

ST MARY'S AND ST MARTIN'S

14 April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 8am service - 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays - Holy Communion (BCP)
 St Mary's 6pm Second Sunday of month - Evensong
 St Martin's 10am service - Parish Communion

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 14 th	10am	St Martin's	Holy Communion with Junior Church
	6pm	St Mary's	Evensong
Monday 15 th	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 16 th	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 17 th	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Thursday 18 th	10am	St Martin's	Holy Communion followed by tea & cake
Saturday 20 th	10am	Parish Centre	KFC Coffee Morning
Sunday 21 st	8am	St Martin's	Holy Communion BCP
	10am	St Martin's	Holy Communion

READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Acts 3.12-19

1 John 3.1-7

Luke 24.36b-48

COLLECT: Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

OUR NEWS

HOME GROUPS

We are looking forward to launching our home groups across the 8am and 10am services on Sunday 21 April. We have four groups: Tues afternoon; Tues evening; Weds evening; Thurs evening. Groups will begin to meet on their respective day after the 21st – precise times to follow. For the first six weeks, each group will use the same material, the Bible Society's Lyfe Course. *Tim and Charles.*

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES YRS 7-10

Oak Church in Stevenage are running activities for Yrs 7-10 at Barnwell School on 30 and 31 May. Could you spare a day or half a day to support them (e.g. serving food, assisting, etc)? You won't be required to run or lead anything! DBS is required. Please speak to Charles if interested.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR...

Someone who can help us with taking minutes for our PCC (church council) meetings. Commitment would be six times a year, once every two months, 8pm on the third Monday of the month. If this might be you, please speak to Charles. Thank you!

NOTICE OF ELECTORAL ROLL REVIEW

There is a review of the church Electoral Roll between **14th April and 24th April**. If you are not already on the roll register now before the annual meeting in May (12th). We cannot register anyone after the 24th until after the meeting. Please see Anne Purvis, Charles King or Penny Paton for more details.

SPARE SUITCASES AND LARGE BAGS

Do you have any unwanted suitcases or large bags? St Martin's is being a temporary drop off point. Cases/bags will then be taken by Herts Welcomes Refugees to the Novotel in Stevenage, where they are much needed to assist refugees store their items and help them when moving out.

SCRABBLE SET?

Does anyone have a standard **Scrabble** game they would be happy to donate to Messy Church? We have an activity that calls for a set or two. Please give to Penny or Mark who will be very grateful to receive it.

FOODBANK



FEED UP WARM UP
charity number 1186381

Supplying the homeless and families in need locally. Generally needed: Tinned soup, beans, meals, tinned fish; biscuits; pasta; microwave rice; breakfast bars; toilet roll. Could you get an item when you go shopping? **Our Donations bin has been low of late, please help!**

Please remember in your prayers:

- All those known to us who need **healing** at this time, including: Jane Gilbert, Orla & her family, Mick & Sue Willis, Father Philip, Eileen Pullen and Janet Wright.
- Those who have died: especially the family and friends of Chrissy Cobbold and Mike Stiff.
- The Diocese of St Albans, Bishop Alan; Bishop Jane; Archdeacon Janet, and all those who support us in our worship and ministry.
- Places suffering from war, conflict and strife, among them: The Holy Land – Israel and Palestine, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Mali, Yemen, and Sudan.

Service of Thanksgiving for Michael Stiff will take place at St Mary's Church on Thursday 25th April at 2.30pm.

Please email any contributions for this e-leaflet by **12.30pm Tuesday**
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