

ST. MARTIN'S MONTHLY

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Please ring the Parish Office.

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 16th August.

The September magazine will be on sale by 25th August.



Note from Bryony

By the time you are reading this, we will have had the third set of interviews for our next vicar. Hopefully we will also have found the right person for St Martin's! Either way, we will have been without a vicar for around 18 months, which may feel like a very long time. We are incredibly fortunate in having Brandy and Rob, who've been very generous in doing far more than they might have been expected to do, and our church wardens and the rest of the Parochial Church Council have been doing a fantastic job in keeping everything going. But I'm sure we are all looking forwards to having a new vicar to provide leadership and vision, and to take us forwards in putting our faith into action in our parish.

It may be easy (and natural) to find it disappointing or frustrating that we are having to wait to find the right person, or to wonder where God's hand is in this. This leads me to reflect on what the Bible says about waiting. The themes of waiting and patience are woven throughout many books of the Bible, with numerous examples of those who had to wait – Abraham, Job, Noah, the Israelites... and the importance of patience is highlighted in

Proverbs, the Psalms and in the Prophets. For example, Isaiah promises that those “who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31; NRSV). So waiting is not always a passive activity in which nothing is happening. Perhaps we needed to wait a while, to continue to grow as a church community and to develop a better idea of what we want to be, what we want to change, and what we want to stay the same.

By the time this newsletter is in the church porch, I pray that we will have found the right person to be our vicar. But regardless of the outcome, let’s remain confident in God’s hand being upon us, thankful for Brandy and Rob, and optimistic for what the future will bring.

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St. Martin's Summer Fair – Sunday 23rd June

Thank you to everyone for their support of this year's fete; from generous donations and manning the stalls to coming along on the day and joining in the fun. It was a great success!





Raffle Prize Winners:

Sparkle Hamper - Shelley Merrick

Cheeky Hamper - Josie Gayton

A bit of all sorts - Elin Morris

Gardening Hamper - Elin Morris

Pamper Hamper - Katie Franklin

Chocolate Hamper - Brenda Ward

Gin Hamper - Brenda Ward

Wine Hamper - Rachel Weikel

Champagne Hamper - Shelley Merrick

Echo Dot Mini - Francesca Francis

Echo Dot - Mary Cook

Fabulous Creatures Family Sunday at the Royal Opera House - Tara Branwell

Champagne Afternoon Tea - Margaret Jones

£100 cash prize - Felix West (*pictured below*)



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Dedication of the Fenton memorial plaque

On Sunday 7th July, a memorial plaque for Derek, Iris and David Fenton was dedicated as part of our Evensong service. The Fentons were longstanding members of St Martins and made a massive contribution to the life of both St Martins and of the wider community. Rev Dr Nick Henderson, previous vicar of St Martins, came back to join us to dedicate the plaque, which is situated under the gas light by the church kitchen. The group photo shows Maureen Fenton, and Sheila and Geoff Jackson, together with Rev Dr Nick Henderson and the current clergy team from St Martins.



Junior Church Summer Photo Competition



This summer it's all about LOVE!

St. Martin's is running a photo competition and it's just 50p per entry! Enter as many times as you wish!

The theme is 'love', something we often talk about in Junior Church. You can take a photo of anything, friends, family, your holiday, your pets, anything that for you, means love.

There are three age groups

- under 5s
- 5 - 8 years old
- 9 years plus

Send your entries to Lizzy Edgington (ecr.edgington@gmail.com) with your name, age and short description of your photo.

The competition finishes midnight,
Sunday 15th September.

The winning entry and prize will be announced at the beginning of October.

If you have any questions just ask Lizzy or Bryony.

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The newest member of St. Martin's clergy team!

Professor Bryony Dean Franklin, a member of our congregation since 2006, was ordained as a Deacon on Saturday 29th June by the Rt Hon & Rt Revd Dame Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London. Many members of St Martin's attended the service, which was held at St Paul's Cathedral. Bryony has now joined the clergy team at St Martin's as Assistant Curate, and will be serving a day a week plus most Sundays, alongside continuing to work four days a week in her NHS and academic roles. Please do pray for Bryony and her family as she gets used to her new role!



Bryony with her friends Liza and Catriona just before the service. Liza and Catriona walked in with Bryony, representing St. Martin's and other friends who have supported and encouraged Bryony respectively. It is the tradition of St. Paul's Cathedral for each ordinand to walk in with two supporting friends, representing them being brought forwards from the people.



In the above photo, Bryony is celebrating with her three godparents – the first time they were all in a room together since Bryony’s baptism nearly 50 years ago. Bryony says ‘I am very grateful for their support and prayers throughout my whole life!’



Here is Bryony with her husband Dave after the service on the steps of St. Paul’s Cathedral. Her cream ordination stole was a gift from her parents with the Celtic cross being a link to Bryony’s Welsh roots. Deacons wear the stole diagonally across the body, with this symbolism based on the towel that Jesus washed his disciples’ feet with at the Last Supper, as a reminder of the Deacon’s vows of loving service.

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NEW MAGAZINE EDITOR REQUIRED!

Are you looking for a creative role?
Do you fancy doing something fun and supporting St. Martin's at the same time?

This Autumn I will be standing down as editor of the Parish Magazine after over a year in the role. This is a very rewarding job and very straightforward. Each month you bring together the different articles and notices alongside photos of the different events. There is always an opportunity to write your own articles and it's a great way to become involved in the community at St. Martin's. There is always a lot of support when needed and plenty of events to cover. If you are interested, or have any questions, please just ask me in person or send me an email – ecr.edgington@gmail.com

Lizzy

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Or Camilla Reid: camillareid@btinternet.com

*Or enter your name on the sign-up sheet at the
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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.

Japanese Anglican Church UK

meets every third Sunday of the month:
(except July, August and December)

3pm Bible Study and Evening Worship in Japanese

Every **Wednesday** in the Parish Room

11am: Informal Eucharist followed by the Coffee Club at 11.30am