

The Friends' Magazine

September 2022

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

**'So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God,
trod gladly into the night'**



**Melanesian Archbishop Leonard Dawea &
Bishops with UK & Australian Bishops
at St Martin's, 14 Aug 2022**

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Invitation to the Friends Festival Sat, 5th Nov, 2-5 pm

Robert Demming, Friends Chair

The Friends are inviting you to our FRIENDS FESTIVAL at St Martin's!
We will gather in the Parish Hall downstairs from the Glass Entrance!

- AGM and thankful farewell to outgoing committee members
- Insight into St Martin's music with Andrew Earis, Music Director
- Historical tour of St Martin's church with Steve Adams
- Clergy and Dean Xowani with S African Youth of St Mary's Johannesburg
- Cream Tea and finale

Tickets: £15, donations to sponsor others, free upon application

Please confirm your attendance on Saturday 5 November 2022, 2-5 pm

- emailing: friends@smitf.org
- Leave message with Friends' Membership Secretary: 0207 924 0144

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HeartEdge: network for churches founded at St Martin's in 2017

HeartEdge's network includes members in the UK, Netherlands, US and globally.

HeartEdge's four Cs stand for its mission to transform church and society

- **Commerce:** Generating finance via enterprise, creatively extending mission.
- **Culture:** Art, music, performance re-imagining the Christian narrative for the present.
- **Congregation:** Inclusive liturgy, worship and common life.
- **Compassion:** Empowering congregations to address social need.

HeartEdge works with churches moving beyond conventional notions of church, being open to partnership and collaboration with others in the wider world.



**Rev. Heather Cracknell,
New Heart Edge Director**
Heather comes to us from
three years as Head of
Development for Fresh
Expressions at Church House
Westminster.



HeartEdge Conference: Humbler Church, Bigger God

St Edmund's Church, Roundhay nr Leeds, 27-28 Sept 2022

<https://www.heartedge.org/main/conference2022>

Join HeartEdge as a church or individual

<https://www.heartedge.org/main/sign-up>

St Martin's news: Melanesian Mission Festival Day ³

Melanesian Mission Festival Day at St Martin's, 13 Aug 2022



Melanesian Archbishop Leonard Dawea & Melanesian, UK & Australian Bishops celebrated Eucharist at St Martin's following the Lambeth Conference.



Archbishop Leonard flanked by Friends Flowers, arranged by Anne Langley, Friends M'ship Secty

The Melanesian Mission, a UK organisation that supports the Anglican Church in Melanesia, held its Festival Day at St Martin's 13th August. A joyful day with Eucharist followed by lunch and Festival with guest speakers from Melanesia.

As many know, Revd Richard Carter worked in Melanesia for 15 years both as a priest and brother in the Melanesian Brotherhood. Guest speakers from Melanesia included Archbishop Leonard Dawea; Brother Nelson, the head of the Melanesian Brothers and Sister Veronica, the first Melanesian Sister to be ordained as a priest. Brother Nelson and Sister Veronica were chaplains at Lambeth Conference.



The ordination of women has still not been agreed by the Church of Melanesia- but Sister Veronica is showing the way- she trained for ordination with the Diocese of Southwark and returned to Solomon Islands to become the leader of her community. At the moment she is only able to celebrate the Eucharist for her own community but Sister Veronica is looking for change

The Melanesian Brothers and Sisters follow disciplines, including praying seven times a day, missions where they visit communities without guaranteed food. When Richard asked what Melanesian Brothers can offer here, Brother Nelson replied, 'enjoy what you have today, be satisfied with what we have at present. Acknowledging what God provides today.'

St Martin's news: Melanesian Mission Festival Day ⁴



By amazing serendipity, a boat used for rehearsals for the new cast of the play, 'The Life of Pi', was in St Martin's Parish Hall. At the end of the Festival we all jumped in the boat along with flags from Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Ysabel for this photo!

