

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; Jean Bradford; Gwen Garland; Roy Allen; 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.

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.

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Our Facebook Group is 'St Martins Knebworth'

3 December 2017

Advent Sunday

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

Knebworth Family of Churches

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Services Diary

Sun 3 Dec	8am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's
	10am	Holy Communion	St. Martin's
	5.30pm	KFC Advent Service	Trinity
Thurs 7 Dec	10am	Holy Communion	St. Martin's
Fri 8 Dec	3.30pm	Messy Church	Parish Centre
Sun 10 Dec	8am	Morning Prayer	St. Martin's
	10am	Children's Nativity	St. Martin's
	4pm	Evensong	St. Mary's

Readings for this Sunday:

St Mary's

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Mark 13.24-37

St Martin's

Isaiah 64.1-9

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Mark 13.24-37

COLLECT

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

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

Diary Dates	
9 Dec	<i>Christmas Tree Memorial Stars Service, 4pm St Martins</i>
17 Dec	<i>Parish Carol Service, 6pm St Marys</i>

TODAY – UNITED SERVICE FOR ADVENT, CHRISTIAN

AID: This year's KFC United Advent Service will take place this evening at 5.30pm in Trinity Church, Park Lane, Knebworth. We will have a Christian Aid speaker from Kenya – Abraham Mwangi – he is the Programme Co-ordinator, Maternal New-born Health, for Christian Aid's Kenyan Partner ADS MKE (Anglican Development Services Mount Kenya East). Abraham has musical talents, so this promises to be a very interesting event! Please join us and invite any of your friends who may be interested to come along too. Refreshments will be served after the service. **Saxon Denning (815089).**

READERS/INTERCESSORS & SIDESPERSONS ROTAS

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)**

COFFEE ROTA: Thank you to everyone who has helped with coffee this year, I will soon be completing the coffee rota for next year. If you are able, or not, to be on the rota, please let me know. (New helpers are always welcome!) If I don't hear from you I will assume you are still available. Thank you in anticipation. **Sue Skinner, 01438 815882 suskinner@gmail.com**

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS CAROL! The result will be announced at the Parish Carol Service, 6pm Sunday 17th December at St. Mary's Church, Old Knebworth, and we will sing the most popular carol then. Voting closes at **midnight Wednesday 13th December.** Voting slips are now available or you can vote online at **<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/73N8D2P>**

CHORAL 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 16th December** at 4pm. For tickets contact **Heather Heritage on 01438 365769 or Gill on 07734 420323.**

THE CHRISTMAS TREE MEMORIAL STARS SERVICE for bereaved people is on Saturday 9th December from 4pm in St Martin's Church. Bereaved people can write the name of their loved one(s) on a memorial star which is placed on the Christmas tree during the service. Feel free to come and/or to invite a bereaved person who may appreciate this.

THANK YOU to all who supported Bishop Alan's Harvest Appeal. £171.26 was raised in supporting the development of community projects which transform the lives of people in remote rural villages of the Philippines. **William Anderson, Treasurer, 07718 967687.**

RENEWING YOUR HOME INSURANCE? The church insures its buildings through a firm called Ecclesiastical, who serve us well. Ecclesiastical is offering to donate £130 to the PCC for every member of our church family who take out a new home insurance policy with Ecclesiastical between now and October 31st 2018. Interested? Please see **www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130** or call 0800 783 0130 and quote TRUST130. **William Anderson, Treasurer, 07718 967687.**