



# TEAM VICAR



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# Thank you for enquiring about St Martin's.

St Martin's is looking to appoint a new Team Vicar. We rejoice in Christ for 9 good years with Rev Dan McGowan in post. Dan left in the Summer of 2016 to be the Vicar of St Paul's Banbury, and the people of St Martin's are looking forward to appointing and then welcoming their next leader.

This document will introduce you to the Church and the Team Parish to which it belongs. We hope that, if you are considering the post, you will read it prayerfully and with God's help discern whether you could be the next Team Vicar.

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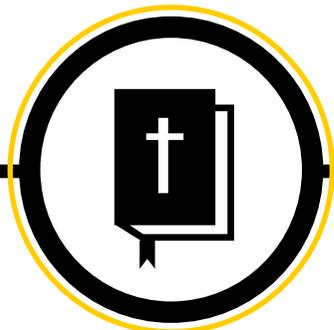


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At St Martin's we aim to bring glory to God by helping people to:



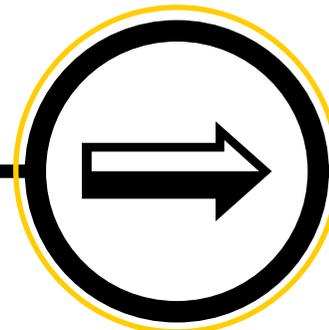
**KNOW**

Jesus and His love and salvation for yourself.



**GROW**

in Jesus and be transformed by His Spirit.



**GO**

to serve Christ locally, nationally and globally.



## Knowing Jesus and His love and salvation

“Reaching out to all ages of people confidently with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through relevant evangelism involving every church member, ready to leave our comfort zone, always depending on God.”

**We seek to address this aim through the following activities and initiatives:**

- By being known in the local community and being a community-based Church
- Reaching out to the community through evangelistic and social events, based on a coherent calendar of events
- Establishing a new mid-week fellowship group for people in retirement
- Running Christianity Explored courses
- Supporting young families through ‘Coffee & Chat’
- Holding a fortnightly Lunch Club for elderly and disabled people
- Developing links with schools in the Parish
- Running a week long Summer Holiday Club in conjunction with other local churches
- Exploring the addition of one-day Holiday Club sessions in School holidays

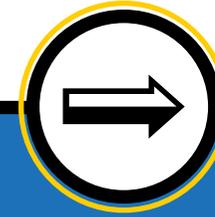


## Growing in Jesus and being transformed by His Spirit

“Having Bible-centred, prayerful and welcoming church services and groups that God can use to bring about transformation into the lives of people of all ages. Growing the Church as a strong community of believers which is committed to welcoming, nurturing, and providing on-going support for members.”

**We seek to address this aim through the following activities and initiatives:**

- Being committed to prayer
- Having the Bible as our basis and focus
- Being part of a like-minded Team Ministry
- Meeting in Home Groups for fortnightly Bible Study and fellowship
- Being caring, welcoming, and friendly to both members and visitors
- Supporting members through pastoral visiting and contact
- Being composed of a mix of backgrounds and ages
- Developing healthy links with other Churches in the area
- Being financially generous
- Celebrating our 60th anniversary in 2017



## Going to serve Christ locally, nationally and globally

“Encouraging members to see Christian service as an integral part of discipleship, and equipping them to grow their God-given gifts and use them to his glory.”

**We seek to address this aim through the following activities and initiatives:**

- Having a Ministry training capability for Leaders and Apprentices
- Continuing our commitment to strong children’s work in the Church
- Expanding our Cafe Church style services on a more regular basis
- Taking an interest in and being generous to home and overseas mission
- Developing a good ministry / leadership support team
- Investigating the possibility of a regular After-School Club

*What I value about  
St Martin's is...*

**It is like a large family  
and the worship and  
fellowship are good.**

*I am looking forward to  
the new vicar helping us  
as a church to...*

**Lead our worship and  
reach out, especially at  
these present times.**

**Alice Arulrajah**  
33 years at St Martin's



# Who are we looking for?

## The Person

**We are looking for a godly Evangelical Minister  
who loves Jesus and loves people and who is:**

- A gifted Bible preacher and teacher
- Faithful in personal Bible reading and prayer and able to encourage others in these disciplines
- Able to share the gospel through preaching, teaching and relationships
- Able to inspire, encourage and develop living for Christ in others
- A good encourager, leader and uniter in Christ
- Able to work in a team and to encourage teamwork
- A good listener, able to learn from and use the experience of others

- Able to lead growth: especially enabling growth in children's and youth work, and attracting young families
- Able to help the church to engage with the local community and share the Good News of Christ
- In agreement with the Southwark Declaration (see page 19)

## The Post

The post of Team Vicar is an Incumbent status post, with the usual Diocese of Southwark stipend. The PCC ensures that all working expenses are repaid, and provides a grant of £200 per year for courses, and a book grant.

# How will we help?

The new incumbent can be assured of our support in all aspects of ministry. The Churchwardens, Staff, DCC, PCC, and Leadership Team are committed to continuing their roles under the new incumbent and providing prayer, support and encouragement.

## **We are committed to:**

- Pray for the incumbent and for every aspect of ministry
- Respect time for family life, recreation and relaxation
- Ensure the incumbent takes a day off, and that this is respected by all
- Ensure holidays are taken
- Provide financial support for ministerial development as agreed
- Provide administrative support via the church administrator as required
- Join in meeting the challenges which will arise in ministry

We see our lay leadership as a support for the incumbent in the leadership role.

