularly grateful for the Welcome Baskets of toiletries, towels, nappies, underwear etc which we provide for each new resident. Bed linen and small items of furniture such as cots are useful for women when they leave the refuge for a new home.

At our Harvest Festival we bring gifts of food which are taken to the refuge. In general, they appreciate store-cupboard items such as tinned meats, tinned fish, pasta, rice, cereals, tea and coffee. They do have two kitchens and the women all cook for themselves and their children, so seasonal fruit and vegetables are appreciated. From

time to time, I try to take them fresh fruit and vegetables as it is quite difficult to get the "Five-a Day" when the budget is very limited.

The staff and residents want to thank the congregation of St Martin's and to tell us that they greatly appreciate all the donations which they receive from us.

Margaret Jones

***Sunday 14th October: St. Martin's Harvest Festival;
an all age service in support of the Women's Refuge
Followed by children's entertainment and Parish
Lunch***



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Matthew the Apostle

Feast Day: 21st September

Patron Saint of tax collectors and accountants

The Gospel of Matthew is in fact anonymous. There are no references within the text identifying who the author is. Instead based on clues in Mark and Luke, Matthew is believed to have been a tax-collector named Levi born in what is now Palestine.

During 1st Century AD, Palestine, or Capernaum as it was then, was occupied by the Romans. As a tax collector Matthew was working for the occupiers which led to his fellow Jews distrusting him and treating him with contempt.

Yet Jesus chose to visit and to eat with tax collectors and other members of society seen as sinners. When he was criticised for this Jesus replied "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mark 2:15-17).

It is thought that Matthew invited Jesus to eat with him after Jesus called on him. In time, Matthew chose to follow Jesus and became one of the twelve Apostles.

Matthew travelled through different countries (the exact details are unknown) preaching the Gospel. It is believed that he died in either Ethiopia or what is now Turkey. His relics are enshrined in Salerno, Italy.

Sunday 7th October – Confirmation Service

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Reflections Group

Next meeting: Sunday 16th September



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Next meeting: 23rd September



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Editorial

This September we see the beginning of a new academic year. We wish the best for the members of Junior Church starting a new school year, those who have left school and may be heading to university or taking on a new challenge and students continuing their learning.

In the last magazine I proposed the idea of trying something new each month. With this in mind I decided to take my two children to the butterfly exhibition at the Natural History Museum. Normally I avoid taking them into central London, but after hearing so many people talk about the butterflies I thought it would be a shame not to. This would be the children's first trip to a museum.

My small son slept through most of it, oblivious to the butterflies that landed on his head. My two-year-old however was enchanted and squealed with delight, which alone was worth it. There is something special about how children see the world around them and the simple wonder that they experience in even the smallest things. As we head into Autumn I am going to try every once in a while, to step back and enjoy the wonder of the moment. The exhibition runs until 15th September and I highly recommend it.

Prayers

For growth and transformation:

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your
grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

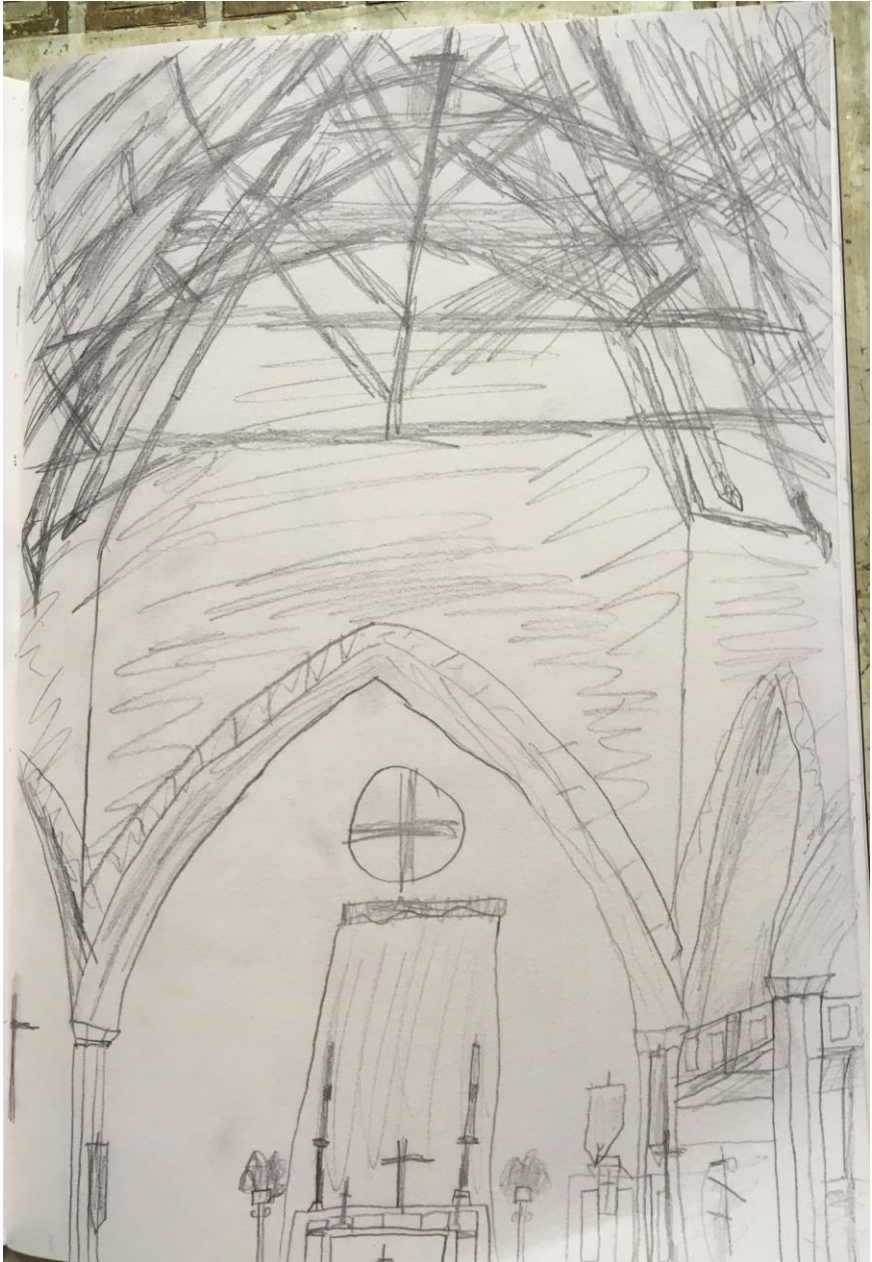
Amen.

