



**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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AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

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

Revd. Jane writes ...

Another world

So how is your summer going? By now schools will have broken up and those eagerly anticipated summer holidays being enjoyed (flights permitting!)

I hope everyone is managing to stay safe and cool – writing this as I am, on the weekend of the amber / red weather warnings that are forecasting temperatures expected to reach 40 degrees!

I was actually able to beat the holiday rush and enjoy a summer break in Cornwall at the end of June. It gave me the chance of experiencing not only a different world location wise, but also in an imaginary sense in that I immersed myself in a good book! Having heard excellent reviews about Richard Osman's first novel, I decided to enter into the world of 'The Thursday Murder Club'.....and was instantly hooked! Having taken me just three days to read, I immediately searched out a local shop to buy the sequel. Because that's what a good book can do – whisk you away to another realm, drawing you in to a new group of people and surroundings and events, that you feel very quickly part of and invested in.



However, such new imaginary communities, as well as being a means of enjoyment and escapism, can actually present interesting, thought-provoking questions to real-life issues and situations. Such as in 'The Man Who Died Twice' (the second book of 'The Thursday Murder Club' series), in which two of the characters (Joyce and Ibrahim) discuss death. For Joyce life is about happiness, whereas for Ibrahim, "everything is about death", and in imparting their different perspectives to the other, Joyce ends up talking about everything being 'blue'!

Interesting though Joyce's argument is, one of the deeper truths of life is that nothing is indeed black and white..... except, I would advocate, that we are all born in the image of our Creator God, who loves each one of us more than we will ever imagine. Having put His love into each one of us He has given us a world that is not imaginary, nor black and white but gloriously vibrant – a world to feel part of and invested in, to look after and love.... every single part of it.

And so, whilst I now await the release of the third book in 'The Thursday Murder Club' series, I pray that whatever your plans be this summer, you might be blessed along the way.

God Bless ... Revd. Jane x



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. Many thanks ...

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:

31 st July - 6 th August	Crossbow Court
7 th - 13 th August	Elstar Road
14 th - 20 th August	Epping Road
21 st - 27 th August	Fyfield Road
28 th August - 3 rd September	Great Lawn and The Pavilions

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Baptisms:

Confirmations:

Weddings / Renewal of Weddings Vows:

Funerals:

Internment of Ashes / Memorial Services / Cremations:



It was with underlying sadness that eleven Mothers' Union members met in Sally Gowing's lovely garden on Tuesday 12th July for our annual Garden Party. This occasion was to mark the closure of The Ongar and Shelley Branch after 127 years. We are so grateful to our member, Rev'd Liz Horwell, for leading us in a memory filled service when we brought to mind many past members, particularly our lovely and sadly missed Daphne Hart, who had been so instrumental in the enrolling of many of those present. Following the service, we enjoyed each other's company over tea and cakes. Our thanks go to Sally for her hospitality and to Liz for leading us in worship.



Sue King

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



The Vacancy

The Interviews for our new Interim Priest took place on Thursday 28th July. There were three candidates, and it was a full-on day with each one having to give a presentation on change management, followed by questions from the panel. The rest of the morning they spent some time with the MMU Clergy and Licenced Lay Ministers; had a tour of The Rectory and also went on a car tour taking in the churches at Greensted, Stanford Rivers, Bobbingworth, Moreton and St. Peter's Shelley.

In the afternoon the actual interviews took place before a panel made up of the Archdeacon, the Area Dean (in an advisory capacity), and six representatives from the various parishes.

Of course, the Interview Day is only one step in the process of appointing a priest and it will be some weeks before we are allowed to make an announcement – this is quite normal, and we shall all have to be patient just a little bit longer!

We should like to thank everybody involved in the recruitment process from those who drafted out the Parish Profile to all those who joined us on the day; some doing various tasks and others meeting the candidates and providing feedback to the Panel.

Jill Bowtle and Peter Dudeney
Parish Representatives

Dear Friends

I am sure most of you have heard of the Church Army. As a supporter and Parish representative since the 1980s, I place their quarterly magazines and prayer diaries on the "tardis". Church Army Evangelists work with the poor and marginalised throughout the UK and other area of the Anglican Church like Canada and Australia. Church Army was started 140 years ago by Wilson Carlisle in Sheffield who we can read about in this special edition of the magazine



One of Church Army's main works has been their hostels for the homeless for women started in 1922. In the 1990's our church congregation supported the Marylebone project. We supplied toilet articles and clothes for the women. Two loved members of our congregation, Charles and Ingrid Kellam (now deceased) drove to London with our collections.

Now the Marylebone Project is the largest hostel in London, hundreds of women each year seek help there finding shelter, friendship, guidance and hope.

Church Army's legacy of putting well-being as a paramount ingredient of showing the love of Jesus, still drives their cause today and in God's grace will continue for another hundred years to come.

I do hope you will read the Church Army Special Edition of its magazine. Of course, like most charities, Church Army relies on donations to continue their work.

A few years back I arranged a speaker for the 10.30 am service which was enjoyed by the congregation and there was a retiring collection. Perhaps that is something we could repeat in the future, once we have a new Priest.?

With God's blessings to you all ... **Elaine x**



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

Wed 3	10.00 am	Communion in the Chancel – <i>Revd. Liz Horwell presiding</i>
	2.30 pm	Service at Weighbridge Court
Sun 7	8.00 am	Communion – <i>Revd. Stewart Gibbs presiding</i>
	10.30 am	One Big Family Service - <i>Viv Chant leading</i>
	10.30 am	Book of Common Prayer Morning Service on Zoom*
Wed 10	10.00 am	Communion in Chancel – <i>Revd. Neil Taylor presiding</i> * ¹
Sun 14	10.30 am	Communion – <i>Revd. Neil Taylor presiding</i> * ¹
	10.30 am	Book of Common Prayer Morning Service on Zoom*
Wed 17	10.00 am	Communion in the Chancel – <i>Revd. Neil Taylor presiding</i> * ¹
Sun 21	8.00 am	Communion – <i>Revd. Albert Watson presiding</i>
	10.30 am	Morning Prayer - led by our LLM Shirley Dudeney
	10.30 am	Book of Common Prayer Morning Service on Zoom*
Wed 24	10.00 am	Communion in the Chancel – <i>Revd. Liz Horwell presiding</i> Our LLM Shirley Dudeney preaching
Sun 28	10.30 am	Communion – <i>Revd. Neil Taylor presiding</i>
	10.30 am	Book of Common Prayer Morning Service on Zoom*
Wed 31	10.00 am	Communion in the Chancel – <i>Revd. Neil Taylor presiding</i> * ¹

*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.

*¹Provisional – if no clergy are available, Morning Worship (non-communion) will take place

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.



..... this year is on Saturday 10th September and both of our churches will be open for walkers and riders. If you would like a sponsorship form, please contact Jill Bowtle (info@sewingbox.co.uk)

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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

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