



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



We are now in an Interregnum

**For enquiries, please contact our
Church Wardens via email or 'phone**

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JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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

Revd. Jane writes ...

Strawberries and Dreams

Well following the success of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee celebrations – which I hope everyone was able to enjoy in some way - we have now moved from Her Majesty's royal court to the tennis courts of Wimbledon!

I have only ever managed to get tickets to the tournament twice. The first occasion was when I was about ten years old and went with my mum and sister and had restricted viewing from behind a steel girder on Court 1; and the second time was when I went with my husband and never saw any tennis!

That year the weather was so bad there was less than thirty minutes play, which having arrived a little late we missed! So, the only real 'taste of Wimbledon' we were able to enjoy that day was that of the strawberries and cream ☺



Now I don't know if those who are reading this are lovers of tennis or play the game themselves. But having seen top-class tennis players in action, to witness their speed, strength, accuracy, and fitness is an incredible sight. As someone who plays a bit of tennis, I can only dream of playing to such a standard; and in fact, to see such performances can actually leave me feeling very inadequate about my own game! But then I have to remember that I am not, and will never be, Serena Williams! Which is where perspective is important.

I am reminded of one of the first jokes my dad ever told me, about the man who answers the advert for 'A Handy Man'. Turning up for the interview he is asked by the client whether he can do plumbing, to which he replies 'no'; whether he can turn his hand to carpentry, to which he again replies 'no'; whether he is good in the garden and knows his fauna and flora, to which again the man replies 'no'. Lastly, he is asked if he can cook, which once again he replies 'no'. Rather exasperatingly the man interviewing him says, "you don't seem to have any of the skills which I am looking for, what exactly makes you think you are 'handy'...?" To which the man replies: "I only live round the corner!"

Life is not a game to be won to love, but a life to be lived with love. To see any one good at what they do is amazing – but we are not all born to be a Rafael Nadal, Elvis Presley, Bill Gates, Katherine Jenkins, or the Queen! But we are all special in God’s eyes. All born with our own unique gifts and callings. And what is more important is to be the best version of ourselves that we can, living with integrity and with love and care for each other.

In fact, whatever we do in life, ‘living round the corner’ and being there for our neighbour may actually be the most important thing we can be.

God Bless ... Revd. Jane x

The Vacancy - July Update

The recruitment process for a new priest is continuing to move at a very fast pace !

All the necessary paperwork has been completed and the Job Advert has appeared on the Diocesan website, see [Interim Priest-in-Charge \(0.75 FTE\) for the Benefice of Chipping Ongar with Shelley, Greensted Juxta Ongar and Stanford Rivers | Chelmsford Diocese \(anglican.org\)](#) The closing date for applications was 1st July and interviews are due to take place on 28th July.

The post will be different from Noelle’s in that it will be part-time (.75 FTE) and the person appointed will also have pastoral oversight of Bobbingworth and Moreton. He/she will not however be the lead priest in the MMU (as Noelle was). This role is now being undertaken by Rev Sam Brazier-Gibbs who is based at Blackmore.

The other thing to note is that the person appointed will be an Interim Minister for a period of three years as he/she and his/her colleagues (ordained and lay) work together to discern and shape the future of mission and ministry in our MMU (Mission & Ministry Unit).

Jill Bowtle & Peter Dudeney
Churchwardens



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.



Now that we are in 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

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



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 PRAYED FOR:

26 th June - 2 nd July	Chelmsford Road
3 rd - 9 th July	Churchill Close
10 th - 16 th July	Clare Mews
17 th - 23 rd July	Coles Close, Abigail Court and Finch Court
24 th - 30 th July	Cripsey Avenue and Cripsey Court
31 st July - 6 th August	Crossbow Court

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Baptisms:

Confirmations:

Weddings / Renewal of Weddings Vows:

Funerals:

Internment of Ashes / Memorial Services / Cremations:



