

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; Roy Allen; Sarjon Toma & his family.



Please pray for the family & friends of Michael Lucas, who died on 31st December. There is a service of Thanksgiving for Michael's life at St Martin's on Monday 22nd at 12pm, which follows a private committal at Harwood Park Crematorium.

Please pray for the family & friends of Gwen Garland, who died on 27th December aged 104 years. Her funeral is at St Martin's on Wednesday 24th January at 12.15 pm.

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 is in hospital, or 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 313241
This leaflet can be viewed on our website.

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



Our Facebook Group is 'St Martins Knebworth'

7 January 2018

Baptism of Christ

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 7 Jan	8am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's
	10am	Holy Communion	St. Martin's
	4pm	KFC Epiphany service	St Thomas More
Thurs 11 Jan	10am	Holy Communion	St. Martin's
Sun 14 Jan	8am	Holy Communion	St. Martin's
	10am	Informal communion	St. Martin's
	4pm	Evensong	St Mary's

Readings for this Sunday:

St Mary's

Acts 19.1-7

Mark 1.4-11

St Martin's

Genesis 1.1-5

Acts 19.1-7

Mark 1.4-11

COLLECT:

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

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

Diary Dates	
15-19 Jan	<i>KFC Midday Prayers at 12pm in the Parish Centre</i>
20 Jan	<i>KFC Coffee Morning 10-12pm</i>
21 Jan	<i>KFC United Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at 11.30am in Trinity Church + Bring & Share lunch</i>

MICHAEL LUCAS: On the 31st December Michael Lucas sadly died in the Lister hospital. We give our condolences to Jane, Fiona and the family. Funeral details are on the back page.

GWEN GARLAND: We give our condolences to Ivy and the family. Funeral details also on the back page. Gwen sadly died on the 27th Dec.

KFC EPIPHANY SERVICE: This is **today at 4pm** in St Thomas More Church. There will also be the Baptism of Revd Steven and Ruth Cooper's daughter Stephina. Everyone welcome.

2018 CHURCH DIARIES: We have a pocket diary for everyone (*which have been donated to us*), if we missed you please ask for one. (*hopefully you will not have got a 2018 diary yet; the supply was late in coming*).

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER for church jobs, including:

- 1) **Caretaker/handyman** (Parish Centre)
- 2) **Parish Centre Chairperson**
- 3) **Newssheet Typist/Editor**
- 4) **Fundraising Organiser**

Please give one of these some thought and prayer, let's start 2018 with more help and spread the work! More info (*without commitment*) from **Penny 313241**.

LIKE A GOOD BOOK?: Just to remind you that we have a trolley of Christian books in St Martin's (near the font) that can be borrowed and

returned in your own good time, no booking out. Don't let them collect dust!!



Pick up a copy of the Bridge Builders 2017 Annual report. You will find them on the table by the main door in St Martin's and inside St Mary's. See what has been happening over the last year.

QUIZ NIGHT: There is a quiz night to raise funds for Bridge Builders. This will help them with their work in local schools, which the report tells you all about.

The Quiz is at St Paul's Methodist Church on **Saturday 10th February**, 6.30 for 7pm. (No tickets to get, just a suggested donation on the night of £5). It would be great if we could make a team up from Knebworth; please let me know if you are interested, so I can book a table. **Penny**

EASTER JOURNEY HELP: We are again hosting this in St Martin's from the 5th - 9th March, for our local schools. It will be in the mornings of Mon, Tues, Wed and on Friday morning and afternoon. Are you available to help us on some of these five sessions? Ask anyone who has done it and they will tell you how rewarding it is, special knowledge is not needed. More info from Penny.

Below is a Bridge Builders prayer that you may like to pray.

*Father of Lights,
By your spirit shine out through us
to the children of our communities.
Kindle in them
a spark of faith,
a ray of hope
and the fire of your love.*