



**Our parish of
St. Martin's, East Horsley,
welcomes you.**



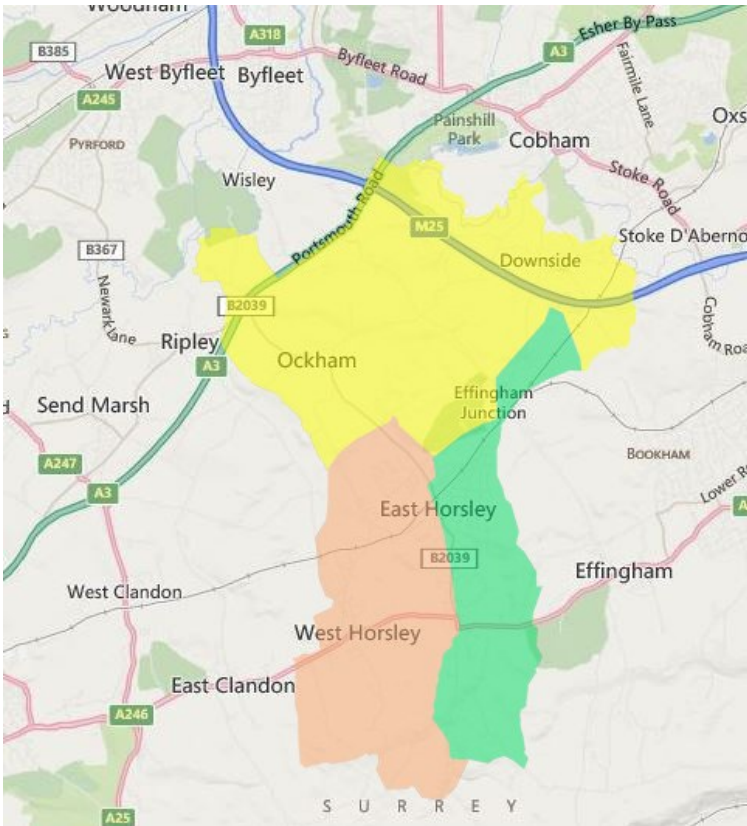
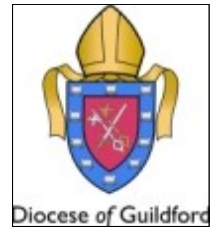
**St Martin's Church,
East Horsley**



**The Community Hall,
Effingham Junction**



The Horsley Area



East Horsley

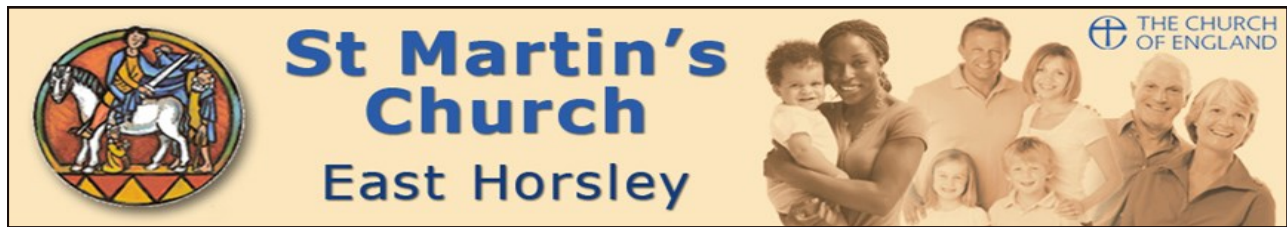
East Horsley is a rural village at the foot of the North Downs, an Area of Natural Beauty. It is popular with commuters and is a wonderful place to raise a family.

It has a population of approximately 4,290 (2011 Census) and is in the Borough of Guildford.

It is located just five miles from the M25 (J10) and the A3, midway between Gatwick and Heathrow Airports and with direct rail links to London, Waterloo and London, Victoria from both Horsley (49 minutes) and Effingham Junction (45 minutes).

East Horsley is well placed for the substantial number of residents who work in London and have to travel internationally, but it is by no means commuting suburbia and still retains the features of a traditional village community.

Currently, Guildford Borough Council is considering building approximately 600 new homes, mainly in West Horsley. There are also plans to build 2,000 homes on Wisley Airfield next to the A3 in nearby Ockham. As yet, no decisions have been made on either of these projects.



Station Parade - where the main selection of shops is situated.



