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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 22nd June.

The July magazine will be on sale by 1st July.

Editorial



As my penultimate editorial, I would like to begin by saying how much I have enjoyed writing them.

This month, I would like to address the topic of work, admin stress, and how their effects can be mitigated. I find this particular topic important now as it is the midst of the exam season, notoriously a stressful time of the year.

Despite this, this editorial is not aimed just at students; all of us have some form of stress in our lives. To counter this, it is important to take breaks from work every once in a while, to socialise and talk with friends often, and to spend time outside. We should try to enjoy some of this natural splendour of summer while it's here, for we all know the British summer is always gone too soon.

Ascension and Rogationtide

On Sunday 13 May we celebrated both the Ascension and Rogation Sunday. The photo shows the annual "beating" of the foundation stone by church wardens Liza and John, to represent the parish boundary that would have traditionally been walked at Rogationtide.



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Editing the Magazine

Dear all,

I regret to inform you that this will be the penultimate magazine in which I have participated as editor. In my absence, there is an opening for the role; a short description of responsibilities follows. In my opinion, editing the magazine is a small commitment which only takes one afternoon once a month. The editor is also not obligated to write anything for the magazine.

The responsibilities are:

- Receive and organise articles sent in by the congregation; the editor should sometimes ask members of the congregation to write articles.
- Update the aesthetic appearance of the magazine, such as the covers and adverts.
- Update the dates of publication on both the cover and second page of the magazine.
- Publish the online edition on the stated date of publication.
- Submit the print edition to the Church Office, preferably three working days before the date of publication.

If you are interested in the position, please contact either me (alexchan.work239@gmail.com), the Church Office or Lisa Ambridge. It has been an honour and a privilege for me to be able to edit the magazine, and I hope it will continue to flourish inside St. Martin's.

ST MARTIN'S



Sunday 10th June, 12 to 3pm

Come and join us for lots of fun!

Admission: £2, Concessions £1

BBQ and bar - delicious cakes
bouncy castle - face painting - plants, toys, bric-
a-brack and jewellery stalls and lots more!

**Raffle draw with £100 first prize donated by
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Summer Fair

Dear friends

After a long, cold, wet start to the year we finally have a glimpse of summer! And not a moment too soon as our annual summer fair is just round the corner, on Sunday 10th June from 12-3pm.

It's going to be great fun! There'll be a raffle draw with £100 first prize already donated by Donald from Go View London, BBQ and bar, delicious cakes, bouncy castle, face painting, plus all the usual stalls and games. What's more, we are hoping to have some great entertainment from local Japanese musicians!

If you are able to help out and haven't signed up already, please let me know on the email below.

We're also in need of donations for the raffle prizes - it doesn't have to be the things we suggested on the sign up sheet in church, in the past we've had theatre or restaurant vouchers and all sorts of great prizes.

Also we always need cakes, plants, nearly-new-toys and bric-a-brac. We are most grateful for whatever you can spare.

We'd love to see you on the day - but if you can't make it why not give a small donation instead!

Let's make this fair fantastic! Thanks again to all

Shelley

Ken Bartram

We are pleased to say that Ken's operation was completed successfully. He is on the mend, and wishes the best to all.



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The Great War – 100 years on

Clive Davis continues to look behind the names on our War Memorial

Edward Charles Sutton Monson is probably the most “well-known” of the 36 names on our War Memorial due to the plaque dedicated to his memory on the wall at the back of the church. His grandfather (Edward Monson) was the architect of the church and his father (Major Edward C P Monson) was an important member of the congregation.

Our Edward was born on 5th June 1898. He was the elder son of Edward and Marie. He was the eldest of four children. His brother John was born in 1910, sister Eileen in 1903 and sister, Enid, in 1913.

His parents were married in St Dunstan’s Church, East Acton. They soon moved to Rosemont Road which was then part of St Mary’s Parish. The 1901 census records his address as 24 Rosemont Road. That was to remain the family home but our Edward and his brother were sent away to school. The 1911 census has them both as boarders at Broadhurst Grammar School at Clacton-on-Sea.

Records of Edward’s Army career have been difficult to find. He joined the Royal Field Artillery and in February 1918 was promoted to Lieutenant. At some point he was awarded the Military Cross. During the Great War, the authorities would not allow the London Gazette to print details of any action where the Military Cross was awarded in case it was seen by the enemy. Unfortunately many of the original records showing the details of who was awarded the Military Cross with the where and when were destroyed during the London Blitz of the Second World War.

I can only quote the London Gazette of 13th September 1918 (issue 30901, page10990):



His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following Award to the undermentioned, in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field.