*What I value about  
St Martin's is...*

**Faithful belief and  
fellowship in Jesus.**

*I am looking forward to  
the new vicar helping us  
as a church to...*

**Support local  
community  
for the gospel.**

**Emily Byungim Kim**  
16 years at St Martin's





# What are we like?

## Sunday Meetings

We are a friendly church, meeting each Sunday morning at 10.30am for our morning services. These are a Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday of each month, Morning Worship on the other Sundays and a regular 'All-Age' service, usually on the last Sunday of the month. We welcome children and families – please see page 14.

We encourage people to stay and meet each other after our morning services over tea and coffee. We also offer prayer ministry at this time. Newcomers are made welcome and invited to join our other activities as appropriate.

There is an opportunity for our new minister to develop new forms of worship on Sunday evenings, perhaps reaching out to our local community in different ways. The previous Vicar held a small evening service in the Vicarage.

## Growth and Discipleship

We hold fortnightly **Home Groups** for Bible Study and teaching at eight venues, and around 40-50% of church members come to these groups. We usually study the same material, for example the Good Book Company's "2 Timothy" Bible Guide, or one of the Scripture Union Lifebuilder series.

We have an annual **Lent Course**, when most Home Groups join together for teaching sessions on a particular Bible theme. Our Mission is undergirded by monthly **prayer meetings**.

We meet occasionally with the other three churches in Morden Parish (eg for an Ascension Day service), and we have met with Morden Park Baptist Church on Maundy Thursday for many years, and on other occasions.

## Community and Outreach

We aim to reach out to local residents with the Good News of Jesus Christ, and regularly hold events to help with this. There is a weekly Toddlers & Carers meeting for pre-schoolers ("Coffee and Chat") and a fortnightly Lunch Club for local people. We hold Plant & Cake sales, Craft Fairs, Carol Services, organ recitals and outings to well-known places of interest.

There are two retirement homes close to St Martin's and we have developed close links with them over the years, welcoming residents at our services, arranging an afternoon tea party in church, visiting to sing Christmas carols and to lead short services, and vicars providing pastoral care to the sick and dying.

For many years we have had a playgroup three mornings a week, but the changing scene in childcare and the increasing demands of OFSTED have meant that this has had to stop.

To build on the contacts through these events, we also have events where the Gospel is presented in some way – such as our recent Christian Illusionist Show.

To follow up on this and help people consider more carefully the claims of Christ, we run regular 'Christianity Explored' courses for inquirers (and have previously held ALPHA courses.) We have taken part in several local missions in recent years, including "A Passion for Life" in 2014, and are hoping to have mission events to celebrate our 60th birthday in 2017.

## Mission Support

We currently allocate 10 percent of our regular church income as a tithe to support church mission (overseas & in the UK). We also hold an annual Gift Day Craft Fair for the support of overseas mission.

### Our overseas mission support includes:

- ◉ Katy & Mat Linley & family working with A.I.M. in Madagascar
- ◉ Steve & Stella Banks working in Chad.
- ◉ Joe, Rachel Clarke & family working in Portugal amongst university students with Crosslinks
- ◉ The Langham Trust & Christmas Gifts to Mission Partners supported by the Parish

### Home mission support is directed to:

- ◉ London City Mission (we have longstanding contact with Peter Kendrick working in Merton Schools)
- ◉ 'Open the Book' - a team from St Martin's sharing Bible stories in Hatfield School
- ◉ Merton Street Pastors

### We continue to support prayerfully:

- ◉ Barnabas, Lydia & family in Indonesia
- ◉ John & Bethany Goddard in their respective ministries (John works for Street Pastors & The Ascension Trust & Bethany is part time manager of the Furzedown Youth Centre)

*What I value about St Martin's is...*

**Continuing interest and support of many of the members over many years, despite the fact that we aren't able to visit very often, and their warm welcome when we do come!**

