



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

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FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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

Letter from The Rectory ...

Ministry

In my last newsletter, I told you of three people who in their very different ways are clearly God's gift to one or both of our two churches and asked for nominations from you for others. No one has provided any, though I can think of plenty! This time I can't not mention Vance and Annie to whom we said farewell on the final January Sunday for they have now moved to Cambridge. They have been a massive encouragement to us in the 5 or 6 years they have been with us, particularly for their gift of hospitality. They have hosted Christmas meals and BBQs at their own house to raise funds for St. Martin's as well as film nights at Easter – and Vance's excellent chilli con carne became a regular feature of bring and share lunches by popular request. Annie set up our Coffee Stop, ensuring it is well-stocked and always ready for use. She has faithfully served us almost every Sunday, though thanks must also go to the rest of the Coffee Stop WhatsApp group who step in when needed.



Amy now has responsibility for One Big Family Sundays, but it would be lovely to have someone to take over the 2nd and 4th and 5th Sundays now. If that's you or someone you know, please do have a word with me. Your role would be to make sure that there is someone who will serve, someone who will bring milk, and someone who will clear up and get the mid-week hospitality tray ready. Can be the same or different persons each time – training will be given and we refund the cost of purchases on presentation of receipts.

There are plenty of other ministries within the churches – on Sundays (*welcoming people at the door or reading or leading prayers or serving at the communion table or providing music*) and elsewhere (*reading gas meters, counting money, cleaning, flower arranging, publicity, building maintenance and management, magazine article writing, churchyard maintenance, opening and closing*). What's your ministry? It maybe that youth or advanced age or other commitments limit your availability but everyone will be able to give to our shared life in one way or another! Do make sure you know what your contribution is. There are certainly three

things we can all contribute to – prayer, encouragement (*particularly by saying thank you*), and donations (*in money or kind*).

Mission

Something else we should all be doing is contributing to the mission of our churches. That's the outward-facing aspect of our calling. One of my sermon challenges in Epiphany was to prepare an answer to the questions, "Why are you a Christian? Why do you go to Church?" Your answer should take no longer to say than the time taken for a normal length match to burn. Try it! (But make sure there's somewhere safe to drop it if it threatens to burn your fingers before you can blow it out – I don't want to fall foul of our Health and Safety Officer Billy!).

I asked Roger King that question after the service. As many of you know, Roger was diagnosed with Alzheimer's almost 3 years ago but that didn't stop him promptly giving me the perfect answer, as to be honest I knew he would. "Because it does me good." is short, to the point, and best of all encourages his questioner to ask a follow-up question.

We shall be reviewing our mission support over the coming months, so watch this space, but in the meantime if you have a favourite charity you'd like us to support, especially a Christian one, let me know!

Money

I'm very aware that there has been a significant notice about giving in each of our January services, and that this edition of our Newsletter features it heavily. The reason is that in 2025 we finally ran out of reserve monies to subsidise our regular giving that pays for all our regular bills. We do still have some restricted funds, notably for decoration and furnishing of chancel and nave, so we plan to spend some of that when we get the necessary planning permission (called a faculty) from the Diocese. Thankfully, unlike listed building consent which non-C of E churches need, we don't pay for it – at least not directly. Similarly we don't pay at point of use for the legal, safeguarding, property, fund-raising, environmental, churchyard care, health and safety etc, etc, etc. advice we can get – nor clergy pay, nor lay and ordained ministry training. We contribute to all those through what's called the Parish Share and you can find out more online and in the leaflet available in our churches. We shall be explaining in these pages how C of E funding works, as well as the various ways it is possible to give.

We do so to ensure that everyone, especially those new to us, have what they need to make informed decisions. One reportedly common complaint from congregation and local community members alike when churches are forced to close because they can no longer afford to operate is, "Why didn't you tell us you needed money!" So please, make sure you are aware of the basics, not least that the only money we have to pay the bills is provided by church members and visitors. We are not funded by the central C of E other than through grants we apply for, and a small discount on our Parish Share contribution.

So thank you, thank you, thank you to all who give of your time and talents as well as financially. Let us continue to pray to our loving father for his provision for us that we might all have enough to live and enough to give, both as individuals and as St. Martin's and St. Peter's churches.

With February blessings ...