Find out about Melanesian Mission UK

<http://www.mmuk.net/>

David & Alison Hardwick's spirits live on: Amsterdam Friends



David & Alison Hardwick were St M Church Warden and Head of Hospitality, and regrettably passed away. Their spirit lives on in a Dutch family who visit St M's every August with two generations volunteering to serve coffee. David & Alison befriended Saskia in 1987, roped her for coffee duty in 1990 during Saskia year at the Commonwealth Institute. Every year Saskia & Hugo Kuiper and their children visit for church & coffee duty. Here Toshi & Michelle (regular coffee servers) are with Anne (18), Daniel (15), Saskia & Hugo in St Martin's Courtyard.

Creating the 'East Window Patchwork' to celebrate Sam's 10th



The East Window, designed by Shirazeh Houshiary, Iranian-British, inspired the design for all of St M in one place



Abi Khassal, Moroccan-British, laid out design in Phyllis SantaMaria's living room



Phyllis & other Friends asked all groups at St M to decorate a rectangle, (Some still needed!!!)



Jimmy & Junior of Buildings hung the banner, proud they are included along with Security, Cafe, Shop, Events & others 'behind the scenes' at St M's



Bronwyn Sanders, Head of St M's Hospitality & Steve Adams of Friends helped with bunting



As Sam's 10th on 26 June approached, the 'patches' flooded in, including one for BREAD FOR THE WORLD by the world-famous textile artist, Belinda Scarlett

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Celebrating Sam's 10th, 26th June 2022



Speeches, here Warden Mel Adams, & gifts given



Songs sung



Hospitality shared: Linda & Bob Demming, Friends' Chair pouring



Hospitality shared: Fiona McMillan with her g-free cakes & others on table



Sam with
(almost)
ALL of St
Martin's in
one place

Fortunately, as Sam said, 'I'm not going anywhere! This celebrates my 10th at St Martin's and my 25th anniversary as a priest.'

Revd Harry's farewell from all congregations

Harry, well-known to all congregations (English, Cantonese & on-line) leaves St M's after serving as priest for international groups and working to support newly arrived Hong Kong people.



Harry's 'Thank you' event with cake and a special shirt signed on inside by congregation and staff members

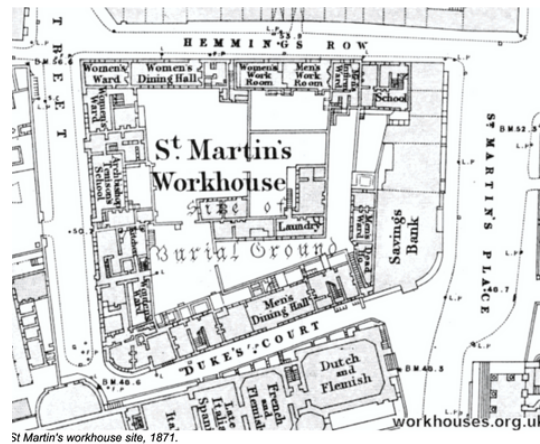


The St Martin-in-the-Fields Workhouse

Dan Kaszeta on St M's Workhouse on site of National Portrait Gallery



St Martin's workhouse (at right) from north-west.



St Martin's workhouse site, 1871.

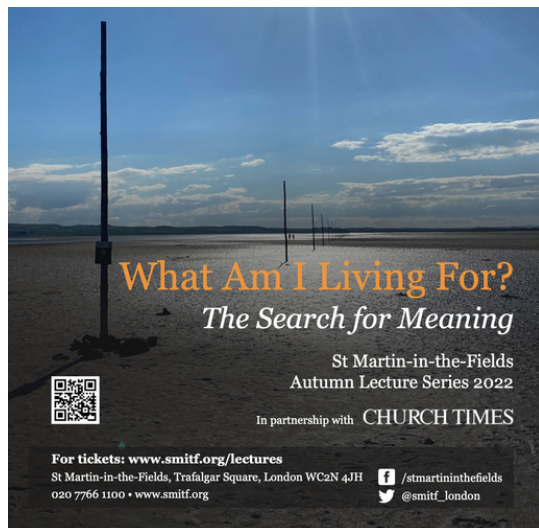
Many of us are familiar with the phrases “in the poor house” and “on the parish” – the latter an old term for being “on benefits” or “on welfare”. We are also quite familiar with the concept of workhouses in our ancestral memories or books by Dickens. But we never seem to talk about the St Martin-in-the-Fields workhouse. The first I heard of it was in the Bryan Blessed episode of the BBC family history series “Who do you think you are?” some years ago. One of Brian’s ancestors was confined in our workhouse.