Bishopsmead



Looking towards St. Martin's Church from Ockham Road.



The Village Hall and playground

Our Mission Statement

Our vision is to build a church community, which is relevant in the modern world whilst respecting the traditions and values of the past.

The Community We Serve

Location

At Bishopsmead, by St. Martin's Church, there is a small parade of shops and restaurants and the Nomad Theatre. This is a state-of-the-art community theatre for all, with easy accessibility for the disabled. Regular drama classes are held for young people from 7 to 15 years (The Nomes) and 15+ years (Young Nomads). "Let Loose" is The Nomad integrated theatre programme for people with all types of disabilities, harnessing all the talents of as many people as possible.

A mile north on the B2039, close to Horsley Station, is a wider selection of shops, a popular Library and a modern Medical Centre. A large village hall is used regularly by a wide range of activities, such as a Nursery, Keep Fit, Horsley Choral Society, Bridge, W.I., Parish Council, NADFAS and the U3A.

A mile east along Forest Road, close to the Community Hall, is Effingham Station, and a small general stores, a car sales and repairs and a dental surgery.

Housing

Much of the older housing only dates back to the 1860's, when the Earl of Lovelace built Horsley Towers and the 'Lovelace' houses in their distinctive brick and flint. The village really increased in size after the railway was built in the 1880's and has steadily continued to expand. House prices are higher than average, as the area is very attractive to successful City workers who wish to move out of London to bring up their families in a more rural area. These families typically have children born to older parents, both of whom are still working. There are pockets of deprivation and a village Community Fund has been set up to help those in need.

We have a great deal of pride in our village and we are blessed by many volunteers of all ages who help to keep it a dynamic, successful and happy environment.

Schools and Retirement Homes

- There are a number of schools and nurseries nearby or just outside the Parish boundaries. Raleigh Primary School, with approximately 410 pupils, serves both East and West Horsley and is over-subscribed.
- Within the Parish, a private school, Glenesk, has boys and girls from 2-7 years.
- St. Martin's Court has thirty-two flats as sheltered accommodation for retired people who have either lived in East Horsley or have relatives living in the village.
- Lime Grove is a private residential home with fifty-five residents. It provides full-time care for the more elderly, the more frail and the disabled. Several residents are brought over to Parish Communion on Sunday mornings and a Holy Communion Service is held at Lime Grove once a month.



ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY HALL

St. Martin's Church and churchyard

We maintain a welcome to all the community by opening the Church every day.

The building is well loved and has a spiritually uplifting and welcoming atmosphere.

St. Martin's Church dates back to 1036. The original church, may have been built about this time because the tower is believed to have been constructed before the Norman Conquest. During the centuries that followed, several restorations and additions were made. However, the most fundamental change took place in 1869 when the slab roof was replaced by clay tiles and the chancel was rebuilt.

The refurbishment of the chancel is an ongoing project, to provide flexible seating for the choir and a more versatile area for concerts and drama. A more recent addition to the building was the extension of the north side of the chancel in 1982. It provides space for extra seating, or a place for meeting for refreshments after a Service. The monthly Café Church and the weekly mid-week Communion Service are held there. The clergy vestry, choir vestry and a W.C. were added to the Church in 1989.

After fifty years of being plastered over, the East Windows were 'opened' up in January, 2009, to universal delight.

The Church has a normal capacity of 180, with 100 in the nave and 80 in the north transept extension. A further seventy-five people can be accommodated for Festivals and special occasions. There is a sound loop system and an amplification system, and a new large, retractable screen and projector have been installed. The church organ is in need of refurbishment and the funds to do this are well on the way to being raised.

The churchyard is very well maintained and is mown regularly. It is in a conservation area, but there are no trees with preservation orders on them.

The churchyard includes the historic Lovelace Mausoleum in the north-east corner. William, Earl of Lovelace, was buried there in 1893. It was lovingly restored in 2008 and is now open to the public at certain times.

The Canterbury Rooms were built in the churchyard in 1991, providing two large meeting rooms and space for the Parish Office.

St. Martin's Community Hall at Effingham Junction

The history of the hall dates from 1931 and it was previously known as the Reverend Roland Lubbock Memorial Hall. For seventy years it served the villages of East and West Horsley, Effingham and Ockham before age took its toll on the wooden structure.

