

Please pray for: All those **known** to us who are in need of healing at this time, especially Christine & Bob Baker; young Ben; Sue Boorman; Fred Curtis; Nigel Eden; Jane Gilbert; Orla & all the Hermitage family; Kath Meredith; Emma Vickers; Sarjon Toma & his family, who are now refugees in Beirut.



Please pray for the family & friends of John Boorman.

Also please pray for:

- The Diocese of St Albans, Bishop Alan; The Bishop of Hertford, Rt. Rev'd Dr Michael Beasley; Rev'd Jim Pye & family.
- Peace in Syria, Iraq, the Ukraine, Afghanistan, Mali, Central African Republic, Nigeria, Palestine/Israel, Turkey, Yemen and South Sudan.
- Christians who are persecuted; for Open Doors and the Barnabas Fund ministering to persecuted Christians and their neighbours.
- Relief for those suffering from famines.
- All those whose lives have been devastated by terrorist attacks.
- North Korean conflict.
- The Rohingya crisis.
- Rev'd Jim Pye visiting Knebworth School Monday afternoon & Wednesday morning to take lessons with Years 5 & 6, answering "Big Questions" about God, creation, the meaning of life, and the afterlife.

Do you know anyone who has gone into hospital, or someone who needs a home visit? Please tell Mark Clifford 814004, William Anderson 811992 or Penny 313241.

FOOD BANK: Please remember the Food Bank collection bins in our Churches when doing your weekly shop. www.stevenagecommunityfoodbank.org.uk.

If you would like prayer for a particular concern or for healing, please wait near the font in St. Martin's after the 10am service. Yvonne Denning or Janet Hammond will come to pray with you.

Please send contributions for the leaflet **by 12 noon on Thursday** to the Team Editor email: knebworthnews@gmail.com or phone Penny on 313241
This leaflet can be viewed on our website.

<http://www.knebworthparishchurch.co.uk/administration/newsitems.htm>



Our Facebook Group is 'St Martins Knebworth'

12 November 2017

Third Sunday before Advent

Welcome to St. Mary's and St Martin's

Knebworth Family of Churches

'A Church in the heart of the community, with a heart for Jesus, the community and each other'

Rector: Revd Jim Pye (817396)

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Services Diary

Sun 12 Nov	8am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's
	10am	Informal Communion	St. Martin's
	12.30pm	Remembrance Service	War Memorial
Thur 16 Nov	10am	Holy Communion	St. Martin's
Fri 17 Nov	3pm	Mustard Seeds	Parish Centre
Sun 19 Nov	8am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's
	10am	Holy Communion	St. Martin's

Readings for this Sunday:

St Mary's

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18
Matthew 25.1-13

St Martin's

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Matthew 25.1-13

COLLECT

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WELCOME: To our Services today; please join us for tea or coffee after the 10am Sunday Service in St Martin's.

Diary Dates

3 Dec KFC Advent Service 5.30pm Trinity

CARETAKER/HANDYMAN: We need a person to do this Parish Centre role. (Mainly to *regularly check the fire alarms; carryout any **minor** repairs in the centre and attend for annual gas and electric inspections*). If necessary, any main work needed in the Parish Centre is done by contractors. If you feel this may be **YOU** or a **family member**, please see me for a job description. Penny



PARISH CENTRE CHAIRPERSON: Following Chris's move to the Midlands, we need someone for this role. The main tasks are to chair about 3 meetings a year of the Parish Centre Committee; do any updates to the Rules & Guidance for the centre in conjunction with the Committee/PCC; arrange an annual inventory check; maintain a key register. Also in the absence of a Caretaker, arrange for fire alarm checks (*there are others in church who can also do these checks*) and refer any repair work needed in the Centre to the Buildings Committee. See Penny for a job description.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

READERS/INTERCESSORS ROTA & SIDESPERSONS

ROTA 2018: If anyone is interested in joining the teams for the first time for these important ministries in the life of the church, please see me as soon as possible. Those already on these rotas from 2017 should only contact me if they do not wish to be put on the 2018 rotas - or let me know if there are any dates for which you are unavailable. Full training will be provided for each task. The more people we have on the rotas, the less often you have to do it! If you volunteer as a sidesperson (welcoming people on the door; preparing the church beforehand), for example, this will probably only involve 5 - 6 Sundays a year. Please prayerfully consider how you can help. **Mark Clifford (07904 191403 mclifford345@hotmail.com)**

CHRISTIAN AID: Our Big Brekkie Mk II was very successful, and we raised £160.50 (plus £10 late donations) for current appeals. Many thanks to Kathy Cole and her team for running it, and to all who supported this event – watch out for more next year! I have also received a new Quiz, 'HAPPY HOMES', from the Hoddesden C.A. Committee. Please let me know if you are interested, and I will send you a copy by email (sydenning@talktalk.net); or I will deliver a hard copy if you live locally – just leave me a 'phone message with your name and address. There are 50 Questions, "definitely not as hard as Colin's quizzes"! and answers are not due back until Monday 8th January 2018; minimum donation £1. **Saxon Denning, 815089.**



DEMENTIA SUPPORT: In the Parish Centre on Mondays at 2pm there is an hour of craft activities and the time to chat being run for 10 weeks in this small group. Contributions of £3 per session are asked for, carers are free. Hertswise is running this and more details can be found on the poster on the noticeboard in St Martin's. It is open to everyone, so let your friends know too.

QUIZ NIGHT: in aid of the Living Room & Great Ashby Community Centre, **Friday 17 November**, 8pm, organised by Great Ashby Community Church & the Community Centre volunteer committee. Tickets £3.50. Tickets available from Great Ashby Community Centre, Circles Café Bar or online at <https://gaquiznight.eventbrite.co.uk>

CAROLS: For the second year in a row, Stevenage Choral Society are holding their Christmas concert of carols and festive songs at St Martins on **Saturday 16 December** at 4pm. For tickets contact **Heather Heritage on 01438 365769 or Gill on 07734 420323.**