Revd. Hazel



CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

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

Sun	1	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	The One Big Family Service
		11.00 am	Church@Home*
Mon	2	3.30 pm	Service for Candlemas at St. Peter's, Shelley
Wed	4	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
		10.00 am	Holy Communion in the Chancel
Sun	8	10.30 am	Communion with Hymns
		11.00 am	Church@Home*
Wed	11	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
		10.00 am	Holy Communion in the Chancel
Thurs	12	2.00 pm	Julian Meeting in St. Peter's, Shelley
Sun	15	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	One Big Family Communion
		11.00 am	Church@Home*
Tue	17	8.30 pm	The Third Tuesday Club meet at The Cock
Wed	18	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
		10.00 am	ASH WEDNESDAY – Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion in the Chancel
Thurs	19	1.00 pm	SmartyCraft meets in The Church Rooms
Sat	21	2.00 pm	Painting & Prosecco in The Church Rooms
Sun	22	10.30 am	Holy Communion
		11.00 am	Church@Home*
Wed	25	10.00 am	Holy Communion in the Chancel

**If you haven't attended Church@Home before and would like to attend, please contact Shirley Dudeney (shirleydudeney@btinternet.com) for the necessary link.*

Are you holding an event?

NEW CONTACT: *If you don't tell **Sue King** it won't appear in the Calendar.*

My contact details are:-

email: susan.roger.king@ntlworld.com - Mobile: 07887 996278



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

STREETS TO BE PRAYER FOR:

1 st - 7 th February	Mayflower Way, Mayflower Court and The Johns
8 th - 14 th February	Milton Crescent
15 th - 21 st February	Moreton Road
22 nd - 31 st February	Oakland Mews
1 st - 7 th March	Onslow Gardens

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Baptisms: (10.12.2025) *Rebecca Church, Jay Saunders*

Confirmations: (10.12.2025) *Rebecca Church, Darren Maycock, Sally O'Gara,
Jay Saunders, Edie Saunders, Olive Saunders*

Weddings / Renewal of Weddings Vows:

Funerals / Internment of Ashes / Memorial Services / Cremations:

**God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship
And power to our witness.
Help our Church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you, in financial resources
and in love and service in our local community.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord ... Amen**

Candlemas

At St. Peter's Church

Shelley

Monday 2nd February

at 3.30pm

Candlemas is a celebration of the presentation of infant Jesus at the temple, 40 days after his birth. Please join us for this special service, see the beautiful snowdrops in the churchyard and share Candlemas crepes, hot chocolate, coffees and teas. All Welcome



“And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom the grace of God was upon him.”

The Rt. Revd. Dr. Guli Francis-Dehqani, the Bishop of Chelmsford, has shared her New Year message for 2026:

It was a joy to meet Pope Leo in Rome in November of last year. The occasion was the declaration of Cardinal Newman as a Doctor of The Church, made all the more meaningful in the Jubilee Year, themed "Pilgrims of Hope". It seems to me that as we stand on the threshold of a New Year, we are called to travel this path of Hope together.



It's always a temptation to be drawn towards despair. A febrile political environment, the diminished standing of the Church, even our own weariness can lead us to forget that we are called to be people of Hope. Those whose Hope is in the Word made Flesh - the message that's been proclaimed in churches throughout our Diocese this Christmas period and because of which we can journey confidently into a new year.

And Hope abounds not just when all is well, not just in life's joys and successes. In his November message for World Day of the Poor, the Pope urges us to recognise those experiencing poverty as "witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalisation". That is not how a secular society usually measures Hope. Christian Hope has nothing to do with whether a successful outcome can be predicted but everything to do with the conviction of things not seen and the determination to travel well in times of uncertainty, for our Hope is in the one who renews all things.

In my Persian childhood we celebrated New Year on 21st March - a time of new life bursting forth at the Spring Equinox. Joyful though that remembrance is, I've also come to see the blessing of the western tradition - of the New Year coming at a time of darkness and even a certain bleakness. Every morning in the small chapel at Bishops court I see the words of St. John engraved on the stain glass window: Light Shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

Now that is Hope, and that is what I wish for you, your loved ones and your communities. May you have a happy and Hope-filled 2026.

+Guli Chelmsford



SERVICE - WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY AT 10 am

DRAW NEAR LIFE-GIVING HABITS FOR LENT

The Church of England's theme for Lent 2026 is Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent.

