

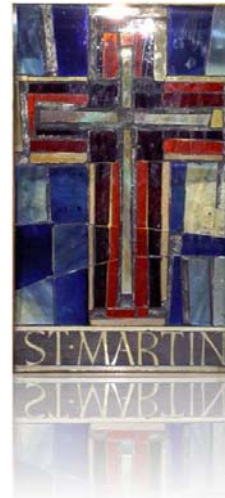
Abundant Life (week beginning 11 July)

1. Gal 2: 20,21 Paul explains how new life in Jesus works and doesn't work. Which part of this strikes you most?
2. Gal 3: 6 Remember this verse when you read what seems like a counter argument in James letter later this week.
3. Gal 3 If we are not saved by it, why was the Law given?
4. Gal 4 What part does the Law play in Paul's adoption idea?
5. Gal 5 Law and circumcision aren't big issues to us now. How would you re-write verses 3 and 4 for people today?
6. James 1: 2 'Troubles' probably means persecution. Can we count our everyday troubles as a test of our faith?
7. James 2: 21 Look back at Galatians 3: 6 do Paul and James disagree about Abraham, faith and good deeds? What evidence can you find to support your view?

Abundant Life (week beginning 18 July)

1. James 3 What importance does this chapter have for us in our current sermon series No Perfect People Allowed?
2. James 4 which verses would you pick out to guide our approach to God and to the devil?
3. Everyone in Britain is rich compared to most of the rest of the World. James seems harsh towards rich people. Does he mean that for all rich people or only those like 2: 2?
4. Like Paul and James, Peter is a Jew. Do you sense their individual characters from their letters?
5. 1 Peter 1: 2 could be Peter's 'good news' in a nutshell. Compare it to Gal 5: 4,5.
6. 1 Peter 2: 11 How differently might we live our lives if we truly thought of ourselves as temporary visitors here?
7. 1 Peter 3 How do we reconcile verses 1 and 7?

Rocky's Plaice Holiday Club: This CTC holiday club is for 5-11 year olds and will take place between *2nd and 6th August, 10am - 12.30pm at High Cross Church*. Our children are encouraged to invite their friends, especially their friends who don't come to church. Further details are available by emailing Louisa Adams on youth.worker@highcross.org.uk. The cost is £10 per child for the five days and there are forms available in the office.



St Martins' News

11th to 24th July 2010

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH
Camberley, Old Dean

Welcome to St Martin's Church.

We hope you will enjoy our services and feel God's presence.

If you would like to know more about St Martin's, do speak to Bob or Martin, after the service or call them (phone details below).

Sunday Services

- 10:00 - 10:45 All Age Service
10:45 - 11:15 Coffee and doughnuts in the hall
11:15 - 12:15 Communion Service

Readings for 11th July - sixth Sunday after Trinity

1 Cor 9:19-23	p 808	Rom 7:14-8:2	p 797	Matt 13:24-30	p 691
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Readings for 18th July - seventh Sunday after Trinity

Rom 8:5-11	p 797	1 Cor 1:12, 3:5-9	p 804	John 4:7-26	p 750
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A thought from scripture:

Each of us must bear some faults and burdens of his own. For none of us are perfect!
Galatians 6 v5

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A Message from the vicar: It costs around £50,000 a year to fund a church, a vicar and a vicarage in this parish. Generously the diocese asks us for less than half of that. In 2007 and 2008 we gave the Diocese only £11,000. In 2009 we gave £14,000 and this year we aim to give £16,000 (still well short of what they ask). The Diocese has said that, if we can move to paying the full figure asked of us, they will write off our total debt (a massive figure) built up over the last 10 years or so.

We cannot keep asking you to contribute more. Most of you are probably giving all that you can now. The only way to meet our obligations is to reduce our expenditure on other things.

Your PCC has had some very difficult decisions to take and there are more to come. Firstly, we have decided to stop employing our office secretary. We have been talking to Ann about this for a couple of months. We have agreed not to make Ann redundant immediately, but to help her find other work first if possible. Ann on her part has volunteered to reduce her days from 3 to 2 so she is now only in the office on Monday and Thursday. Unless Ann has already left for another job by September we will review this then.

Our next biggest expense is fuel bills (£6,000). We aim to try to cut this by half. We propose to insulate both our church and hall, and manage more carefully the times when the heating is on. We aim to cut electricity by installing efficient lights. To achieve this we will spend some money now in order to save money every year after, but money may not be the only cost.

We have received advice about the best way to insulate and that is from the inside. This will change the appearance of the hall very little, but it could significantly change the church. Although the PCC has the job of decision making, we want to gauge the opinions of all the church about this proposal and to that end we are producing impressions of how the changes would affect the appearance of the church.

Finally, it may seem strange that we are cutting these costs, but will be spending money on some other things. The Diocese calculates our 'Parish Share' using a formula based on our expenditure. Expenditure is everything we spend including the parish share itself, but excluding 'major capital items'.

'Major capital items' are any big bits of spending on buildings and equipment. So for instance the cost of fuel for heating is expenditure, but insulation is not.

Initially this may all seem disappointing, but I believe that it is important that we meet our obligations, which otherwise will fall on other churches in the diocese. It will help to ensure the future of our church by ridding us of a massive debt to the diocese and sending out the right impression, that St Martin's is a viable church.

Teddy Bears' Picnic: Tuesday Tots will end the term with a picnic in the Vicarage garden - see Emma for details.

The Wey: the diocese's monthly newspaper is by the door. Please take one to read - it is a way of bringing the diocese together.

Get your views heard: Our P.C.C. meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. If you want to have a wish or a concern aired, please ask any P.C.C member to raise the issue at a meeting.

Prayer Walking: we will be walking round the parish, praying for the people who live here, on Tuesday evenings from 7pm. The list of streets is on the noticeboard.

Prayer Meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month 7.30 - 8.00 pm, in the prayer room.

New Wine: There will be a party of church members going to the New Wine summer conference from 24-30 July. If you were interested in making a day trip down to Shepton Mallet in Somerset, day tickets are available on the gate at £25 for adults, £15 for children. If you choose to come, take Bob's mobile phone number with you to make it easy to meet up.

Alpha: Starting in late September and running through to November, we are planning to run at least one small Alpha. This will take place at the vicarage on Wednesday evenings. If you want to give try Alpha, speak to Bob. You can invite a friend by offering to come with them. Each evening starts with a simple meal together, then a short talk followed by time to ask questions, to listen to other people's thought, or to stay quiet - just as you please. There is no charge for Alpha.

The notice board is in the entrance hall. Do check it regularly for information not necessarily advertised in the "Weekly News".