

ST MARY'S AND ST MARTIN'S

19 January

Epiphany 2

St Mary's 8am service - 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays - Holy Communion (BCP)
 St Mary's 4pm Second Sunday of month - Evensong
 St Martin's 10am service - Parish Communion

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday 18 th	10am	Parish Centre	KFC Coffee Morning – (the money raised will go to The Haven in Stevenage)
Sunday 19 th	8am	St Mary's	Holy Communion BCP
	10am	St Martin's	Parish Communion
Monday 20 th	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 21 st	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 22 nd	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Thursday 23 rd	10am	St Martin's	Holy Communion followed by refreshments
Sunday 26 th	10am	St Martin's	Parish Communion

READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Isaiah 62:1-5

John 2:1-11

COLLECT:

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

OUR NEWS

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 19-24 JANUARY

Beginning Sunday 19 January, Knebworth Family of Churches are coming together as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We will meet daily for 40 mins reflecting on different aspects of the Nicene Creed, a fundamental of Christian faith, which in 2025 celebrates its 1700th anniversary. Do join with our friends across Knebworth. Times and venues as follows:

Day	When?	Where?
Sunday 19 Jan	12:30pm (refreshments from 12pm)	Trinity Church
Monday 20 Jan	12pm	St Martin's Parish Centre
Tuesday 21 Jan	12pm	St Thomas More
Wednesday 22 Jan	12pm	St Martin's Parish Centre
Thursday 23 Jan	12pm	Trinity Church
Friday 24 Jan	12pm	St Thomas More

BABY & TODDLER GROUP LEADER

Our 'Smarties' Baby and Toddler group is seeking a Leader to assist the current leader and provide cover when needed on Tuesday mornings, during term time in St Martin's Parish Centre. More information and role description from: knebworthparishchurch@gmail.com

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS

A big thank you to everyone who bought the Christmas cards of St Mary's. A total of £125 was raised for church funds. Plans are in hand for a different scene for this coming Christmas.

BISHOP ALAN'S TWO ACRE OPEN GARDEN

The Bishop of St Albans will be opening his garden on two weekends in February for people to come and look at the display of snowdrops. Opening on 15 & 16 Feb and 22 & 23 Feb, 2pm - 4pm, subject to the snowdrops. Entrance is £5 (children free). Money raised donated to Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust. [Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HD](#)

COMMUNITY TEA PARTY

Saturday 25 January from 2 pm at Trinity Church, Park Lane, Knebworth. To book your place contact Maureen on Tel: 07949 533880. You can be sure of a warm welcome! Admission is free thanks to a grant from Hertfordshire County Council.

FOODBANK FEED UP WARM UP

charity number 1186381

Supplying the homeless and those in need locally. Generally needed: Tinned soup, beans, meat balls, tinned meats, tinned fish; tinned fruit; biscuits; pasta; microwave rice; breakfast bars; toilet roll. Could you get an item when you go shopping? **Thank you for your continuing support.** Your one tin or packet a week can make all the difference to someone in need.

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, Janet Wright and Helmut Proff.
- Those who have died, especially the family and friends of Anthony Tomlinson.
- 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.

Our Congratulations to Sheila and Divine Okpako on the birth of twin boys on Tuesday 14th January. We look forward to meeting them soon!

Please email any contributions for this e-leaflet by **12.30pm Tuesday** to: knebworthnews@gmail.com