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

Sun 3	8.00 am	Communion – <i>Revd. Stewart Gibbs presiding</i>
	10.30 am	One Big Family Service – <i>Revd. Liz Horwell leading</i>
	10.30 am	Book of Common Prayer Morning Service on Zoom*
	9.00 am	St. Peter's Shelley Open Day
	1.30 pm	St. Peter's Bring and Share Lunch
	3.00 pm	St. Peter's Songs of Praise
Tue 5	7.30 pm	Events Committee meet at 28 Great Lawn
Wed 6	10.00 am	Holy Communion in the Chancel - <i>Revd. Neil Taylor presiding</i>
Thu 7	10.00 am	Fabric Committee meet at 28 Great Lawn
Sun 10	10.30 am	Communion – <i>Revd. Liz Horwell presiding</i> <i>LLM Shirley Dudeney preaching</i>
	10.30 am	Book of Common Prayer Morning Service on Zoom*
Wed 13	10.00 am	Communion in Chancel - <i>Revd. Neil Taylor presiding</i>
Sun 17	8.00 am	Communion – <i>Revd. Albert Watson presiding</i>
	10.30 am	Morning Prayer - led by our LLM <i>Shirley Dudeney</i>
	10.30 am	Book of Common Prayer Morning Service on Zoom*
Wed 20	10.00 am	Communion in the Chancel - <i>Revd. Neil Taylor presiding</i>
	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting in The Church Rooms
Sun 24	10.30 am	Communion - <i>Revd. Neil Taylor presiding</i> <i>There is no Zoom Service today</i>
Wed 27	10.00 am	Communion in the Chancel – <i>Revd. Neil Taylor presiding</i>
Thu 28		Interviews for new priest take place in The Church Rooms
Sun 31	10.30 am	Healing & 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 Dudeney – shirleydudeney@btinternet.com for the necessary link.*

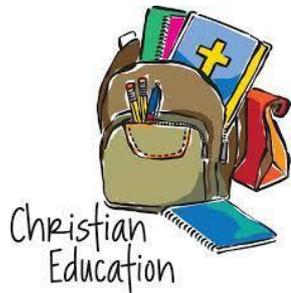
Please advise Peter Dudeney on 364143 or peterdudeney@btinternet.com of details of any events / meetings taking place or cancellations / amendments.

If you don't tell him, nothing happens 😊

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 shirleydudeney@btinternet.com for the appropriate link.



Would you like to?

Would you like to share in a journey of discovery into the Christian Faith with like-minded explorers?

Would you like to know more about The Bible, how it came to be written, and how to interpret its meaning for today?

Would you like to find out more about the history of the Christian Faith?

Well, if you do, you may be interested in the **Course in Christian Studies** which is run by the Diocese of Chelmsford.

The course runs over two years, is open to anyone over the age of 16 and this year there are three ways in which you can follow the course.

- Attend a weekly 'face to face' group.
- Sign up for the fully ONLINE group.
- Attend the weekly sessions via a zoom video link.

If you would like to know more, please speak with me, or have a look at the poster in St. Martin's Church.

Shirley Dudeney (364143)

If anyone would like a flower arrangement done for a special birthday or in memory of somebody then please contact me either by email - g.richardson2@btinternet.com or 01992 523071 otherwise there will be no more flowers in Church until Harvest.



Gill Richardson



**St Peter's Church,
Shelley**

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 3RD JULY

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN ALL DAY FROM ABOUT 9 AM

**BRING AND SHARE PICNIC
FROM 1.30 PM IN THE
CHURCHYARD**

**SONGS OF PRAISE IN THE
CHURCH AT 3 PM**

ALL WELCOME

ART OF GUITAR

VIRTUOSO CLASSICS

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, CHIPPING ONGAR, CM5 9JR
11TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Tickets: 07894 050663

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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.

Bereavement

HELPLINE

01279 967670

Call our Helpline to access:

- A listening ear & emotional support
- Guidance on what to do after a death
- Sign-posting to support in your area

St Clare
Hospice 

Free, local
support