This year's resources have at their heart the theme of a 'rhythm of life' – habits and patterns which help us grow as disciples of Christ day by day, especially as we prepare to celebrate the great mystery of God's saving love at Easter.

During Lent, reflections are centred around a [summary of the Christian Way](#) from *Common Worship*, which identifies six activities essential to our calling as disciples.

Each week a different contributor explores a different aspect of Christian discipleship: worshipping together, praying, exploring the Bible, sharing communion, offering service and sharing the good news with others. A parallel 40-day challenge for families and children will also be available - exploring the life-giving habit of generosity in partnership with 40acts.

[40acts: Do Lent generously](#)

As our two Archbishops have said, "Draw Near is all about teaching us how we can cultivate the habits and practices that will draw us nearer to God. And we will find that, in doing so, God will draw nearer to us, too."

The booklets should be available from next Sunday and will cost us just under £2.50 each. However, we are asking people to donate what they can so that no one will miss out because funds are tight – especially our children and families. Labelled envelopes will be available for donations, or you can give to our mission and ministry fund on the card machine or via the Parish Giving Scheme. Any surplus will be kept to help fund other such resources in the future, including those we make leave out for people to take freely from us whenever they would like.

We will be reflecting on these themes in our Sunday services and the aim is that everyone in the church can join in because they have the booklet. However, I am also offering an accompanying bible study discussion group 7 pm on Friday evenings, though of course there is nothing to stop anyone meeting up with a friend or few to explore the topics further yourselves if you prefer. There will be 6 sessions from 20th February to 27th March, plus an extra session on Good Friday. To join the zoom group, please email hazel.aucken@outlook.com. And do also email if you'd like to join but don't have access to zoom or have other commitments on Fridays.



POTTERY PAINTING & PROSECCO

Join St Martin's Church &
Kiln Wizard for a fundraising
pottery-painting afternoon at
St Martin's Church Rooms

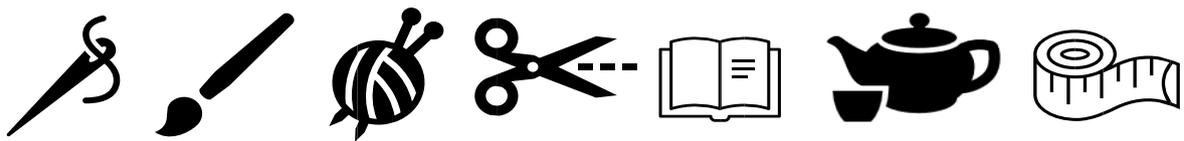
SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY AT 2PM

Tickets: £10 (includes prosecco or soft drink).
Pottery priced separately from £15 depending
on your chosen item.

Pre-booking required:

Text Jill – 07894 050663 to book

Text Mandy – 07885 761223 for pottery info
kilnwizard@btinternet.com



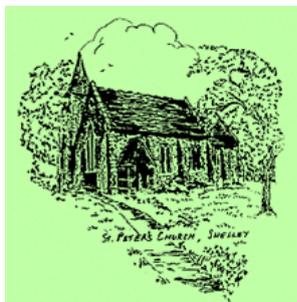
SMARTYCRAFT

Why not join us at our SmartyCraft session in the Church Rooms on **Thursday 19th February** from **1 pm until 3 pm**.

Please come and relax and chat with our latest craft project. Jill will provide a short Bible reflection for you to ponder on and Rita will provide refreshments.

Hope to see you there ... **Jill and Rita**

News from St. Peter's Church, Shelley



Snowdrops in the Churchyard

If you haven't visited St. Peter's Churchyard recently, now is the perfect time to do so. The snowdrops are beginning to appear and, before long, the Churchyard will be transformed into a truly beautiful **carpet of white**. *[Picture taken by*

Peter Dudeney in 2017]



Do come and enjoy a peaceful stroll, take a few photographs, or simply pause for a moment of quiet in God's presence. The snowdrops are one of the loveliest signs that spring is on its way — and they never fail to lift the spirits.

Candlemas Service – Monday 2nd February at 3.30 pm

Everyone is warmly invited to our **Candlemas Service** at **St. Peter's Church, Shelley**, on **Monday 2nd. February at 3.30 pm**.

Candlemas marks the celebration of the presentation of the infant Jesus at the temple, **40 days after his birth**. It is a special service full of meaning and hope — a wonderful moment in the church year as we look ahead from Christmas towards the light of Christ in the world.

