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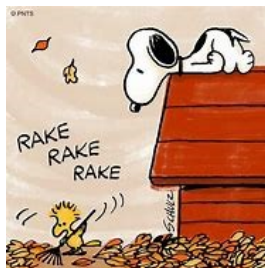
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From the Vicar, the Revd Rosy Barrie

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above
then thank the Lord
O thank the Lord
for all his love*

We're celebrating our Harvest Festival on October 1st although we will keep our harvest decorations up for a number of weeks, so do pop in and have a look at what members of our church, community and St Martin's School have created! This year we are thinking about the many different harvests that we enjoy in addition to our daily food. For example trees provide wood, paper, and rubber as well as edible fruit, nuts and syrup. We mine minerals (like iron ore for metal) and mud (like clay for pottery and bricks), we use sand for glass making. The sea not only provides us with sea food and fish but with salt and sea weed, long used by our coastal and island communities as a food, scientists are now experimenting to see how seaweed can be turned into packaging instead of using plastic. Sheep provide us with wool, for clothing, bedding, house insulation. A sunflower can lift our spirits with its bright yellow splash, we can also eat sunflower seeds or crush them into oil. As we look around us at the human world, at the many problems and tragedies that must be dealt with somehow or other, it is beneficial to our mental and spiritual health that we also look at such blessings and wonders in creation, that we seek balance between both realities. We look and remember God makes grass to grow, green plants for our health, lifts up the poor, heals the brokenhearted, calls the stars by name, gives the beasts their food and the young ravens when they cry (Psalm 147). Let us then be thankful, and put our trust in God's steadfast love.

Revd Rosy Barrie

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 29 October - Bible Sunday, end of British Summer Time

Thursday 2 November - All Souls' Day Eucharist - 6.30pm

Sunday 5 November - All Saints' Sunday

Thursday 9 November - School workshops in the church:
Remembrance and our War Graves

Saturday 11 November - Armistice Day, 10.55am, short prayers
and the keeping of silence at 11am.

Sunday 12 November - Remembrance Sunday including national
observance of silence at 11am

Sunday 19 November - Patronal Festival (St Martin)

Sunday 26 November - The Feast of Christ the King

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*We have a number of single people in our congregation
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for longer.*

*They would really appreciate having a place to
stay. Interested in finding out more? Please
speak to Revd Rosy.*

PRAYER PAGE

Let not faith fall my sister

let not hope fall my brother,

when times are hard,

when tiredness comes,

trust in the Lord my sister.

Rejoice, and receive the risen Christ,

the gifts of grace, peace and life.

Let not faith fall my brother,

let not hope fall my sister.

(Translated from a Bolivian hymn)



The eye of the Great God
the eye of the God of glory
the eye of the King of hosts
the eye of the King of the living
pouring upon us, at each time and season,
pouring upon us gently and generously.

(Celtic prayer. The 'eye' is the sun. Upon seeing the dawn, people would offer this prayer, a reminder that daily natural rhythms were blessings from God.)

We thank you Lord,
for all the riches of autumn:
bronze leaves,
silver spider's webs,
golden harvest.



Dear God, be with me in the dark:
through the night-time dark of shadows;
through the day-time dark of sadness. Amen.
(from *A Child's First Book of Prayers*, Lois Rock & Alison Jay)

St Martin's Parish Church,
Church Road, West Drayton
Mini Martins (MMs)



**All ages from toddlers to teenagers
are most welcome**

**to come to the church hall for
a Bible Story and craft activity
on Sunday mornings at 10.15am
2nd and 4th Sundays of the month**

***Come and join us
on Oct 8 & 22, Nov 12 & 26***

***Please check our notice board or website for future dates
www.stmartinwestdrayton.org.uk***

St Martin's Summer Concert

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We Shall Keep the Faith

by Morna Michael

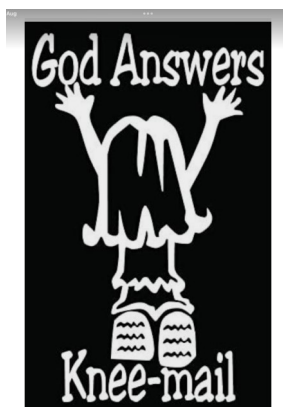
Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.



We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Fields.



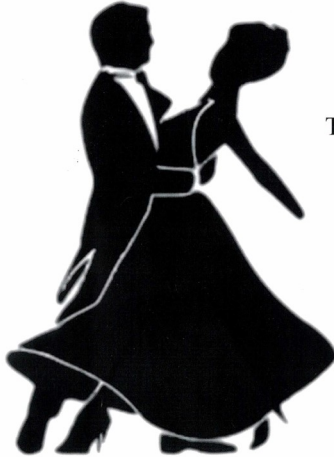
And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honor of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
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Lateral thinking puzzle

There are a dozen eggs in a carton. Twelve people each take a single egg, but there is one egg left in the carton. How?



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COFFEE MORNING

**Come and Join us for a Coffee and
a Chat in the Church Hall**

Friday 20th October 2023

**Friday 17th November 2023
&
Friday 15th December 2023**

10 to 12 noon

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH IS OPEN FOR WORSHIP ON

Sundays 10.15am - Holy Eucharist with music
all ages are welcome.

Mini Martins Club *(for toddlers to teenagers)*
meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for a
Bible story & a craft activity.

Mondays 9.30 am - Morning Prayer
a short time of Bible readings and prayer, all welcome.

Wednesdays 10-11am - Peace and Quiet Hour
Pop in and out any time to light a candle, sit, think, read, or pray.
Everyone of all Faiths or none are welcome to
enter and enjoy the tranquility of this ancient holy place.

Holy Days *as announced.*

Wellies Wanted! Can you help please?

Our St Martin's School is encouraging children to get more fresh air and exercise and enjoy outdoor imaginative play and they are having a great time doing just that! However, not all children have wellies (or remember to bring them).

We're trying to build up a welly bank so the children can still go out and have fun when it's muddy. We would really appreciate any gifts of welly boots for children, second hand in good condition would be fine. Thank you.



Hall Activities

Monday

Tae Kwondo 17:45 - 19:15

Tuesday

Zumba Gold 10:00 - 11:00
Drama Group 16:00 - 18:30

History Society 19:30 - 21:00
Christmas Social
5th December
(Last Tuesday of the Month)

Craft Group 13:30—15:30

Wednesday

Irish Dance 19:00 - 21:00

Thursday

WI 14:15 - 16:15
3rd Thursday of the Month
(16th June & 21st July)

AA 7-10pm

Friday

Tae Kwondo 17:30 - 20:30

Saturday

Zumba Gold 10:00 - 11:00

Items for inclusion in the December/January issue of Challenge must be with the Editor by Sunday 19th November 2023 Items not received by this date will, if appropriate, be included in the next issue.
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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY

Georgi Baker and Neal Williams

12 August 2023

May God bless their married life together



"Due to our failure to secure a holiday-relief organist, the next hymn will also be sung to the tune, *Chopsticks*."





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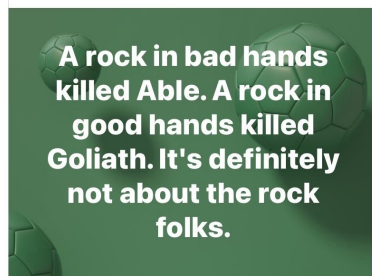
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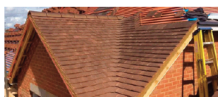
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