



The Parish of St. Martin's, Chipping Ongar with St. Peter's, Shelley



We are now in an Interregnum

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MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

To be a growing church, God's gift to the community

Last words ...

Dear Friends

Just a note to say thank you, thank you for choosing me to come and serve as your Rector. Those of you who found me a bit of a shock at first, thank you for persevering with me. It has been a joy to share the last 6+ years of your journey of faith, you have been a blessing to me.

I am sorry to be leaving you, especially as life feels so uncertain at the moment, but I know God will call someone here who, as it says in the book of Esther, will be perfect for "such a time as this" someone with more energy than I currently have.

You are a brilliant lot. You did rather scare me at first as I was used to a congregation who didn't do anything unless I was involved and suddenly inheriting such an able, self-motivated congregation was rather unnerving. I had to learn to trust you in a way that I'd not needed to do in Harlow! But my goodness I am glad this is what you are like, don't lose confidence you are serving our Lord well in this little neck of the woods.

It would be good for those of you who have been around long enough to reflect upon how you have journeyed and how God has used your experiences of different clergy to good effect. The vicar, of whom it was said, didn't do very much gave you a gift of encouragement to do things yourself. Very important gift in a world of reducing clergy numbers! You will have been formed and grown in other ways too under the ministry of Susan and then myself. I confess to being slightly anxious that the gift people most seem to value about me is my evident lack of perfection but there we are – God certainly works in mysterious ways.

Anyway, as you read this Paul and I will be cleaning carpets and trying to get The Rectory shipshape for the next incumbent. Thankfully the pandemic proved to me my crystal ball was useless for predicting the future so I have no idea what you face but I know the One with whom you face it and God is faithful, there is no need to be afraid. Keep your eyes on our Lord and trust Him and all will be well.

My love to you all and I pray that God will bless you richly ... *Noelle*





HOME COMMUNION ... Is there anyone who, for one reason or another, cannot be in Church as they used to be? For those of you who would like it, we can offer home communions. If this is something you would like, please contact either myself, Sue on 01277 362723 or Shirley on 01277 364143, and we can arrange a convenient time to bring the sacrament to you.

ST. MARTIN'S, CHIPPING ONGAR

Times for Services & Private Prayer



Sunday Services

First & Third Sundays - 8 am - Holy Communion

First Sunday - 10.30 am - One Big Family for All

Third Sunday - Morning Prayer with Hymns (non-Communion)

Second, Fourth & Fifth Sunday - 10.30 am - Holy Communion

Wednesday

9 am - Morning Prayer

10 am - Holy Communion

St. Martin's Church is usually open for Private Prayer each day between 9 am and 5 pm

Please adhere to any notices displayed

***WE LOOK FORWARD
TO WELCOMING YOU!***

Please do remember to visit our website

<http://www.stmartinongar.org.uk>

where you can link to our Facebook page

STREETS TO BE PRAYER FOR:

1 st - 7 th May	Barkers Way
8 th - 14 th May	Barons Close
15 th - 21 st May	Battle Court
22 nd - 28 th May	Betjeman Way
29 th May - 4 th June	Bowes Drive & Bowes House

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Baptisms: George Simon Leeds - 20.03.2022 - St. Martin's

Confirmations:

Weddings / Renewal of Weddings Vows:

Funerals:

Internment of Ashes / Memorial Services / Cremations:

Morning Prayer each Wednesday at 9 am in St. Martin's Church



Shirley writes ...



I'm continuing to lead a BCP Morning Prayer service via Zoom at 10.30 am on Sunday mornings for those of us unable to attend St. Martin's at present and new folk are always welcome. Just send an email to me at shirleydudeny@btinternet.com for the appropriate link.



All Services are in St. Martin's unless otherwise stated

Sun	1	ONGAR DAY 8.00 am Communion – <i>Revd. Stewart Gibbs presiding</i> 10.30 am One Big Family Service – <i>Revd. Liz Horwell leading</i> followed by Plant Stall and Refreshments
Wed	4	10.00 am Communion – <i>Revd. Neil Taylor presiding</i>
Sun	8	10.30 am Communion - <i>Revd. Neil Taylor presiding</i>
Wed	11	10.00 am Holy Communion – <i>Revd. Neil Taylor presiding</i>
Sun	15	8.00 am Communion – <i>Revd. Albert Watson presiding</i> 10.30 am Service of the Word - led by <i>Chris Patridge</i>
Wed	18	10.00 am Communion - <i>Revd. Neil Taylor presiding</i> 7.30 pm PCC Meeting in The Church Rooms
Sun	22	10.30 am Communion – <i>Revd. Jane Quinton presiding</i> 10.30 am Book of Common Prayer Morning Service on Zoom*
Wed	25	10.00 am Communion – <i>Revd. Neil Taylor presiding</i> <i>Shirley Dudeny preaching</i>
Thu	26	ASCENSION DAY 7.30 pm Communion – <i>Revd. Neil Taylor presiding</i>
Sun	29	10.30 am Healing Service with Communion – <i>Revd. Neil Taylor presiding</i> 10.30 am Book of Common Prayer Morning Service on Zoom*

*If you haven't attended a Zoom service / event before and would like to attend please contact Shirley Dudeny – shirleydudeny@btinternet.com for the necessary link.