*I am looking forward to the new vicar helping us as a church to...*

**Become what God wants it to be.**

**Steve and Stella Banks**  
Mission Partners in Chad  
Supported by St Martin's since 1990



*What I value about St Martin's is...*

**Faithful preaching and Christ centred, bible based children's ministry.**

*I am looking forward to the new vicar helping us as a church to...*

**Be disciples and make disciples of Jesus through faithful expository preaching and prayer.**

**Joe and Rachel Clarke**  
Mission Partners in Portugal  
Previously at St Martin's for 3-4 years



*What I value about St Martin's is...*

**The friendliness of the congregation.**

*I am looking forward to the new vicar helping us as a church to...*

**Take the Good News of Jesus outside St Martins and into the community.**

**Dr Rev John Goddard**  
40 years at St Martin's

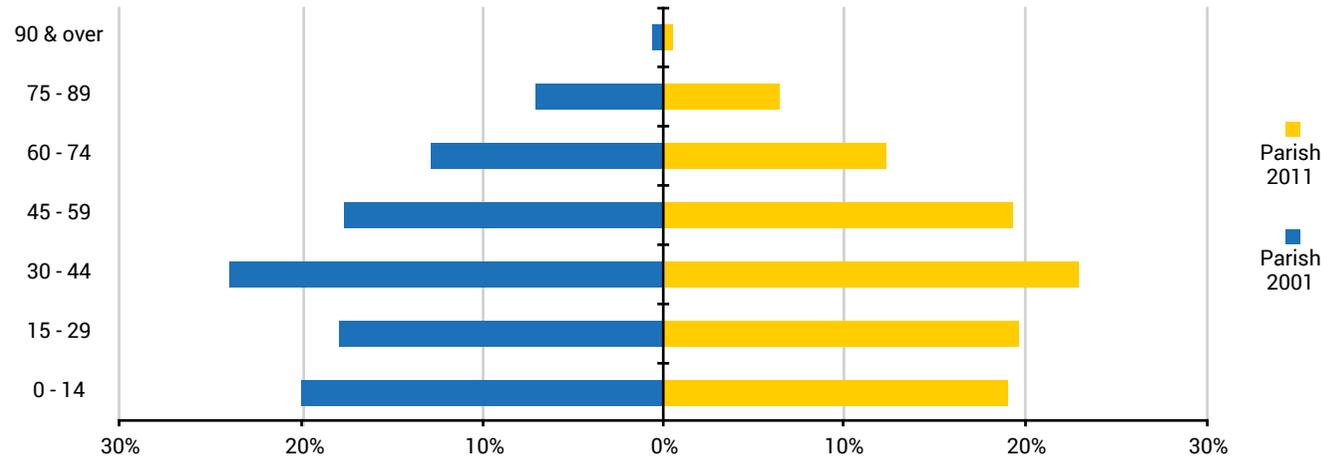


## Church Membership

There is a spread of ages in our Church, but young people and families are under-represented compared to the demography of our area, according to Census results. Despite high housing costs there are large numbers of children and young adults living in the area, whom we are not reaching. This is a key area we want our new Team Vicar to lead us in changing.



Age profile of parish populations 2001 and 2011



(Diagram of local demography, from Church of England Parish Spotlight for Morden, 2011)

## Ministry Team

St Martin's has one retired clergy person with Permission to Officiate, and 3 Lay Readers (one retired with PTO). See Appendix A for more information.

The Parish has taken on a "Parish Assistant" until

August 2017. He is a part-time student doing post-graduate study at Oak Hill College, and a part-time lay worker in the Parish. He is based at St Martin's for Sundays and helps with leading services and preaching. St Martin's has previously had Cornhill Training Course students based with the church.

## History

St Martin's was founded in 1957 as an evangelical church plant from Morden Parish Church to the Lower Morden housing estates, which had been built before the Second World War. It was the 'people's church' for the area, built with funds gathered through collecting-boxes from homes throughout the area.

There are still two regular members in St Martin's who came to our church from the Parish Church at the beginning. We have an electoral roll of 96 members and 70% of our members reside in our parish area – (many of those living outside our area lived here originally) - we remain a 'local church'.

St Martin's was originally staffed by curates serving their second curacy, staying for 4 years. In 1988 Morden Parish became a Team Ministry, and our ministers became Team Vicars, holding a 7-year licence from the Bishop of Southwark. Common Tenure has since removed any time restriction, and our most recent Team Vicar moved on after 9 years in post.



*What I value about  
St Martin's is...*

**Our love of the Lord  
Jesus, each other,  
and seeking to make  
Him known to others  
(world-wide).**

*I am looking forward to  
the new vicar helping us  
as a church to...*

**Know Jesus better  
through His word,  
and bind us together  
to serve Him, in  
obedience.**

**Muriel Warren**

*59 years at St Martin's,  
so a founder member!*





# What about children and families?

St Martin's has a history of providing Christian teaching and social activities for children and young people whose families attend church and for those who don't. We have been unfortunate recently with some church families moving away because of work, leaving us with 10 children on the Sunday Club roll, and currently no teenagers. There are two or three babies and toddlers in the crèche each week.

St Martin's maintains a strong commitment to children and families and it is our heartfelt prayer that we can become a church that once again will be full of children and young people.



Nativity - 2016



Sunday Club Celebration - 2016

## Sunday Club and Crèche

Sunday Club is the main children's ministry at St Martin's. It caters for children aged three and upwards and runs every Sunday during term time; on the weeks when Sunday Club doesn't meet children join the congregation for all-age family services. A crèche for children under 3 is available every Sunday morning.

The Sunday Club leaders are an experienced and committed team who work flexibly together to make each session as interesting and engaging as possible. There are currently five regular leaders. Over the last few years we have benefited from input from Cornhill students as part of the team. For the last three and half years we have taken a 'whole Bible' approach to teaching. We used "The King, The Snake, and The Promise" as starting point for the four-year Mustard Seed programme we are now following. Our aim is to help the children grasp God's wonderful plan of salvation shown throughout the Bible, by systematically teaching both the Old and New Testament.



## Special Family Services

To encourage families within the church and to try to attract new families a Café Style church service with activities for young children has been held on Good Friday for several years. In 2015 a similar service was also held during advent. Attendance at these services is modest but they are enjoyed by those who attend. For many years an extremely popular family carol service has been held on Christmas eve which is very well attended. The church also has links with the local scout group and hosts their Christingle Service each year.



*What I value about  
St Martin's is...*

**Sunday Club because  
all the leaders are  
supportive and  
try to make it fun.**

*I am looking forward to  
the new vicar helping us  
as a church to...*

**Learn more about the  
Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Josephine Quinn**  
All her life at St Martin's  
(10 years)



*What I value about  
St Martin's is...*

**The kindness of the  
people and friendships  
you make and that we  
learn about Jesus and  
God in a fun way.**

*I am looking forward to  
the new vicar helping us  
as a church to...*

**Learn more about God  
and Jesus Christ and  
having fun.**

**Issy (Isabelle) Quinn**

All her life at St Martin's  
(10 years)



One-day Holiday Club - Oct 2015



One-day Holiday Club - Feb 2016



11-15s Youth Group - 2015/2016

## Coffee and Chat

Coffee and Chat is a long-established drop-in for parents and carers of toddlers which takes place every Friday morning during term-time. It is led by a member of our congregation who is an experienced pre-school worker, supported by a team of volunteers.

