

Service times at St Martin's

8.00 am: 2nd and 4th Sundays -
A quiet and reflective Said Communion service.

9.30 am: 1st and 3rd Sundays -
Sung Communion
2nd Sunday - All Age Worship
4th Sunday - Morning Worship (without Communion)

7.00 pm: "Sunday@7", a contemporary evening worship service for the whole benefice. Refreshments from 6.30 pm.

Sunday School at 9.30 services (except All Age Worship, when children enjoy joining in with the main service).

Fridays 9.30 am - Said Communion

Hire the Church -

A lovely new, comfortable and flexible space.

Suitable for concerts, meetings, craft shows, quizzes, sales, coffee mornings. Tea station for serving hot drinks. Mugs, glasses and plates available. Disabled access. Toilet, tables, plenty of chairs. Centre of village. £15 per hour for regular bookings, £20 for occasional bookings. Contact the church office on 01355 863050 or efloffice3@gmail.com.

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Thank you EYNSFORD!

St Martin's development project is now finished, the contractor has dealt with all the snagging list and the final accounts have been paid. The final overall cost was around £615,000 which was only achieved by the fantastic support and generosity of the congregation and wider Eynsford Community - **THANK YOU!**

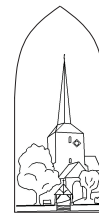
We were also fortunate to be made an interest-free loan of £50,000 in order to complete the work, repayable over 10 years. We've already cut the outstanding balance to £35,000 and recent fundraising and other donations will ensure we can reduce this to £30,000 by the end of this year. We're confident that we will be able to repay at least another £5,000 in 2017 but would, of course, be grateful for any further donations.

Hire the Olive Seal Hall -

For smaller gatherings,
at the top of the churchyard

These groups already use the Hall:
Crafty Tots, EPIC, Darent Valley Quilters,
Bridge and Ukelele Clubs, Art Group.

It's also good for children's parties, clubs and meetings. It has a kitchen, toilet and some parking. £7 per hour for regular bookings, £10 for occasional bookings. Contact Linda Gwyther on 01322 866407 or efloshall@gmail.com.



What's Going On?

in St. Martin's Church, Eynsford

No. 2, November 2016

Lights of Love Festival



Our ever-popular Festival in December to remember loved ones at Christmas. Dedicate a silver disc on one of the Christmas trees in St. Martin's.

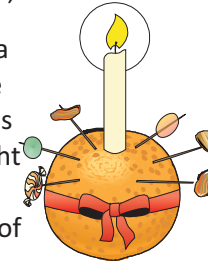
Come and enjoy the spectacle of the beautiful trees and shining silver discs.

The Festival begins on **4th December** with the lights being switched on during the 9.30 am service.

Christingle & Advent family service

Sunday 27th November, 9.30 am

Each child will receive a Christingle - an orange with special decorations symbolising Jesus as Light of the World, all God's creations and the hope of Christmas.



September's exhibition by **Eynsford Photographic Image Club (EPIC)**, together with the **Darent Valley Quilters' Textiles** display was a great success. The bright airy space inside church was a big advantage. The church is available to hire for such events - details on the back page.

Darent Valley Youth Music- Christmas Concert

4th December
3.00 pm in St. Martin's.
Always popular, an entertaining afternoon of festive cheer.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 10th December
11 am - 3 pm

Cards & gifts, lots of different stalls with something for all ages. Bumper Christmas Raffle. Beautiful Lights of Love Christmas trees and Christmas music. A large display of Christmas cribs. Tea, coffee & cake. Entrance £1 includes a hot drink and biscuits.

Did you know...
Church is now home to:

* **EynsfARA**, Eynsford's new Active Retirement Association. Next meeting: Monday 12th December, at 2.00 pm, and every 2nd Monday in the month.

* **Chess Club**, every Friday, 6.00 - 7.15 pm.
Everyone is welcome. Coaching is available for juniors, from complete beginner to good club standard.



DECEMBER



Christmas in St. Martin's Christmas Tree Festival & Lights of Love

An opportunity to remember a family member or a friend, a birth, marriage or death, by dedicating a silver disc on one of the Christmas trees in St. Martin's. A suggested donation of £5 for each name means we will name shining discs as you have requested and hang each one on a tree.

Do find some time to come and enjoy the peace and quiet when the tree lights are on. The best time is after dusk, when the building is especially beautiful.

Many thanks to Eynsford in Bloom for their help each year in decorating the church.

Sunday 4th December

Switching on the Lights of Love

9.30 am Family Service with communion. See all the trees as they are lit up.

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St Martin's Carol Service

Sunday 11th Dec, 9.30 am

Lots of favourite carols plus some special ones from the choir.

Anthony Roper Primary School Carol Service

Friday 15th December, 6.00 pm

Nine lessons and carols. Everyone is welcome, come & hear the school choir.

Crib service

Christmas Eve 5.30pm

Everyone is welcome to our very popular service for all.

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass 11.15pm

The first Communion of Christmas

Christmas Day 9.30 am

Family service with Communion

CHRISTMAS FAIRE

Saturday
10th December **11am - 3pm**



JANUARY

Traditional Choral Evensong for Epiphany

Sunday 8th January, 4.00 pm

If you missed the Harvest Choral Evensong in Lullingstone, here's another chance to enjoy a real treat. If you've never been to a Book of Common Prayer Evensong, come and find out! Join in the Epiphany hymns, and hear the Benefice Choir, under the direction of Barrie Payne, singing special music in our lovely church.

FEBRUARY

Love & Marriage Service

Sunday 12th February, 9.30 am

A special service to celebrate love and marriage. All married couples are invited to come and renew their marriage vows and receive a blessing. Coffee, tea and biscuits afterwards.

St. Martin's Coffee, Crafts and Chat

4th February, 10.30 am - 2.00 pm

This will be the third such event, back by popular demand. St Martin's invite everyone for coffee, cake and shortbread - and chat! Bring your sewing, knitting, a book or jigsaw to swap, or just you, especially if you are new to the village. We will be there from 10.30 am to 2.00 pm, so bring some lunch if you wish!

As usual, there will be a delightful range of stitching and inspiring things to look at that people have made.

Children - we have special sewing and craft activities for you, so do bring your parents to join in the fun!

Did you know?

St Martin's tries to support local, national and international good causes. At Harvest we collected tinned and packaged food for the Swanley Foodbank. We also collected for the Jungle in Calais, and raised £200 for Oxfam's Haiti Appeal. Our youth group, Revive, held a coffee morning for Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust, raising £152.

Looking ahead... 2017 **ART SALE**

Our Art Sale in October was a great success, with lots of wonderful paintings, and raised £1750. Look out for another Sale next year!