Demolished and rebuilt in 2007, **St Martin's Community Hall** is now lovingly cared for by a local resident. It regularly hosts a Communion Service (every second and fourth Sunday), and is very well used for parish activities and by local groups including 4th Horsley Brownies, ballet, dance and fitness classes and for coffee mornings. The Hall is becoming increasingly popular for children's parties and other events.



The Lovelace Mausoleum



Opening up the Mausoleum during
The Heritage Weekend



The Community Hall



THE MINISTRY TEAM AND LAY PARTICIPATION

The Ministry team is led by the Rector of St. Martin's Church, East Horsley.

In 2002, the United Benefice of East Horsley and Ockham with Hatchford and Downside was formed. However, with the proposed Group Ministry (see page 9), Ockham will be a parish in its own right.

Further members of the St. Martin's team include:

- one honorary assistant curate, the Rev'd Sandy Conway
- one LLM (Reader)
- two churchwardens
- a parochial Church Council of fourteen members and two co-opted members
- a part-time pastoral assistant
- an organist
- a web master
- a parish secretary
- a rota of six assistants to the clergy at Communion at St. Martin's and a further two at the Community Hall.

There are almost eighty people from the congregation who play an active, voluntary role in church life..... sidesmen, flower arrangers, servers, cleaners, the choir, Mausoleum guides, churchyard maintainers and mowers, Café Church planners, pianists, organists, sound engineers, intercessors, readers, fabric maintainers, Friends of St. Martin's, MU4ALL members (Mothers' Union), East Horsley Care drivers and many others.



The Rev'd Sandy Conway



The Choir
and our organist, Mr Gareth Pont

- The electoral roll for St. Martin's, East Horsley, stands at 142.
- The P.C.C. meets every month.
- Our church website is the main method of communication within the parish.
- There is no longer a parish magazine, but we have found a new way of communication to every home in East and West Horsley. We now reserve the double page centre spread in each bi-monthly edition of The Horsley Directory. A weekly pew sheet further updates the congregation on church matters.

We encourage all people to offer their gifts in the service of God in their work and their local communities.

Links with other churches

The Churches Together in the Horsley area include:

- the Anglican church of St. Mary's in West Horsley, which is part of the proposed plan for a Group Ministry
- All Saints Church, Ockham, which is also part of the proposed plan for a Group Ministry
- the Methodist church in West Horsley
- the Roman Catholic church in Effingham village
- the East Horsley Evangelical Church.





OUR WORSHIP

St. Martin's is a 'middle of the road' Anglican parish, neither high nor low church. A variety of Services ensures that there is provision for different styles of worship. Music plays an important part in the Services and we are fortunate to have a dedicated organist and a faithful ladies' choir.

Clergy wear vestments (i.e. Alb and Chasuble) at all Services of Holy Communion and choir dress at most other Services. We use Service booklets, created from the liturgy in Common Worship, which are particular to each church season. Our hymn book is Hymns Old and New.

At the Parish Communion we sing a number of different settings for the Gloria, Sanctus and the Agnus Dei. On Festival Sundays, such as Harvest and Mothering Sunday, we sing shorter, livelier settings. Matins is a sung Service with the choir singing an anthem. The monthly Café Church uses a variety of Songs and Choruses, and Café Church is popular with all ages.



Harvest

St. Martin's Church			Normal attendance
Every Sunday	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion BCP	20 - 30
First Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Café Church	30 - 50
Second and fourth Sundays	10.30 a.m.	Sung Parish Communion CW	30 - 50
Third Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Matins	25 - 35
Fifth Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Sung Parish Communion with All Saints', Ockham	40 - 50
Every Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion CW	15 - 20
Community Hall, Effingham Junction			
Second and fourth Sundays	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion CW with hymns and address	12 - 22

OUR POLICIES

We have an open Baptism Policy, and are happy to consider re-marrying people who have been divorced.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

St. Martin's Church operates in a relatively affluent area and, although it can be a struggle, we have never failed to meet our commitments. If you would like to see a copy of the 2014 accounts, please contact warden1@easthorsleychurch.org.uk.

Our Church benefits from the active support of an independent charity, the Friends of St. Martin's Church. This runs a calendar of social functions to raise funds for the fabric of the Church.