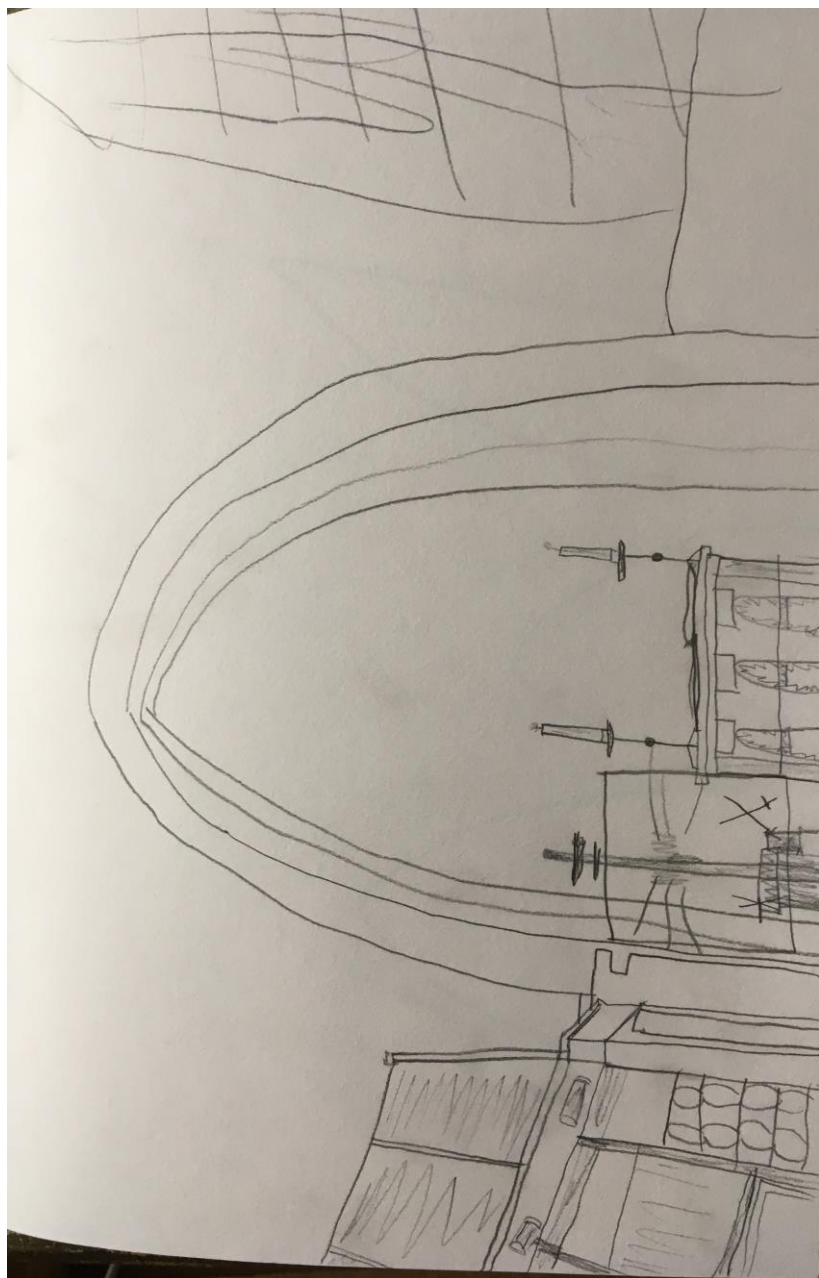
For the first day at school or at work:

O God, the strength of my life,
make known your will for me in this place:
help me to discover friends among strangers,
to meet opportunities and challenges eagerly,
and to do my daily tasks in your name.
Give me strength to overcome my worries,
and preserve me in your safe keeping,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Junior Church





Sketches of St. Martin's Church
Felix, aged 9

Quiz page: Solutions to the August issue:

Easy:

7	1	3	4	8	9	6	2	5
6	2	8	1	7	5	3	4	9
9	5	4	3	6	2	7	1	8
5	3	7	8	2	4	9	6	1
1	9	2	6	5	3	4	8	7
4	8	6	7	9	1	5	3	2
3	7	9	2	4	8	1	5	6
8	4	5	9	1	6	2	7	3
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Difficult:

8	3	9	5	4	2	6	7	1
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5	2	8	1	7	9	3	6	4

September Wordsearch

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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → and ↓.

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CHURCH

CLERGY

CONFIRMATION

EUCCHARIST

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10am: Parish Communion
6.30pm: Evensong

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