## Links with local Schools

The team of vicars have links with several local primary schools and regularly take school assemblies. An "Open the Book" Team, led by a member of St Martin's and made up mostly of people from St Martin's presents Bible Stories to KS1 children at Hatfield each week. The previous Vicar was a governor at Hatfield school, and they have held their KS2 Christmas carol concert at St Martin's for many years, with input from the Vicar.

## Holiday Club

For 40 years a Scripture Union holiday club, established by a member of St Martin's, took place in the local park. This was led in partnership with other churches in the parish and two local Baptist churches. The club did not take place in summer 2016, and new initiatives to reach out to children are planned for 2017.

During October 2015 and February 2016 half-terms, St Martin's ran one-day holiday clubs for church children and their friends.

## Parish Youth Ministry

Our current Parish Assistant is running events for young people on a Parish level. These are available for anyone who attends St Martin's.

# What is the “Team Parish”?

Forget what you have seen or heard of Team Ministry elsewhere, the Morden Team is united, Evangelical, and determined to get the Gospel heard and help Christians live for Christ in the Morden area.

David Heath-Whyte  
Team Rector



## The Churches & Ministers

There are four churches in the Team: Emmanuel, St George’s, St Lawrence and St Martin’s. Each has a minister – the Team Vicar, or at St Lawrence, the Team Rector. St Lawrence currently also has an Assistant Curate. The Team Rector has responsibility for the Team Vicars, and is there to help and encourage them at any time.

The full-time team clergy meet weekly. As well as talking about things that are going on and praying together, we do one of three things for our main item each time: bible study, help with sermon preparation, or discussion of some big issue. For our help with sermon preparation, we follow a model similar to that used at Proclamation Trust conferences. Each year we try to attend the Evangelical Ministry Assembly together for our mutual benefit.

We have non-stipendiary clergy helping us, and Lay Readers based at each church. We have a Parish Assistant, who is studying part-time at Oak Hill College, and helping at St Martin’s and with youth work in the Parish. We are hoping to recruit one or two Ministry Trainees for September 2017 (along the lines of the 9:38 scheme).

## Gospel Partnership

We operate like a small Gospel Partnership. Each church is a centre for Gospel activity, so that people engage and identify with it as their local church. As a team we seek to work together to resource and encourage that ministry. So for example, each church organises its own Children’s Work, and the Parish has laid on Children’s Leaders’ training days to resource that. A child and his or her family will relate to their local church, St Martin’s or wherever. They may not even be aware that the team is there, but that doesn’t matter, if they know Christ and are growing in him!

## History

The team came about as a natural extension of church-planting in the Parish. St Lawrence is the ancient (but living!) Parish Church, next to Morden Park and at the centre of the Parish. Emmanuel, St George’s, and St Martin’s churches were planted during the 20th Century. In 1988 the Parish became a team, with all the legal and organisational structures that that implies.

*What I value about St Martin’s is...*

**Family work, love and friendship with one another.**

*I am looking forward to the new vicar helping us as a church to...*

**Grow in the Lord to reach out to people of every age in the community.**

**Kate Kim**

4 years at St Martin’s



## Organisation

Each church has its own area of the Parish to cover, the District, and its own Church Council, the District Church Council (DCC). We also have one Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the whole Parish, and at least 5 members of each DCC sit on the PCC. Each church has a "District Warden", who operates like the Church Wardens in a normal parish. The Parish does still have two Church Wardens – we call them Parish Wardens.

What does that mean in terms of meetings? There are 5 PCC meetings a year, as well as the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). You would also

attend the Standing Committee (SC) meeting, two weeks before each PCC meeting. Then you would have your own DCC meeting, around the same time and before the PCC. Some Districts have a sixth DCC meeting in the year, all have an Annual District Church Meeting before the APCM. Yes, it's a lot, but the Team Rector is committed to making SC and PCC meetings efficient and useful.

If you're interested in more of the nitty-gritty of the organisation of the Parish, do call the Team Rector for a chat.