Mothering Sunday at St. Martin's

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Regular Activities

- St. Martin's choir is affiliated to the RSCM. In recent years we have run a 'Voice for Life' training scheme for younger members. The choir meets once a week to practise.
- A prayer group meets once a month.
- A weekly drop-in coffee morning is held in aid of the Community Hall Fund.
- MU4ALL. This Mothers' Union branch was started in 2007 and it was decided to give it a name which encompassed all the Church family. A general meeting is held once a month. There is also a monthly afternoon meeting called the Beehive which meets at St. Martin's Court and at which charitable craft projects are undertaken. Under the umbrella of this group, church members also undertake a variety of activities, hold discussion and reflection sessions, organise outreach work of many kinds and generally help to strengthen the links with the community.
- Regular and well-attended concerts are held in the church and are organised by our organist.
- East Horsley Care provides drivers to take elderly village inhabitants to their medical appointments.
- Another recent initiative is our Film Club aimed at families and children. It began at Easter, 2015, with a showing of 'Narnia' and meets regularly on the second Saturday of the month.



Events

- St. Martin's hosted the Knitted Bible experience for ten days in October, November, 2014, with more than 1,200 visitors. It was a brilliant success! Out of this has come our permanent Children's Corner in the church.
- A very successful Christmas Tree Festival was held in December, 2013. Another excellent event is our Christmas lunch at Horsley Towers;
- Heritage Weekend is a busy weekend at St Martin's with cyclists, visitors to the Mausoleum, refreshments all weekend and, often, a beautiful Flower Festival.
- A recent addition to our community outreach activities has been the Garden Safari. This has involved several keen village gardeners kindly opening their gardens to visitors who then proceed to the Canterbury Rooms for a cream tea! A popular event.

THE RECTORY

The Rectory is adjacent to St. Martin's Church and is sited well off the road. It is a spacious building with five bedrooms, and is in a very good state of repair.

There is off-street parking for several cars, together with a garage, garden shed, a large terrace and an attractive south-facing garden. There is a variety of shops nearby.

In addition to primary schools already mentioned, there are several secondary schools within a reasonable distance. The nearest of these being the highly regarded Howard of Effingham School.



David and Goliath in the Knitted Bible Experience





GUILDFORD DIOCESAN VISION - OUR COMMON PURPOSE

Guildford Diocese - our vision

At the heart of Guildford Diocese is a desire to bring the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and the next. This is expressed in '**Common Purpose**' - our vision 'of growing communities of faith and engagement.



'**Common Purpose**' is focused on growth in three key areas: Spiritual Maturity, Numerical Growth and Growing in Community Engagement.

- **Spiritual maturity**

resisting superficial and simplistic Christianity in our secularised culture
creating an ethos of commitment to worship, prayer and leaning, both corporately and individually, in our churches and our schools.
encouraging lifelong discipleship and attractive, godly living

- **Numerical growth**

resisting talk of decline as inevitable
creating an ethos of expectation of new things because nothing is impossible with God
encouraging all people to hear and respond to the Gospel of salvation



- **Community engagement**

resisting isolation and inward looking, self-preserving attitudes
creating an ethos of involvement that seeks to serve the world God has made and loves
encouraging a practical concern for justice, right living and respect for all in our wider communities.



A culture of mutual support and encouragement between all who work and worship in every part of the Diocese, parish, fresh expression, chaplaincy and Cathedral, is essential to the outworking of '**Common Purpose**'. All the ministries, structures and departments of the Diocese serve this vision and work towards enabling engagement with it.

Clergy working in our parishes play a vital role in creating and sustaining our vision; working collaboratively with those in the parish, with colleagues - lay and ordained; with neighbouring parishes across the deanery and diocese in chapter and synod; investing time and resources in stewardship and administration.



Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is a priority for the Diocese of Guildford as we seek the outworking of '**Common Purpose**' with all clergy coming into the diocese receiving appropriate training in their first year in post.

Our Proposed Group Ministry of the Horsleys, Ockham and Downside



In 2015, the parishes of East Horsley, West Horsley and Ockham with Hatchford and Downside agreed to the creation of a new Group Ministry.

The context for these parishes is changing. Guildford Borough Council's new Local Plan calls for a major new development of 2,100 homes on Wisley Airfield, situated in the parish of Ockham. If consent were granted for the full scheme, this would eventually create a new community with a population of around 4,000 together with a village centre and primary school. The plan also calls for the villages of East and West Horsley to be taken out of the Green Belt with in the region of 800 new homes proposed for the two villages.

Alongside these developments it is recognised that many people living in the Horsley area tend not to appreciate the historic parish boundaries between East and West Horsley. Worshippers are drawn to the churches more for their church style than geographical location. West Horsley parish's contemporary congregation meets in East Horsley Village Hall. The styles of East and West Horsley parishes are distinctive and complement each other.