Parish workhouses were based on several principles. One was that the church parish was the local unit of government. The second was that church parishes were responsible for looking after the poor in their parish. Third, there was a principle that poor people could not get benefits, even basic food, if they did not work hard for their food and shelter.

You could not have missed our workhouse if you lived in the parish. If you stood on our front steps and looked to the right, you would see it. It was, in fact, the third largest workhouse in London, making it one of the biggest in the country. The St Martin’s workhouse was on the site where the National Portrait Gallery now stands. It enclosed our old burial ground. The original workhouse dated from the 1600s, but in 1724, with the population of the parish growing and many of them being very poor, the Vestry (the predecessor to the PCC) paid to build a new one and appointed “Overseers” to run it. In 1725 there were already hundreds of occupants making mop yarn and spinning and carding textiles. In 1797 there were 473 adult inmates and 100 children. The church levied a “poor rate” on the parish for the upkeep of the workhouse and feeding the occupants.

Our church was directly responsible for the workhouse until 1834, when the Poor Laws were rewritten and local governmental bodies called Poor Law Unions were set up to administer workhouses. The Strand Poor Law Union eventually took over responsibility. The workhouse stood until it was knocked down in the 1870s to extend the National Gallery and eventually permit the construction of the Portrait Gallery.

Very good information on the St Martin’s workhouse is available online at: <https://www.workhouses.org.uk/StMartins/> the source of our pictures above. Also, if you are ever in Ripon, in Yorkshire, there is an excellent Workhouse Museum there, which explains the broader history of workhouses in the UK.



This year's theme comes from Viktor Frankl's book written shortly after his release from concentration camp, 'Man's Search for Meaning'. He revealed the courage and hope of humanity even amidst such struggle. Our lecture series draws on the wisdom and insights of a diverse and inspirational group of speakers.

Mondays, Sept-Nov, 7.00-8.30 pm

Autumn Lecture Series Tickets

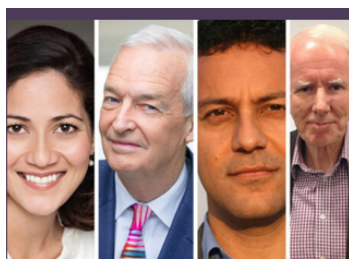
<https://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/congregational-life/lecture-series/>



What Am I Living For? God

Lucy Winkett and Sam Wells

26 Sept



What Am I Living For? Searching for Light, Shade and Truth

Mishal Husain, Jon Snow, Aleem Maqbool, Mike Wooldridge

3 Oct



What Am I Living For? Human Rights

Rachel Mann, Bernard Lynch, Peter Tatchell

12 Oct



What Am I Living For? Telling Our Story

Patrick Gale, Chibundu Onuzo, James Runcie, Sarah Meyrick

24 Oct



What Am I Living For? Life, Death and Friendship

Timothy Radcliffe

31 Oct



What Am I Living For? Equal Justice

Bryan Stevenson

7 Nov

Coming specially from USA

Bryan Stevenson- world famous human rights lawyer who has campaigned all his life for equal justice for black people.