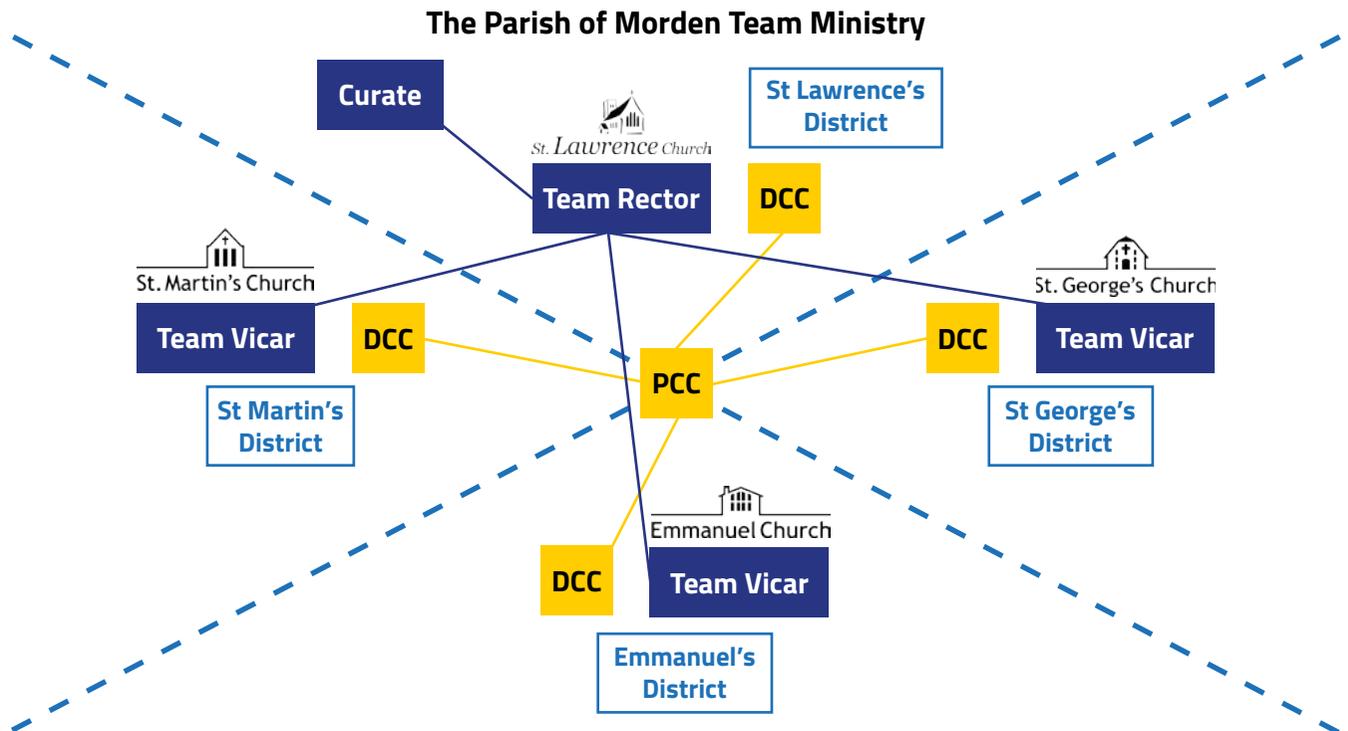
*What I value about St Martin's is...*

**Quality of teaching and fellowship; welcoming atmosphere for new members.**

*I am looking forward to the new vicar helping us as a church to...*

**Encourage more young families while also recognising needs and experience of older people.**

**Iris Rogers**  
30 years at St Martin's



*Not to scale. Only stipendiary ministry posts shown.*

## The Diocese of Southwark

Our team clergy enjoy the fellowship and opportunities created by the Southwark Reform group and the Southwark Diocesan Evangelical Union (none of the churches are affiliated to Reform).

We are signatories to the Southwark Declaration:

**As clergy and lay people in the Diocese of Southwark:**

- We affirm the divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures and their supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct,
- We affirm, with Article XX, that 'it is not lawful for the Church to ordain any thing that is contrary to God's Word written.'
- We affirm the teaching of Scripture (Genesis 2.24, Mark 10. 17, Matthew 19.5), the Book of Common Prayer, and Canon B30 ('Of Holy Matrimony') that marriage is the union of one man and one woman

## Merton Deanery

We are in the Merton Deanery, and play an active role, occasionally hosting and leading Clergy Chapter meetings, and with good attendance of our representatives at Deanery Synod meetings. Rev Les Wells, one of our Team Vicars, is currently Area Dean.

for life. We affirm it is the one God-ordained context for sexual intercourse.

- We call upon all the Bishops, Archdeacons, and the senior staff of the Diocese, alongside all clergy and licensed lay ministers, to affirm these truths, live by them, and to teach in accordance with them.
- We call upon the Bishops to appoint to positions of teaching authority only those who hold to these truths in good conscience.



Team Ministers: David Ruddick (Emmanuel), Les Wells (St George's), Martin Davy and David Heath-Whyte (St Lawrence)

*What I value about St Martin's is...*

**Biblical teaching.**

*I am looking forward to the new vicar helping us as a church to...*

**Grow in the knowledge and love of God.**

**Peter Wellman**  
35 years at St Martin's



# What is the Vicarage like?

*What I value about St Martin's is...*

**Warm love from each member of the church, great faith, fellowship long time.**

*I am looking forward to the new vicar helping us as a church to...*

**By being able to lead worship, have a warm heart and evangelical attitude for children.**

**Seyun (Peter) Kim**  
4 years at St Martin's



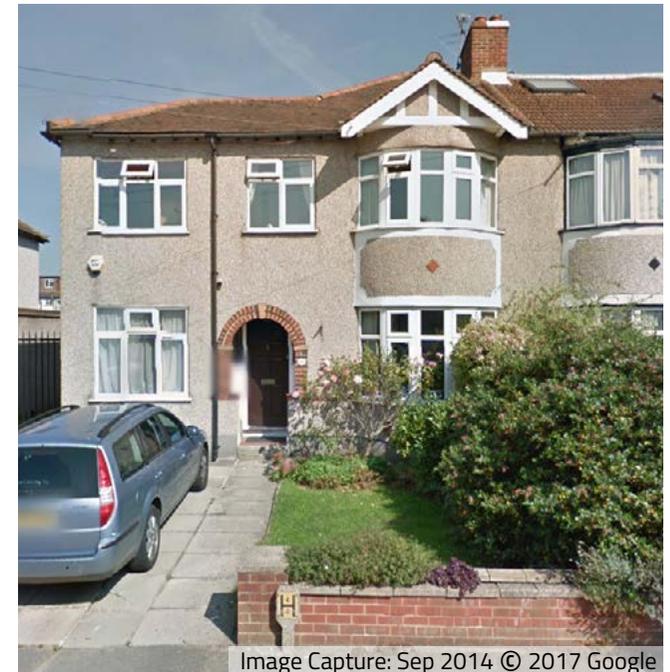
The Vicarage is situated in Camborne Road and is about 5 minutes' walk away from the Church in the same street. This semi-detached house was built in the 1930s but has been extended beyond its original design more recently. There is a front driveway for parking, as well as a shared access way to the rear of the property. The Vicarage has been well maintained to provide modern and comfortable family accommodation. Morden Parish is currently transitioning to full ownership of the Vicarage after sharing the equity with the Diocese for a number of years.