The new Group Ministry is being created at a time when all three parishes are, or will shortly become, vacant. Accordingly, the Diocese will be appointing three new incumbents within the space of a few months. Under the pastoral measure the new incumbents must meet together to discuss and agree on Group Ministry matters. It is envisaged they will regularly pray together and offer one another mutual support.

The pastoral plan for the Group Ministry makes provision for the establishment of a Group Council. It is envisaged that the chairmanship of this Council would rotate between the parishes. It will be for the Bishop with the agreement of the PCCs to decide which functions of each PCC should be delegated to the Group Council.

The hopes for the Group Ministry are that by working together all three parishes will be able to grow numerically, and that the group will do some ministry that individual parishes do not have the resources to do on their own. The parishes will be able to share each other's strengths and there will be an opportunity for new initiatives that all three parishes can own equally.



Leatherhead Deanery Profile

The Deanery consists of thirteen parishes in ten Benefices in the Leatherhead area. There is good cooperation between the churches. The Chapter is well supported and meets nine times per year. The tone of the Chapter is very friendly with an emphasis on mutual support and encouragement. Deanery Synod meets three times per year.

The parishes in the Deanery are relatively similar in their catchment and residential mix with a high proportion of owner occupied housing with pockets of urban deprivation. The Deanery works hard to share good practice through the work of both Chapter and Synod. Synod is currently running a three year programme focusing on the diocesan vision, Our Common Purpose, with a year each being given to Growth in Numbers, Spiritual Maturity and Community Engagement.

Informal links between laity are fostered within the Deanery with treasurers and pastoral assistants meeting on an occasional basis. There is an active Deanery vocations advisor.





**THE PARISH
of
ST. MARTIN'S, EAST HORSLEY,
with
THE COMMUNITY HALL,
EFFINGHAM JUNCTION**



**THE STRENGTHS OF OUR PARISH
UPON WHICH WE WISH TO BUILD**



- We are a very open and welcoming church community.
- There is an increasing involvement of lay members.
- We offer a varied pattern of Sunday Services and other regular less formal Services, with a strong choral and musical foundation.
- The Friends of St. Martin's and MU4ALL provide programmes of events throughout the year to bring the whole church community together.
- We also hold Flower Festivals, special events and concerts. Outreach events, such as the Knitted Bible Exhibition and the Garden Safari have been very successful. Social events have also raised money to support local, national and overseas charities and have provided a real focus for the local community.
- Our pastoral and spiritual care is developing well.
- East Horsley Care has a number of dedicated helpers of the elderly. There are many members of the congregation who care and provide practical help for those in need. Holy Communion is administered at the residential homes within the parish and to those confined to their homes.
- Links have been made with one local primary school and other links are being planned.
- St. Martin's Church and St. Martin's Mausoleum are popular with visitors
- Our parish is financially sound.

HOPES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE

- To develop and build on existing initiatives in children's and families' ministry.
- To grow a wider engagement with the local community through such activities and events as the Knitted Bible Exhibition and the family film club.
- To encourage vocations to ministry.
- To enhance the opportunities the Group Ministry will bring to the parish and to the area.
- To preserve, maintain and adapt our historic buildings and grounds for future generations



OUR NEW INCUMBENT

We hope that our new incumbent will be:

- a team leader;
- an effective member of the Group Ministry who will be willing to work closely with colleagues and those in the wider Deanery and with Churches Together;
- comfortable with the Eucharistic traditions of central churchmanship;
- a good organiser and a ready listener, willing to delegate and encourage others in their own particular ministry;
- involved in pastoral care, with a special sensitivity to the needs of those who are elderly or housebound;
- keen to welcome newcomers to our churches and to continue the development of a varied pattern of worship that is attractive to young families as well as the older members of the congregation;
- committed to the schools and to youth work, having a desire to help children and young people come to a faith in Christ;
- interested in the musical lives of the churches, supporting and encouraging the work of the organists and the choirs;
- willing to have a high profile in the community and be involved in community events and organisations.



To achieve all of this, you will need to be a thoughtful, experienced priest with a heart for people and a sense of humour.

We offer an excellent five-bedroom Rectory in a pleasant setting close to amenities and good schools. You are assured of a warm welcome.



The Friends of St. Martin's on their annual outing. In 2014, it was to Osborne House.

