

Please pray for: All those known to us who are in need of healing at this time, especially young Ben; Sue Boorman; Jane Gilbert; Orla & her family, as she recovers from extensive surgery; Christine Lockton; Sarjon Toma & his family; Mick & Sue Willis; Olive & Alan Montgomery; Anne Onyett; Jane Kerr-Reid as she receives chemotherapy, Christine Wilson (Kath Meredith's daughter).



Please pray for the family & friends of all bereaved families and especially the friends and family of Nen Bennett, Ellen Jane Shepherd, Rhoda Stratford, Gladys Strickland and Fred Curtis.

Please pray for the family & friends of John Handscomb. His funeral service is at St Martin's on Thursday 20th December 12pm followed by a burial at All Saints, Datchworth.

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 & their families.
- Peace in Syria, Iraq, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Mali, Central African Republic, Nigeria, Palestine/Israel, Turkey, Yemen, Myanmar 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 Refugees.
- The Indonesia earthquake and tsunami.

Do you know anyone in hospital, or who needs a home visit? Please tell Rev'd Jim Pye 817396, Mark Clifford 814004, William Anderson 811992 or Penny.

FOOD BANK: Please remember the Food Bank collection bins in our Churches when doing your weekly shop. For more information see 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

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Our Facebook Group is 'St Martins Knebworth'

2 December 2018

Advent Sunday

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

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

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Services Diary

Sun 2 Dec	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
	10.00 am	Holy Communion	St. Martin's
	5.30pm	KFC Advent Service	St Thomas More
Thurs 6 Dec	10am	Holy Communion	St Martin's
Fri 7 Dec	3pm	Mustard Seeds	Parish Centre
Sat 8 Dec	4pm	Memorial Stars	St Martin's
Sun 9 Dec	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St. Martin's
	10.00 am	Children's Nativity	St. Martin's
	4.00pm	Evensong	St Mary's

Readings for this Sunday:

St Mary's

1 Thessalonians 3: 9 - 13

Luke 21: 25 - 36

St Martin's

Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16

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Luke 21: 25 - 36

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

Diary Dates	
9 Dec	<i>Children's Nativity, 10am, St Martin's. No rehearsal needed!</i>
10 Dec	<i>Prayer Meeting, 12.00pm, Parish Centre</i>
15 Dec	<i>KFC coffee morning, 10am-12pm, Parish Centre</i>
15 Dec	<i>SCS Christmas Concert, 4pm, St Martin's</i>
15 Dec	<i>Carol Singing, 7.30pm, Lytton Arms</i>
16 Dec	<i>Carol Service, 6pm, St Mary's</i>
20 Dec	<i>KFC Carol Singing, 6.15pm Deanscroft; 6.50pm Knebworth Station, refreshments afterwards at Constance Place</i>
24 Dec	<i>Crib Service and Christingle, 4pm, St Martin's Midnight Communion, 11.30pm, St Martin's</i>
25 Dec	<i>Christmas Day Communion 8am, St Mary's and 10am, St Martin's</i>

WELCOME to our Services today, please join us for tea or coffee after the 10am Sunday Service in St Martin's. In particular, a warm welcome to Rev'd Chris Bunce from St Andrew & St George, Stevenage, who will be taking both services today.

THANK YOU: Jill Curtis would like to thank everyone for their Prayers, cards and words of comfort following the passing of her husband Fred. Jill also much appreciated those church members who attended the funeral. She thanks everyone for all their Prayers over the last year for Fred.

CHRISTMAS TREE "MEMORIAL STARS" SERVICE: Saturday 8th December, 4pm in St Martin's Church. This service offers bereaved people the chance to remember their loved ones by decorating the tree with "memorial stars" - cardboard stars with the person's name written on the back, placed on the tree during a short service of remembrance and thanksgiving. All welcome, however long ago the bereavement was. Feel free to invite people to this.

CHRISTMAS: please see the diary section for details of other special Christmas services and activities!

KFC CHRISTMAS CARDS: These detail all the Christmas Services in our Village Churches and are available in St. Mary's and St. Martin's from today. Please take a bundle to deliver to homes in Knebworth & Old Knebworth; they are labelled with the road needed so please have a look and see if you can help with a road near you.

EXCHANGING CHRISTMAS CARDS: The table is out in St Martin's for Christmas cards that you wish to give to other church members. Please place by surname and write both first name and surname on the envelope. Please only put cards there for people you know will be coming to church - if they are not likely to, please deliver them personally. We will remove them on 30th December, so please collect any there for yourself before the end of that service.

MORE CAROLS: for the third successive year Stevenage Choral Society are holding their annual Christmas Concert at St Martins. It is on 15th December at 4pm. Tickets are cheaper in advance and you can get them from **Liz Graham (815074)** or **Janet Maresh**, or from **Heather Heritage (01438 365769)**.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION SERVERS: We shall need two Servers on Christmas Eve at 11.30 p.m. and two Servers for Christmas Day at 10.00a.m. Please consider volunteering for these important duties. Thank you. **Kath Meredith (813783)**

PRAYER LEADERS NEEDED: We provide two leaders for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity midday prayers. These will run from Monday 21st to Saturday 26th January in the Parish Centre, lasting 30-40 minutes. Prayers are set out in a booklet, so leading is straightforward. Please speak to **Jim Pye or Liz Graham (815074)** if you can help. Thanks.