After the service, please stay and enjoy the snowdrops in the churchyard and share **Candlemas crepes, hot chocolate, teas and coffees**. **All are welcome**.

Julian Meetings – Second Thursdays at 2 pm

Our **Julian Meetings** continue on the **second Thursday of each month at 2 pm**.

These are gentle, reflective afternoons including a short reading, music, **45 minutes of silent meditation**, and then time for tea, cake and conversation. Newcomers are always very welcome — do come along and try it.

We look forward to seeing you at St. Peter's very soon.

Stay in touch - If you would like to know more about life at St. Peter's, please contact **David Irving** on **07950 267880**.

Good news! We're sharing the Good News!

You may have noticed that our church is beginning to appear in a new place - online. Alongside our Facebook page, St Martin's now has a brand-new Instagram account: **@StMartinsOngar**.

What is Instagram?

Instagram is a place on the internet where people share photographs and short pieces of text. Kind of like a digital noticeboard or photo album that anyone can see. Many people (especially younger adults and families) use Instagram daily to keep in touch with what's happening in their local community.



Why are we doing this?

St. Martins has such a rich inner life: worship, friendship, prayer and history that has been lived out for generations. Social media gives us a way to share that life more widely - with people in Ongar and with those who are quietly curious about faith but unsure where to begin.

Photos of St. Martins, prayers, or a verse from the Bible are all small but powerful ways of sharing the Good News (As Jesus says, even small seeds can grow into something much bigger..).

This is where you come in ...

One of the loveliest ways we can use Instagram is by sharing favourite Bible verses or passages from our congregation, along with a sentence or two about why they matter to you.

- Is there a verse that stayed with you through difficult times?
- A psalm that brings comfort?
- A passage that gives you hope or joy?

If you'd be happy to share, please let me know the verse and an explanation of why it means something to you. I'll then post these on Instagram so that your faith and experience help to share the Good News with others.

You don't need to be on Instagram yourself to take part – this is a shared effort to reach new people, particularly people who live much of their lives online (like me!). I'd love to share our Church life there, saying: you are welcome here too.

How to take part ...

If you'd like to be involved, please:

- Choose a Bible verse or passage that's special to you
- Add a sentence or two about why it matters
- Send it to mcdonald.rlm@gmail.com (or write it down, and give it to me on a Sunday)

I hope that by opening our online doors, it will help others feel the same sense of welcome and belonging that I have been so kindly shown by this congregation! Thank you!

Rebecca Church

Parish Giving Scheme – A Simple Way to Support - St. Martin’s

Many of us love St. Martin’s for different reasons. For some it’s Sunday worship. For others it’s a place of peace and prayer. For many it’s where we’ve shared life’s most important moments — baptisms, weddings, funerals, and remembrance.

But behind the scenes, it takes regular funding to keep our church open, welcoming, and active in the community.



That’s why I am pleased to talk about the **Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)** — a secure and straightforward way to give regularly to **St. Martin’s or St. Peter’s**.

What is the Parish Giving Scheme?

The Parish Giving Scheme is the Church of England’s recommended way for people to support their local church through **regular giving by Direct Debit**.

It’s safe, easy to set up, and helps the parish plan ahead with confidence.

Why are we using it?

Regular giving helps St Martin’s meet the everyday costs of church life, including:

- heating and lighting
- insurance and essential maintenance
- ministry and mission
- running services and parish activities

Even small monthly gifts make a real difference — especially when they are steady and reliable.

What are the benefits for you?

The Parish Giving Scheme makes giving simple and flexible:

- ✓ **You choose the amount**
- ✓ **You can change or stop at any time**
- ✓ **Gift Aid is handled efficiently** (if you are eligible)
- ✓ **Optional annual increase** to keep pace with rising costs (only if you choose)

It’s designed to be helpful for donors *and* for the church.

How do I give?

You can set up regular giving (or make a one-off donation) online here:

[Parish Giving Scheme – Chipping Ongar with Shelley](#)

www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/chipping-ongar-w-shelley-essex/

If you'd prefer a paper form or would like help setting it up, please speak to Hazel, Jill or David Irving.

Thank you for supporting St Martin's and St Peter's— your generosity helps keep our church at the heart of the community, today and for generations to come.