Awarded the Military Cross. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer volunteered for special service, he and another officer at dawn taking two guns in front of the infantry line without escort and engaging the enemy, bringing back the limbers for more ammunition, and using it up. This action checked the enemy advance and afforded time for the withdrawal of the infantry.

Although it could have been for a previous act of bravery, it seems to me that this action for which he was awarded the MC was where he was fatally wounded. This is implied in the inscription on the plaque at the back of the church. **Edward Charles Sutton Monson** died of wounds on Saturday, 15th June 1918.

He is buried in the Pernes British Cemetery, grave VB4.

Although it hard to see through the flowers, at the base of the headstone his parents requested and paid for the additional inscription:

UNTIL THE REVEILLE WHEN ALL SHALL BE REUNITED

Passenger lists show that his mother and sister Eileen travelled to France on 11th March 1927, returning on 31st March. I would think they visited Edward's grave. His father, Edward, died in the Osborne Hotel, Torquay in January 1941. His mother died in 1972. His brother, John, died in 1989.

His sister, Enid was a Wren during the Second World War. Towards the end of the Second World War she was sent to Singapore where she met a former prisoner of war, Richard Gilbert. They married in 1946 and she died in 1993.

His other sister Eileen was Confirmed at St Martin's Church in 1920. She married Francis Coningsby in 1929 and died in 1998.

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Saints in our Windows

Simeon

"After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb."

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

**'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all
peoples,**

**a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'**

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Luke 2:21-35



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Paul – Apostle to the Gentiles

The dramatic conversion of the anti-Christian zealot, Saul, into the Apostle Paul is clearly told in the Acts of the Apostles, but that was the beginning of the process. Saul took some time to become Paul and to begin to understand the dimensions of his call to preach – to Jew and Gentile – the saving power of Jesus, the Son of God. It was a whole life's journey for him. The feast of his conversion has been celebrated in the Church since the 6th century, but became universal in the 12th century.

Paul has also been celebrated with Peter the Apostle since the very early days of the Church, it being honoured as the anniversary of their martyrdom in Rome in about the year 64. Peter witnessed to the Lordship of Christ and Paul developed the understanding of its meaning for Christ's followers.

The Conversion of Paul now marks the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, that begins with the Confession of Peter on January 18th.

THE CONVERSION OF PAUL: January 25th

THE FEAST OF PETER AND PAUL: June 29th

PRAYER:

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

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We at St Martin's value your privacy and would like to continue to communicate with you about the church and its activities.

However, under new regulations coming into force this year (the General Data Protection Regulation), we require your explicit consent to communicate with you, even if you have already given us your contact details. **If you do not give your consent, we will no longer be able to use any contact details you have given us,** except in certain circumstances.

A form has been sent to members of the electoral roll; it must be completed in order for further communication to be received from St. Martin's Church. Please open and fill in the online form at your earliest convenience.

Celebrating Baptism

On Sunday 10 June, as well as the summer fayre, we will be holding our annual celebration of baptisms here at St Martin's.

Just as Jesus' baptism marked the start of his ministry here on earth, our baptisms represent the start of our Christian faith journeys. Importantly, baptism is not done alone, and parents, godparents, friends and family, and the whole church community come together to support each person being baptised. And so, at our annual baptism commemoration service, we invite the newly baptised to attend so that we can continue to pray for them and support them in their faith journey. We also each remember our own baptisms and what they mean.

Baptism is one of two sacraments within the Anglican church, with the other being the Eucharist. A sacrament is an outward sign of the inward grace of Jesus Christ. So in the case of baptism, the outward sign is that we are symbolically cleansed with water. But this is a sign of something much bigger – Jesus' love and forgiveness as we receive the Holy Spirit and are embraced as a member of the Christian community.

The role of baptism as the start of our journey of faith is represented symbolically in many churches by the position of the font, traditionally by the entrance to the church representing entry into the Christian faith. Here at St Martins we are no longer traditional in having the font by

the entrance, as it was moved when the church kitchen was put in. However its current position near the front of the church also means we are more easily able to watch and feel part of baptisms as they take place, as well as being able to enjoy coffee afterwards!

So on 10 June, we give thanks for all of the baptised – both here at St Martins and throughout the world – as we remember our own baptism promises to turn to Jesus Christ and trust in him as Lord.

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Quiz Page

Below are the 10 highest-rated British TV shows, according to Google public ratings, in the wrong order. Place them from best rated to worst, with 1 being the best.

1. The IT Crowd
2. Sherlock
3. Victoria
4. Doctor Who
5. Peaky Blinders
6. The Crown
7. Black Mirror
8. Broadchurch
9. Downton Abbey
10. Outlander

Please write answers below.

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10am: Parish Communion
6.30pm: Evensong

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Japanese Anglican Church UK

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