

15 March 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

**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; Sarjon Toma & his family; Mick & Sue Willis; Jane Ker-Reid; Linda (friend of Julia); Jim Pye; Penny Paton; Joyce Burrows; Diana Knight (friend of Kath Meredith).



**Please pray for:** the family and friends of Olive Case, Catherine Muntingford, Betty Bland and Lynda Dimmock.

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.
- All Refugees.
- The Coronavirus.

Do you know anyone in hospital, or who needs a home visit? Please tell Penny Paton.

*If you would like prayer for a particular concern or for healing, please let us know as someone will pray with you after the 10am service. If Janet Hammond is there please see her.*

Please send contributions for the leaflet **by 12 noon on Thursday** to the Team  
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This leaflet can be viewed on our website.

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

**FOOD BANK:** Please remember the Food Bank collection bins in our Churches when doing your weekly shop. Plus plastic carrier bags! For more information see [www.stevenagecommunityfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.stevenagecommunityfoodbank.org.uk).



**Our Facebook Group is 'St Martins Knebworth'**

**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**

<b>Sun 15 Mar</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	Holy Communion	<b>St Mary's St Martin's</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	Holy Communion	
<b>Thurs 19 Mar</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Holy Communion	<b>St Martin's</b>
<b>Sun 22 March Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	Holy Communion	<b>St Martin's St Martin's St Mary's</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	All Age Communion	
	<b>4.00pm</b>	Evensong	

**Readings for this Sunday:**

**St Mary's**

Romans 5.1–11  
John 4.5–42

**St Martin's**

Exodus 17.1–7  
Romans 5.1–11  
John 4.5–42

**COLLECT:** Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in 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. We especially welcome all those taking our services this week. Many thanks to all those clergy and readers supporting us at this time.

**PRAYER MEETING** – 23<sup>rd</sup> March - at 12pm in the Parish Centre

<b>Diary Date</b>	
<b>26 April</b>	<i>APCM (Annual Meetings) in the Parish Centre at 6.30pm</i>

**WATER AID:** We are supporting the KFC Water Aid again this year. 785 million people in the world –**one in ten** – do not have clean water close to home. They will keep working until everyone, everywhere has clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene. They can't do it without you. PLEASE SUPPORT KFC AS IT SEEKS TO RAISE FUNDS OVER LENT USING THE JARS OF CHANGE INTO WHICH A SMALL DONATION IS PLACED EACH TIME WATER IS USED OVER LENT. There are jars in the entrance hall of St Martin's for you to pick up. Please support this, last year we did not do well as a Church, in what we raised. Please return to me or Karen by Easter Sunday. **Penny**

**REV'D JIM PYE** Rev'd Jim Pye is unable to return to work at the moment as he has been signed off for the next few weeks due to his mental health. Thanks, once again for your prayers and best wishes. Every blessing to you all. Love and prayers, Melanie Pye

**LENT:** During Lent you may like to take part in this – **Collect a bag from Karen or Penny and during the 40 days of Lent add an item (a list of suggestions will be given to you) to the bag that could be used by a homeless person at the Haven Hostel.** This does not have to be costly. If you do not manage 40 items that is also fine. Please return to **Penny or Karen** by Easter Sunday.

**LENT OPENING:** During Lent, St Martins will be open every Wednesday lunchtime between 12:30 and 1:30 for quiet meditation and personal prayer. Stay for 2 minutes, 20 minutes or as long as you want! **Karen.**

### **CHURCH SITTING AT ST. MARY'S ON 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH:**

Would anyone be willing to church sit between 2.00 p.m. and 4 p.m. on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, which is Mothering Sunday and also Parish Open Day? The request is last minute unfortunately but it does provide an opportunity for outreach to the village residents.

Many thanks, Julia Vickers, [julia.a.vickers@btinternet.com](mailto:julia.a.vickers@btinternet.com)

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Anyone wishing to contribute to the cost of Easter Lilies in St Mary's in memory of family and friends please contact Linda Mitchell 07917130034 or 813377, or Ulrike Proff 814223. **FOR ST MARTIN'S** see Penny Paton 313241. **We need your donations by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April please, so the flowers can be purchased.**

**ELECTORAL ROLL:** We will be revising the Electoral Roll between 29<sup>th</sup> March and 10<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like to be added to the roll please see **Penny** before the 29<sup>th</sup> March to get a form.