

**Please pray for:** All those known to us who are in need of healing at this time, especially Christine Baker; young Ben; Sue Boorman; Fred Curtis; Nigel Eden; Jane Gilbert; Orla & all the Hermitage family; Kath Meredith; Emma Vickers; Jean Bradford; Roy Allen; Christine Lockton; Saxon Denning; Sarjon Toma & his family.



**Please pray for** the family & friends of Gwen Garland, Bob Baker and Michael Lucas.

**Please pray for** the family & friends of Gordon Brown. His funeral is at 2.45pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at Harwood Park. Also the family & friends of "Eve" Stanley. Her funeral is at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 10am followed by a committal at Knebworth Cemetery.

Also please pray for:

- The Diocese of St Albans, Bishop Alan; The Bishop of Hertford, Rt. Rev'd Dr Michael Beasley; Rev'd Jim Pye & family.
- Peace in Syria, Iraq, the Ukraine, Afghanistan, Mali, Central African Republic, Nigeria, Palestine/Israel, Turkey, Yemen and South Sudan.
- Christians who are persecuted; for Open Doors and the Barnabas Fund ministering to persecuted Christians and their neighbours.
- Relief for those suffering from famines.
- All refugees.

Do you know anyone who is in hospital, or who needs a home visit? Please tell Mark Clifford 814004, William Anderson 811992 or Penny 313241.

**FOOD BANK:** Please remember the Food Bank collection bins in our Churches when doing your weekly shop. See [www.stevenagecommunityfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.stevenagecommunityfoodbank.org.uk).

*If you would like prayer for a particular concern or for healing, please wait near the font in St. Martin's after the 10am service. Yvonne Denning or Janet Hammond will come to pray with you.*

Please send contributions for the leaflet **by 12 noon on Thursday** to the Team  
Editor email: [knebworthnews@gmail.com](mailto:knebworthnews@gmail.com) or phone Penny 313241  
This leaflet can be viewed on our website.

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**Our Facebook Group is 'St Martins Knebworth'**

11 February 2018

Sunday before Lent

## Welcome to St. Mary's and St Martin's

Knebworth Family of Churches

*'A Church in the heart of the community, with a heart for Jesus, the community and each other'*

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### Services Diary

<b>Sun 11 Feb</b>	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion	<b>St. Martin's</b>
	<b>10am</b>	Informal Communion	<b>St. Martin's</b>
	<b>4pm</b>	Evensong	<b>St Mary's</b>
<b>Thurs 15 Feb</b>	<b>10am</b>	Morning Prayer	<b>St. Martin's</b>
<b>Sun 18 Feb</b>	<b>8am</b>	Holy Communion	<b>St. Mary's</b>
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### **Readings for this Sunday:**

#### St Mary's

Psalms 2

1 Kings 19.1-16

2 Peter 1.16-21

#### St Martin's

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Mark 9.2-9

### COLLECT:

***Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

**WELCOME:** To our Services today; please join us for tea or coffee after the 10am Sunday Service in St Martin's.

Diary Dates	
14 Feb	Prayer Stations start in St Martin's during Lent
18 Feb	Christian Aid Frugal Lunch 12.00pm at St Thomas More
19 Feb	KFC Lent course starts this week
24 Feb	Lent Quiet Morning, All Saints Pin Green, 10am-1pm
6-9 Mar	Easter Journey, St Martins
22 April	Annual Church Meetings at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre



**CHRISTIAN AID FRUGAL LUNCH:** The Christian Aid Lunch is being held at St Thomas More Church Hall on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 12.00 for 12.30. Advanced tickets are priced the same as last year, £3.50 for adults and young people, £2.50 for pensioners and children under 12 and a family ticket £5.50. Tickets are available from **Julie Ansell and Fiona Lucas** or just turn up on the day.

**NEW SERVER:** Jonathan Wight is training to be a First Server at the Communion table today. Please pray for this young man as he takes up this special duty. Thank you. **Kath Meredith**

**PRAYER DURING LENT:** From 14<sup>th</sup> February to 31<sup>st</sup> March. During Lent there will be Prayer Stations set up in St Martin's for anyone to come in and take part by themselves. We now have a Prayer Clock asking people to commit to pray (usually at a regular time) every day wherever they are. There is a help sheet with prayer topics for each day of the week, e.g. Sunday - The Church, Monday - The World, Tuesday - Families etc. The clock & prayer sheets give more details.

**LENT QUIET MORNING** organised by The Stevenage Deanery Spirituality Network on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All Saints, Pin Green, The Oval, Vardon Road Stevenage SG1 5RD. Called "Postcards in the desert", it is led by the Rev. Jeremy Follett, Vicar of Christ Church, St Albans. All welcome! **Contact: [rector@stevenagechurch.org](mailto:rector@stevenagechurch.org)**

**THURSDAY 10am Service:** The service on 15<sup>th</sup> March will be Morning Prayer.

## WE STILL NEED TO FILL THESE JOBS:

- 1) **Caretaker/handyman** (Parish Centre)
- 2) **Parish Centre Chairperson**
- 3) **Newsheet Typist/Editor**
- 4) **Fundraising Organiser**

Please give one of these some thought and prayer, and help spread the work! More info (*without commitment*) from **Penny 313241**.



## EASTER JOURNEY HELP:

**Sessions are Tues 6<sup>th</sup> am, Wed 7<sup>th</sup> am & pm and Fri 9<sup>th</sup> March am & pm.** We are short of help, especially on the afternoon of Wed 7<sup>th</sup> March. Are you available to help us on some of these days? It is from 9am

to 11am and 1pm to 3pm. Special knowledge is not needed and you can just assist someone else who has done it before, it is mainly sitting. **We do need extra people PLEASE, even just one or two sessions will help me to fill the rota.** We need 12 people per day! More info from **Penny**.



**MONDAY AFTERNOON HELP:** From April we want to have an afternoon where people can drop in for tea/coffee, whilst the Library is open in the church. I need volunteers to make the tea/coffee between 2-4pm and to welcome visitors/church members. Everything will be in the church, (including board games that people could play if they wanted). You just need to fill a hot water jug beforehand from the Parish Centre and bring in some milk. I see it being once a month that you do it, or less if we get more volunteers, two people may like to do it together. We want this outreach to be a success, so please offer to help!!! More info from **Penny**.

**ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 6.30pm. We will have some vacancies to serve on the PCC, which meets about 6 times a year on a Monday evening. No further involvement unless you wanted to do something extra. The PCC discuss matters to help manage the running of our two churches. Please do give this some thought and prayer as we need to fill these vacancies at that meeting. Talk to **Jim, Mark, William or Penny** for more information.