The ground floor accommodation comprises an entrance hall and stairs, a front lounge, an extended dining room, a spacious study with shelving, kitchen/breakfast room, and downstairs toilet. The kitchen is fitted with modern units and has a built-in oven, double sink, dishwasher, and a counter-top fridge. There is also space for a washing machine, and a large upright refrigerator. The kitchen gives access to the rear garden, and the garage.

Upstairs there are four bedrooms, 2 large, 2 medium, a family bathroom, wet room, and a separate toilet. There is an airing cupboard housing the hot water tank with backup immersion heater.

The house is heated by gas central heating. All the main services are provided, and broadband services are available from a range of suppliers.

There are gardens to the front and the rear of the house, with a reasonable sized lawn at the rear. A single garage at the rear of the property provides for additional storage capacity



# What is Morden like?

Morden is a great place to live in: a suburb with wide streets, lots of open areas and parks, excellent public transport and easy access to central London.

Morden is a little-known suburb outside the area. People seem to have heard of Wimbledon next door to the North, Epsom & Sutton to the South, Croydon to the East, or Kingston to the West, but Morden escapes people's notice except for being the last stop on London Underground's Northern Line – but that is a vital clue to Morden's intriguing and diverse identity.

Morden Underground Station opened on 13 September 1926. It was built on farm land and marked the southern end of the City & South London Railway (now the Northern Line). The arrival of the railway had transformed Wimbledon, but in 1921 the population of Morden was only 1,355; there was a small village clustered around St Lawrence's Church and the George Inn, a 17th-century coaching inn on the London to Epsom road and some farm cottages elsewhere.

A commercial centre grew up around the Underground Station and local housing was developed. By 1931 the population had increased to 12,618 and a Southern Railway branch from

Wimbledon to Sutton had improved transport resources. In the next fifteen years, the population continued to grow, as most of the parish was covered in new suburban homes.

One of the main residential developments in the 1930s was the St. Helier estate, built by the London County Council (LCC) to house workers from Inner London and named in honour of Lady St. Helier, an alderman of the LCC. The



*What I value about St Martin's is...*

**Its genuine steadfast faith and its friendly nature.**

*I am looking forward to the new vicar helping us as a church to...*

**Grow in our worship and love for God and serve him in a relevant way.**

**Trisha Goddard**  
50 years at St Martin's



*What I value about  
St Martin's is...*

**The welcome we  
received and the sense  
of belonging to a church  
family that it offers to all.**

*I am looking forward to  
the new vicar helping us  
as a church to...*

**Grow in our knowledge  
of God and reflect that  
in our relationships with  
each other and the wider  
community - especially  
building on the number  
of families who are part  
of the church family.**

**Sarah Rogers**  
4 years at St Martin's



estate was at the time the largest local authority development in South London and has its road names arranged in alphabetical order, from the north-west corner (Abbotsbury Road) to the south-east corner (Woburn Road). Housing also spread across fields to the south west; by 1951 the population was 35,417 and by 1961 68,011. (The population of the Church of England Parish today is approximately 32,000)

Despite London's suburban expansion, a little of the earlier rural nature of Morden has survived; for instance, several period buildings remain, especially within Morden's parks. The area retains a good provision of parks and green spaces, many of them created from former country estates. The 125 acre Morden Hall Park is of particular

note and is run by the National Trust. Behind the housing there are large areas of playing fields. Morden Park is another accessible green space close to St Martin's and has a swimming pool and gym as part of its facilities.

The largest building in the town centre is Crown House, sixties-built and 14 stories tall; designed in 1959 by A. Green ARIBA and built between 1960 and 1962. Not far away is the Bait'ul Futuh Mosque, the largest mosque in Western Europe, built by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Completed in 2003 at a cost of approximately £5.5 million, the mosque covers an area of 5.2 acres (21,000 m<sup>2</sup>) and the full complex can accommodate up to 10,000 people.



The Morden area is well served by public transport connections:

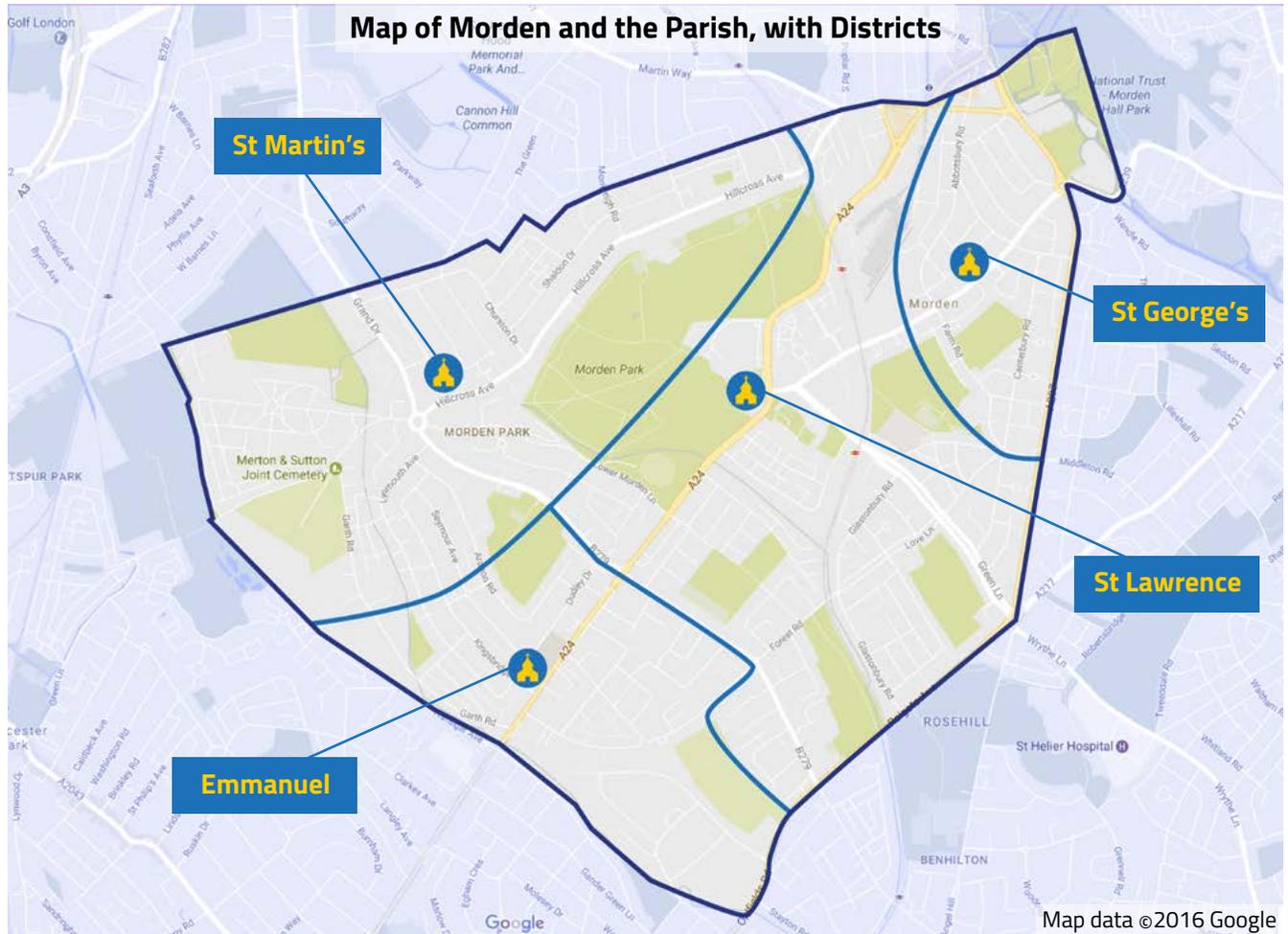
- Underground service at Morden (Northern Line)
- National Rail Services at Morden South, South Merton, and Wimbledon
- Tramlink service at Morden Road for the Wimbledon - Croydon service
- Extensive bus network run by Transport for London



Morden town centre is relatively small compared to the other main towns in the area such as Wimbledon, Kingston, Croydon, Sutton, or Epsom, but does have a good choice of small shops, food outlets, supermarkets, and other services. Lower Morden centre, which is focussed on the Grand Drive / Beverly roundabout area and is on the doorstep of St Martin's, has a good selection of small shops, a mini Co-Op store, some food outlets, and a nearby Wyevale Garden Centre.

There are several primary schools, with two (Hatfeild and Hillcross) in St Martin's District. For Secondary Schools Glenthorne High School is within the Parish and there are others nearby. (More info about schools is in Appendix B.)

The district is also well served by medical facilities such as St George's Hospital Tooting, St Helier Hospital Sutton, St Raphael's Hospice, and Epsom Hospital, plus a selection of private hospitals. There are also a number of GP practices operating within the area.



## Staff Team

<b>Alleyne Bartram</b>	Church Administrator
<b>Jony Bertin</b>	Parish Assistant
<b>Brian Birch</b>	District Church Warden
<b>Paul Burgoyne</b>	Organist
<b>Tony Butcher</b>	Music Coordinator
<b>Maurice Gilley</b>	Parish Warden
<b>John Goddard</b>	NSM Retired (with PTO)
<b>Amanda Halden</b>	Children and Families Worker
<b>Peter Hopkins</b>	Lay Leader
<b>Tony Pearson</b>	Reader
<b>Richard Polley</b>	Reader
<b>Wendy Tchilingirian</b>	Pastoral Coordinator
<b>Peter Wellman</b>	Reader

## Electoral Roll and Attendance

The current Electoral Roll stands at 96, with an average Sunday attendance of 75 adults and 11 children based on figures collected in October 2015. Compared to the previous five years, these figures represent an exceptional dip in attendance due to deaths and families moving away from the area.

## Occasional Offices

Annual figures for calendar year 2015: Baptisms (2), Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child (1), Weddings (0), Thanksgiving for Marriage (0), Funerals in Church (7). In addition, the Parish Ministers have conducted 114 funeral services between them at local crematoria and cemeteries.

## Church Building

The Church was built in 1956 to serve the area of Lower Morden and is situated on Camborne Road just behind the shops in Grand Drive. The Church was consecrated in 1957 and celebrates its 60th Anniversary in Spring 2017. The main body of the church is two and a half storeys high, with two storey space on either side of the main building. The Church building also contains two small integral Flats that house Church members.

The building is very much a multi-purpose structure with the main Church Hall easily able to be configured differently for Sunday worship and mid-week activities. In addition to the main Church Hall, the ground floor space includes Chancel, Clergy Vestry, Choir Vestry, two Meeting Rooms, Kitchen, Store Room, and Toilet Facilities. The first floor space includes two Meeting Rooms, Office, and Gallery overlooking the main Church Hall.