Please advise Peter Dudeny on 364143 or peterdudeny@btinternet.com of details of any events / meetings taking place or cancellations / amendments.

If you don't tell him, nothing happens 😊

Can you help us?

Back in December 2020 a chance conversation led to the birth of a new worshipping community, a new form of church.



You would have difficulty finding it as it has no church building, but it attracts a congregation similar in size to the 8 o'clock or mid-week communion services.

I'm talking about the 10.30 BCP Morning Prayer service which Peter and I host via Zoom each Sunday.

It was started as we gradually came out of the Coronavirus Lockdown, for those in our congregation and beyond who, because of their clinical vulnerability were unable to leave their home environment; and it continues to attract a loyal group of people who for one reason or another, are unable to attend church in the traditional way.

However, with Noelle and Paul's departure it's future is in jeopardy.

In order to support the other members of the ministry team, I have agreed to lead a service in St Martin's on the 3rd Sunday of the month; and I shall also be preaching at Greensted and St. Martin's on another Sunday in the month (usually the 2nd).

Whilst Peter is willing to lead the online services on these occasions, we do have a problem. He is the (only) reserve Sidesperson, and he will need to cover for a vacant slot on the third Sunday, which Paul Taylor used to do, and soon also on the second Sunday (whilst Gill Richardson recovers from a major operation). This would mean that the Zoom service could not take place on those Sundays.

Can you help? Would you be willing to act as a Sidesperson on one of these Sundays?

It is not too arduous, and as well as being fully trained you will always be working with an experienced person. If you would like to help, please contact Peter Dudeney on 01277 364143 or email him at peterdudeney@btinternet.com

what are other words for sidesman?



verger, usher, guide, attendant, escort, assistant, help, helper, supporter



Would you enable these online services to continue their ministry?

Please, please consider whether God is calling you to this role.

Thank You

Shirley Dudeney - Licensed Lay Minister



As we enter into our Interregnum, if anyone feels that they would like to write an article for the Newsletter under the heading – 'A Church Warden / Member of the Congregation Writes', please e-mail me (susan.roger.king@ntlworld.com) to let me know – I shall watch this space with anticipation !

You can be anonymous if you wish, but nothing too controversial please! The Editor's decision on articles will be final !!! Please do think about this request ... and have a word with me.

Sue.

Ongar & Shelley Ladies' Thursday Group Speaker Report

A Century of Fashion

Linda introduced Maggie Radcliffe who came to present a slide show on the way fashion has changed over the last 100 years.

Her presentation started with looking at crinoline dresses which looked lovely, but were so heavy that they were hard, if not impossible to wash. In the early 1900s, bodices were the fashion, which could create a very slim waist, but also pushed the inside of the body downwards. Sadly, many women had a short life because of this. By the early 1920s dresses were more streamlined, followed by the Charleston style. During the 40s and 50s, we had the Paris fashion leaders such as Dior and Chanel. These outfits still exist today and can be very expensive but the style has stood the test of time.

In the war years, nylons with a seam came into fashion. If you could not afford these, a line was drawn up the back of the leg to create this style! Furs could accompany an outfit in the 50s, and the 60s and 70s we had floral dresses, mini-skirts and later flared trousers.

Maggie then showed us slides of the Diana era with her lovely slimline dresses. It was interesting to see the similarity of her style compared to Catherine today. We also saw the poorer styles that some of the Royals have worn over the years, including hats worn by princesses and a harlequin dress worn by the Queen!

Linda thanked Maggie for a very interesting slide talk.

Our next meeting will be the AGM and Bring & Buy on Thursday 5th May at the Church Rooms.

Jan Turnbull - April 2022

PARISH VISION

To be a growing Church, God's gift to the community.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

In the light of God's call and our situation here, our mission is:

**to be a more evident presence in our community, witnessing to God's love for all;
to be God's hands and feet within the Church and beyond through
worship and prayer;
listening and serving;
acceptance and welcome;**

to be a people who are growing towards a closer relationship with God, creation and each other.

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