Special Project of the Month

We know some of you like to donate to specific projects. Recent examples include the Photocopier and the Guano removal project !!

This Month's special project is the improvement of St. Martin's CCTV.

Two of the outdoor cameras do not work and need replacing. We also need to run fresh cabling from the control box in the Organ Loft to the back of the church to make it easier for the images from the cameras to be viewed.



This project will cost in the region of **£300**

If you would like to contribute specifically to this special project please speak to either Hazel or Jill

Notice given out on Sunday 18th January at St. Mary's, High Ongar ...



As Church Warden it's my duty to inform you that our lovely Stewart will be leaving the Parish of High Ongar in April, to take up a new post in the Diocese of Rochester in Kent. This post is closer to his parents and his sister and will be closer to Thomas when he starts his training with the Royal Navy. He is sad to be leaving us, as we are sad to be losing him. However, being closer to his family is a good thing for all of them and will be much easier for him as his mum and dad grow older. There will, of course, be more information to come regarding exact timings, farewell services and so on as well as his induction service in Kent, but for now suffice to say Stewart we will miss you. Please know that we are grateful for all you have done here in St Mary's as I know the congregation at All Saints will also feel. You go with our love and blessing for your future, but until then, we will look forward to the next few months as we continue to work with and be served by you.

Let's just pray together ...Heavenly Father we thank you for Stewart and all he has done within this parish; we thank you for his love, care and kindness to this and All Saints congregation's over the last 7 years and ask that you will richly enable him to do the same for the people of his new churches ... Amen

Julie Willis

An effortless way to give some money to our church ?

In January, Andrew and I were looking to find a simple way to raise funds for St. Martin's Church. The Church requires funds on a weekly basis just to stay open, without all the extra repairs and maintenance that a building which is 998 years old, attracts.



So, when we saw that Martin Lewis on Moneysaving Expert was promoting "The 1p Savings Challenge", we thought that we could adapt this for St. Martin's. The idea is simple - Day 1 you put aside 1penny, Day 2, 2pence, Day 3, 3pence, and so on until after 365 days you will have saved £667.95. This can be done in cash or transfers to a savings account, and there is a chart (attached separately from this Newsletter) that you can use to mark off your progress during the year.

If you want to you can tick off some of the larger amounts if you have a good week so as they are not a problem when money is tight on other weeks. You could save as a family or with a friend.

Whichever way you get there, hopefully some of you will take up this challenge for St. Martin's Church. We do appreciate that money is tight for everyone, but we hope that you feel able to help in a small way.

Don't forget to Gift Aid your donation if you pay tax at the basic rate.

Thank you.

Andrew (Treasurer) & Jill (Fabric Convenor)



Five practical ways to pray for your Member of Parliament (Alex Burghart) as they represent you and address issues of injustice

Written by Eve Paterson, Tearfund | 19 Nov 2025

January & July: For safety and wellbeing According to a recent [government report on MP security](#), more than half of all candidates in the 2024 general election reported experiences such as threats, harassment, material damage and even physical assault. Many MPs experience regular abuse online and, in some extreme cases, threat to life, as tragically demonstrated by the murders of Jo Cox MP and Sir David Amess MP in recent years.

- Pray your MP and family will be kept safe from harm in all forms.
- Pray your MP can manage the pressures of their role alongside family commitments and looking after their own health and wellbeing.
- Ask God for a de-escalation in divisive and sometimes violent political language, moving towards a peaceful, constructive environment in Parliament and the media.

February & August: For a global mindset

What we do in the UK impacts our global neighbours around the world, for good or bad, especially people living in extreme poverty. Jesus' call to love our neighbour includes those who may live far away from us, but are no less worthy of our care and consideration.

- Ask God to give your MP a fresh sense of responsibility and excitement about how they could positively impact our world and bring an end to extreme poverty.

- Pray for your MP to speak up for communities in extreme poverty, especially when discussing the aid budget and our support for less economically developed countries.
- Pray our government will recognise how the needs of people in the UK are deeply connected with those of our global neighbours, inspiring them to secure a fairer, safer and more sustainable future for all of us.

March & September: For courage on the climate Communities living in poverty are being hit first and hardest by the climate crisis, but all of us are starting to feel the effects, from higher food prices to increased flooding risks. Given the far-reaching impacts of the climate crisis, we need courageous leaders who will take the bold and ambitious steps needed to tackle the root causes as well as the symptoms.