What Am I Living For? A New Heaven and a New Earth

Rowan Williams

14 Nov

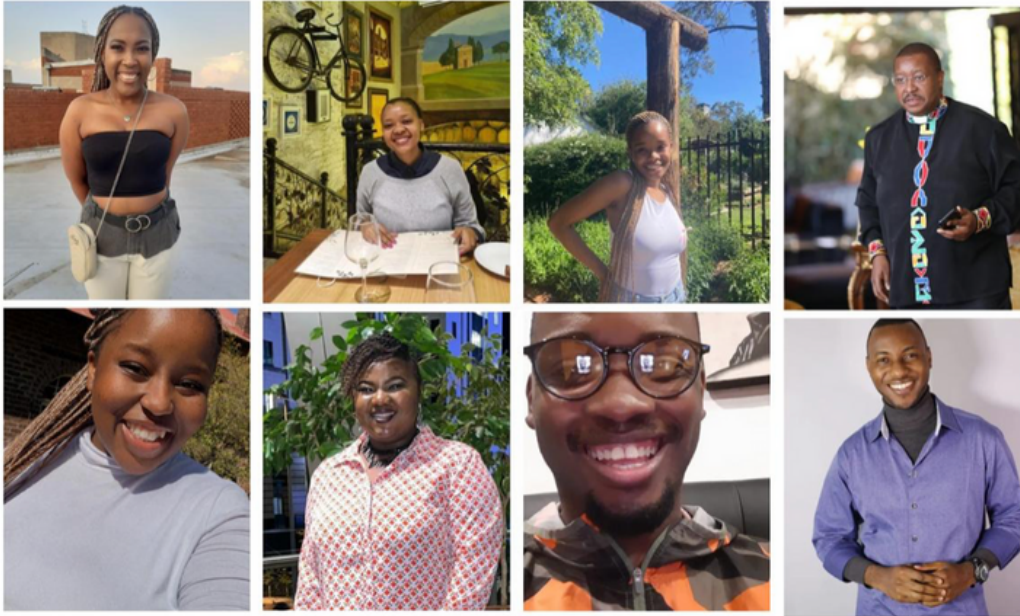


What Am I Living For? Art

Grayson Perry

21 Nov

240 Tickets sold by 1 Sept!



Some of the ten Youths & Dean Very Rev Xolani Dlwati from St Mary's Cathedral.

The St Mary's & St Martin's Partnership: forged by Vicar Geoffrey Brown and Dean Godfrey Henwood, after visits and explorations led by Rev John Pridmore.

St Mary's Youth are making this visit to deepen their Christian experience and delve into Seeding their Future. Their visit will include living in the congregational life at St Martin's as well as visits to Hillfield Retreat House and Canterbury. They will be hosted by St M congregation members and clergy Our new Curate, Revd Angela Sheard, will coordinate their visit & guide their retreat.

The partnership are extremely grateful to the Friends for their support to make this trip finally happen, and for the specific help for transport and daily nourishment for the group over their 2 week stay. They will be presenting at Bread for The World service during their stay

the Living South Africa Memorial was unveiled by Archbishop Tutu in October 1994 to commemorate all victims of apartheid, then and now. the Living South Africa Memorial was unveiled by Archbishop Tutu in October 1994 to commemorate all victims of apartheid, then and now. A sister sculpture was discovered in 2013 and named 'Sinethemba' meaning 'we have hope', by the Youth of the Cathedral. St Martin's gifted the sister sculpture to St Mary's and Sam Wells unveiled it in 2015.



Photo by Dr Phyllis Santa Maria June 2008

**The Partnership is grateful to
St M's Global Neighbours and Friends for support for their visit**

Friends supports St Mary's Heart Edge membership

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Who we are...

The Friends have been a 'BRIDGE TO BELONGING' to St Martin-in-the-Fields locally and globally for over 70 years.

We aim to bring together those wishing to share in St M's mission and ministry through our

- Regular magazines featuring people, experiences & everyday St M life
- Homecoming events twice a year
- Access to St Martin's online resources

All are welcome...

Whether you are visiting St Martin's for the first time or as a frequent visitor or from overseas, all are welcome to join our inclusive community.

You may have heard a radio broadcast or online service, or perhaps you're here to attend a concert. Whatever your reason, we hope that something of the holiness, atmosphere, history as well as our work with the homeless will inspire and remain with you when you leave.

Your subscription supports...

- Sunday International Group for those seeking asylum
- Relief in Need assisting travel costs for church attendees
- Church flowers
- Outreach work with St Mary's Cathedral, Johannesburg, South Africa

Join us...

For just £25 annual subscription (or donation of your choice) you will be contributing to the life and work of this inspiring church community.

Belonging remains a special part of human relationships. The Friends is a tangible way we at St Martin's embody our belonging to one another and to God.

It doesn't get better than that.

Rev Dr Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin's

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Membership Secretary
The Friends of St Martin-in-the-Fields
5 St Martin Place, London WC2N 4JH, U.K.

Bank Details:

Friends of St Martin-in-the-Fields
Sort Code 30-00-08
Acct No. 03024670
Ref: your name

Application form on-line: <https://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/life-st-martins/friends/membership-application/>



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