

# ST MARY'S AND ST MARTIN'S

## 15 February

### Sunday before Lent

St Mary's 8am service - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays - Holy Communion (BCP)

St Mary's 4pm Second Sunday of month - Evensong

St Martin's 10am service - Parish Communion

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

|                                |          |               |   |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------------|---|
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>        | 8am      | St Mary's     | Holy Communion BCP                      |
|                                | 10am     | St Martin's   | Parish Communion                        |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>        | 9am      | St Martin's   | Morning Prayer                          |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>       | 9am      | St Martin's   | Morning Prayer                          |
|                                | 12pm-3pm | Parish Centre | Pancakes                                |
| Ash Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> | 9am      | St Martin's   | Morning Prayer                          |
|                                | 8pm      | St Martin's   | Holy Communion with ashing              |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>      | 10am     | Parish Centre | Holy Communion followed by refreshments |
| Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>      | 10am     | Parish Centre | KFC Coffee Morning                      |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>        | 10am     | St Martin's   | All Age Communion                       |

#### READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Exodus 24:12-18

Matthew 17:1-9

#### READINGS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**COLLECT:** Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### OUR NEWS

#### LENT COURSE

During Lent we will be running a series of sessions based around Rowan Williams' new book *Discovering Christianity: a guide for the curious*. Whether you have been a Christian for a long time or are new to church, this is a great opportunity with video and discussion to revisit big questions such as **“What is faith?”**, **“Why church?”**, or **“Why Scripture?”**. We will be joined by our friends from Knebworth Family of Churches, so this is also a good chance to share together. Sessions are Wednesdays 25 Feb, 4, 11, 18 and 25 March 8-9pm in the Parish Centre. Further details from Charles or Tim.

## PANCAKES – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

It's this **Tuesday 12pm – 3pm** – come and have your lunch out in the Parish Centre – sweet and savoury pancakes with various fillings to choose from. Gluten and dairy free available.

## THE LIFE OF RONALD BLYTHE: A talk by Alan Cudmore

Join us for an illustrated journey into the life and work of Ronald Blythe, widely regarded as the 20th century's greatest chronicler of the English countryside. The evening will be led by **Alan Cudmore**, a close friend of Blythe for many years, hear personal insights into the man behind masterpieces like *Akenfield*. Don't miss this look at a literary legend – **St Martin's Parish Centre, Friday 6 March, 7pm-8.30pm.**

### Please remember in your prayers:

- All those known to us who need **healing** at this time, including: Jane Gilbert, Orla & her family, Sue Willis, Father Philip, Helmut, Jonathan Turner, Clare and Ellie & Paul.
- Those who have died.
- The Diocese of St Albans, Bishop Richard as Acting Bishop of St Albans; 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.

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