- Thank God for the many ways that the UK government has supported climate-positive initiatives and policies over the years, even when it hasn't been popular.
- Pray that your MP will drive positive change to protect nature in the UK and around the world, and that they will back policies which support people affected by the climate crisis, especially communities in extreme poverty.
- Pray that your MP will listen more to the voices of marginalised groups than the pressure of powerful lobby groups, to ensure the UK delivers on existing climate commitments and is ambitious on what more can be done.

April & October: For integrity The trust put into our MPs by their constituents means they are expected to live up to certain standards in their conduct. While we want our MPs to model integrity and good intentions, we must also remember that our MPs are normal, imperfect people, just like us.

- Pray your MP carries out their responsibilities earnestly and with integrity, treating their public office with the respect it deserves.
- Ask God to give you grace for our politicians when they make honest mistakes, showing them the same mercy and compassion that God has shown us.
- Pray for your church to build a good relationship with your MP so you can encourage and support them, 'speaking the truth in love' (Ephesians 4:15) when appropriate.

May & November: For opportunities to speak up for justice and peace It can sometimes feel like there is no end in sight to the mounting list of conflicts in our world. Yet we serve the Prince of Peace who inspires us to believe a better, more peaceful world is possible, and invites our leaders to use their platforms to promote a lasting end to conflict.

- Thank God for the seen and unseen ways that your MP has acted on their convictions and spoken up for justice and peace in our world.
- Ask God to shift hearts and minds so that defence policies are based on a desire for a just peace achieved through dialogue and mutual respect instead of the threat of military force.
- Pray that your MP will make every effort to stay informed on and speak up for global crises and conflicts, especially those that receive less media attention, such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, Nigeria and Sudan.

Ongar & Shelley Ladies' Thursday Group

No meeting in January. Our next club meeting will be on Thursday 5th February 2026 at the URC – 2 pm for a 2.30 start.



Good morning ...

I am God. Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help.

If the devil happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, DO NOT attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFJTD (something for Jesus to do) box. It will be addressed in my time, not yours.

Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold on to it or attempt to remove it. Holding on or removal will delay the resolution of your problem.

If it is a situation that you think you are capable of handling, please consult me in prayer to be sure that it is the proper resolution.

Because I do not sleep nor do I slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest my child. If you need to contact me, I am only a prayer away.



A REMINDER ... Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for *St. Martin's Church, Chipping Ongar with St. Peter's Church, Shelley* with *easyfundraising*?

There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation – including Amazon, eBay, Argos, John Lewis, Booking.com, M&S, Sainsbury's Groceries and Tesco Groceries – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to website **St. Martin's Chipping Ongar – A Church Near You** and select *easyfundraising* in the menu and this will provide you with the link to join as a supporter of our parish then
2. Every time you shop online, go to *easyfundraising* first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to *St. Martin's Church, Chipping Ongar with St. Peter's Church, Shelley* at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and our Parish will be really grateful for your donations.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your support.

STOP PRESS – **St. Martin's Church is on a roll ... £6.04 has been raised in the last month ... it's so easy.**

Unable to get to church?

Well why not go to?

A Church @ Home



Want to know more?

Well, contact Shirley Dudeney

shirleydudeney@btinternet.com

**for more information
and the Zoom Link**

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 07887 996278 or Shirley on 01277 364143, and we can arrange a convenient time to bring the sacrament to you.



ST. MARTIN'S, CHIPPING ONGAR

Times of Services & Private Prayer



Sunday Services

First & Third Sundays - 8 am - Holy Communion

**First & Third Sundays - 10.30 am - One Big Family for All
(non-Communion)**

**Second, Fourth & Fifth* Sunday - 10.30 am - Holy Communion
*With Healing**

Wednesday

9 am - Morning Prayer

10 am - Holy Communion

St. Martin's Church is usually open for Private Prayer each day between 9.30 am and 5 pm or until dusk whichever is the earliest (12 noon on Saturdays).

Please adhere to any notices displayed

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!

Please do remember to visit us on the 'A Church Near You' website <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

OUR 2025 / 2026 TEXT TO REMEMBER



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



THE TUESDAY CLUB



... meets at ...

The Cock

on the

Third Tuesday of the month at 8.30 pm

Come along and enjoy good conversation and banter

ALL WELCOME !

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.**