

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; Jane Gilbert; Orla & all the Hermitage family; Emma Vickers; Christine Lockton; Sarjon Toma & his family; Mick and Sue Willis.



Please pray for the family & friends of Rita Handscomb, Janet Gates and Eric Darlow and all bereaved families.

MICK AND SUE WILLIS would like to thank all who are praying for them. Mick seems to be slowly improving. They are both grateful for your thoughts.

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, Myanmar 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 Rev'd Jim Pye 817396, Mark Clifford 814004, William Anderson 811992 or Penny Paton 313241.

FOOD BANK: Please remember the Food Bank collection bins in our Churches when doing your weekly shop. For more information see 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

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6 May 2018

Easter 6

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

Sun 6 May	8am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's
	10am	Holy Communion	St. Martin's
Thurs 10 May	10am	Holy Communion Ascension Day	St. Martin's
Sun 13 May	8am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's
	10am	Informal Communion	St. Martin's
	5.30pm	Christian Aid Service	Trinity Church

Readings for this Sunday:

St Mary's

1 John 5.1-6

John 15.9-17

St Martin's

Acts 10. 44-48

1 John 5.1-6

John 15.9-17

COLLECT:

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Welcome to our Services today; please join us for tea or coffee after the 10am Sunday Service in St Martin's.

Diary Dates	
12 May	<i>Christian Aid Sponsored Walk, 9.30am Ware</i>
13 May	<i>Christian Aid Service, 5.30pm Trinity</i>
13-19 May	<i>Christian Aid Week</i>
14 May	<i>Prayer Meeting, 12pm Parish Centre</i>
16 May	<i>Prayer Walk starting at 7.30pm from St Martin's</i>
19 May	<i>The Kingdom Come Celebration, 6.30pm St Albans Cathedral</i>
20 May	<i>KFC Pentecost Service and lunch, 11.30am St Thomas More</i>
28 May	<i>Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm Parish Centre</i>

PRAYER WALK: As part of "Thy Kingdom Come" there will be a **Prayer Walk**, starting at St. Martin's Church 7.30 pm on Wednesday 16th May, lasting for an hour. Those who are unable to walk can pray in St Martin's Church at the same time. Prayer Walking will involve going into our village asking God to bless people, especially, as part of "Thy Kingdom Come", to give people trust in Jesus. This will involve silent and said prayers. It does not involve "door knocking". We will pray for people's homes, the surgery, train station, businesses, and the school. As we read last Sunday, Jesus said *"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."* John 15. 7-8. **Jim**

PRAYER MEETINGS: Dates for the next few months' Prayer meetings have been set. There is a small green card giving all the dates available in both churches for you to pick up. Meetings follow a general pattern of 2nd Monday at midday and 4th Monday at 7.30pm, with normally no meetings in the school holidays. The first meeting is a midday one on the **14th May**. They will be in the committee room (downstairs) at the Parish Centre.

ASCENSION DAY: on Thursday 10th May there will be a 10am Service at St Martin's and a Deanery Service from 7.30pm at St Andrew's & St George's Church, Stevenage.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2018. This year we begin Christian Aid Week on Sunday 13th May with a Service at Trinity Church at 5.30. The speaker will be Adrian Whalley. The house to house collection will take place during the week and the count will take place on Saturday 19th May.

GDPR: Thank you for completing the Church contact form, to help us become compliant with the new laws, if you have not done one yet could you please let me have it now so we can keep in touch with you (forms are in both churches or contact me). For those of you who have agreed to be in the Church Directory a new one will be out, I hope, by the end of the month. **Thank you, Penny 313241.**

VARIETY SHOW: Bridge Builders proudly present their Charity Variety Show at the Gordon Craig on **Wednesday 6th June at 7pm**. Adults £13, concessions £11. It is hosted by Pam Rhodes and features BGT finalist Gabz, Tenor Chris Jenkin, Military Bands, Comedy, Gospel Choir, etc. Tickets from the box office of the Gordon Craig. Flyers/poster are in St Martin's with more details.

PRAYER: We are currently encouraging people to pray using the "Thy Kingdom Come" resources. Please also pray daily for **1)** The spiritual growth of people in our congregations **2)** Numeric growth of people attending our churches & for those outside the church whom we have links with **3)** Provision of money & resources, including volunteers, so we can fulfil our mission. Jim Pye, Mark Clifford, William Anderson

UPDATE ON EMMA: After 20 months working in South Sudan Emma is now moving on. She returns to Europe at the end of May and will begin a journalism course in New York on August 1st. She is very interested in African politics so I shall not be surprised if she returns to Africa after her 10 months course. Please continue praying for her and her team whose work continues to be hard. They have very recently lost their valued colleague, Samuel Chual, who died from tuberculosis caused by asthma, which was never properly managed. Thank you. **Julia**

ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL EVENT: "Thy Kingdom Come" Beacon Celebration will take place on **Saturday 19th May, 6.30pm** in the Cathedral. The Celebration, is one of many Thy Kingdom Come events taking place around the country and will be a collaboration between Soul Survivor Watford, local and national youth organisations, ecumenical partners, the Diocese of St Albans and the Cathedral. The celebration will welcome Christians of all denominations. Entry is free. Prayer and fun activities will run from 4pm. It is

for all ages and will also be a fabulous opportunity to be inspired to pray that others may come to know Jesus Christ.