ST MARY'S AND ST MARTIN'S

29 November

Advent Sunday

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

Advent Sunday 29th	8am	St Mary's	Holy Communion BCP
	10am	St Martin's	Parish Communion
Monday 30th	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 1st	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 2nd	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Thursday 3rd	10am	Parish Centre	Holy Communion followed by refreshments
Sunday 6th	8am	St Mary's	Holy Communion BCP
	10am	St Martin's	Morning Worship with breakfast from 9:30am

READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 | Mark 13:24-end

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

OUR NEWS

Admission to Communion

It was a joy to welcome Miller, Ethan, Maya, Faith and Hannah to communion last week. Please continue to pray for them at this time and in their ongoing journey of faith





New piano at St Martin's

We are hugely grateful to a very generous donor who, looking for a new home for his superb Blüthner grand piano, has gifted it to us. It will be a huge asset not only to our worship at St Martin's, but more widely, for concerts, recitals and further outreach (school is already looking forward to using it for their carol services!). Particular thanks also to our Knebworth friends and partners at Midsummer Music for facilitating this.

Four Advent Voices – Music and Monologues

Join **The Eden Consort** as they tell the story of Advent through music and monologue. **When:** Saturday, 12 December at 3:00pm **Where:** Trinity Church, Knebworth. Stay afterwards for fellowship and refreshments! Admission is free, with a retiring collection.

Nativity Service, Christmas Eve, 4pm

This was such a success last year that we're looking to repeat the format for 2026! Could you be one of 7-8 people to assist with things like costumes, serving drinks, welcoming, bringing the children up etc. Speak to Charles or Anke if you can.

After church coffee – St Martin's

I wish to thank everyone again for offering to continue doing the coffee after Church on Sundays at St Martin's. The rota will mostly be as last year, please note, however, that the fifth Sunday is not yet allocated to anyone. If you would like to join the 'team' for these occasional Sundays you would be most welcome. Have a very Happy Christmas and all best wishes for the New Year. Sue Skinner.

Foodbank

FEED UP WARM UP
charity number 1186381

Supplying the homeless and those in need locally. Their needs include tinned soup, beans, meatballs, meats, fish, fruit, biscuits, pasta, microwave rice, and breakfast bars. **Add a selection box if you can!** Could you pick up an extra item when you do your shopping? Thank you for your continued support, as just one tin or packet a week can make all the difference to someone in need. Plastic bags also needed if you have any spare.

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 Sue Williamson.
- Those who have died.
- The Diocese of St Albans, Bishop Andrew; Bishop Jane; Bishop Richard as he prepares for his retirement; Archdeacon Janet, and all those who support us in our worship and ministry.
- Places suffering from war, conflict and strife, among them: The Middle East, Iran and the Gulf, 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