The Church building is in a reasonable state of repair and routine maintenance is an ongoing aspect due to the building's age. The next quinquennial inspection is due in Summer 2017.

## Finance

Our Diocesan contributions for 2016 are £140,000 for the Parish as a whole, over a third of our total Parish expenditure, with St Martin's covering approximately 35% of this cost. The four churches in the Team agree between them the Parish Support Fund contribution from the Parish to the Diocese, and then internally agree the division of this cost. St Martin's has paid its share of the Parish Support Fund in full each year.

Each of the four Churches in the Team manage their own accounts and then these accounts are consolidated, along with Central Finances, for reporting to the Charity Commission. Central costs are shared between the churches using a split based on the Diocesan contributions.

The details for the main local funds for St Martin's over 2014 & 2015 are as follows:

	<b>Fund name</b>	<b>Fund Balances Brought Forward</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Outgoing Resources</b>	<b>Transfers*</b>	<b>Fund Balances Carried Forward</b>
<b>2015</b>	General fund	6,978	86,329	58,323	-27,094	7,890
	Maintenance	11,412	6,600	5,414	0	12,597
	Church Assistant Fund	1,556	9,960	9,330	0	2,185
	Missionary Fund	1,016	9,412	16,217	8,002	2,214
	Other	4,726	16,022	13,214	-798	6,737
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25,688</b>	<b>128,323</b>	<b>102,498</b>	<b>-19,890</b>	<b>31,623</b>
<b>2014</b>	General fund	959	86,537	53,496	-27,021	6,978
	Maintenance	10,020	6,600	5,208	0	11,412
	Church Assistant Fund	3,868	9,903	12,215	0	1,556
	Missionary Fund	0	6,839	12,518	6,695	1,016
	Other	3,171	4,197	4,024	1,382	4,726
	<b>Total</b>	<b>18,018</b>	<b>114,076</b>	<b>87,461</b>	<b>-18,944</b>	<b>25,688</b>

The £8,002 transfer in 2015 represents the annual DCC contribution from our giving income to mission work both inside and outside the Parish. Significant additional giving has been made to initiatives to support Parish Assistants and their accommodation.

\*negative total balance on transfers is transfer to central Parish funds

## Websites

The following websites may be helpful in adding to the information contained in this document. Please note, we are not responsible for the currency of the information of external sites.

### Parish of Morden

Parish Website	<a href="http://www.morden.church">www.morden.church</a>
St Martin's	<a href="http://www.stmartinsmorden.org.uk">www.stmartinsmorden.org.uk</a>
Emmanuel	<a href="http://www.emmanuelmorden.org.uk">www.emmanuelmorden.org.uk</a>
St George's	<a href="http://www.st-georges-church.co.uk">www.st-georges-church.co.uk</a>
St Lawrence	<a href="http://www.stlm.uk">www.stlm.uk</a>

### Primary Schools

Morden	<a href="http://www.morden.merton.sch.uk">http://www.morden.merton.sch.uk</a>
Hatfeild	<a href="http://www.hatfeild.merton.sch.uk">http://www.hatfeild.merton.sch.uk</a>
Aragon	<a href="http://webfronter.com/merton/AragonPrimary/">http://webfronter.com/merton/AragonPrimary/</a>
Hillcross	<a href="http://www.hillcross.merton.sch.uk">http://www.hillcross.merton.sch.uk</a>
Abbey	<a href="http://www.abbey.sutton.sch.uk">http://www.abbey.sutton.sch.uk</a>
Brookfield	<a href="http://www.brookfield.sutton.sch.uk">http://www.brookfield.sutton.sch.uk</a>

### Secondary Schools

Glenthorne High School	<a href="http://www.glenthorne.sutton.sch.uk">http://www.glenthorne.sutton.sch.uk</a>
Harris Academy Merton	<a href="http://www.harrismerton.org.uk">http://www.harrismerton.org.uk</a>
Harris Academy Morden	<a href="http://www.harrismorden.org.uk">http://www.harrismorden.org.uk</a>
Raynes Park High School	<a href="http://www.rphs.org.uk">http://www.rphs.org.uk</a>
Ricards Lodge High School	<a href="http://ricardslodge.merton.sch.uk">http://ricardslodge.merton.sch.uk</a>
Rutlish School	<a href="http://www.rutlish.merton.sch.uk">http://www.rutlish.merton.sch.uk</a>
St Marks CoE Academy	<a href="http://www.stmarksacademy.com">http://www.stmarksacademy.com</a>

### Local Authority information

#### London Borough of Merton - Home Page

<http://www.merton.gov.uk>

#### London Borough of Merton - Electoral Areas

<http://www.merton.gov.uk/community-living/areas-wards/wards.htm>

#### Cannon Hill Ward info

[http://www.merton.gov.uk/cannon\\_hill-2.pdf](http://www.merton.gov.uk/cannon_hill-2.pdf)  
[http://www.merton.gov.uk/ward\\_profile\\_cannon\\_hill.pdf](http://www.merton.gov.uk/ward_profile_cannon_hill.pdf)

#### Lower Morden Ward info

[http://www.merton.gov.uk/lower\\_morden-2.pdf](http://www.merton.gov.uk/lower_morden-2.pdf)  
[http://www.merton.gov.uk/ward\\_profile\\_lower\\_morden.pdf](http://www.merton.gov.uk/ward_profile_lower_morden.pdf)

### Diocese

#### Southwark Diocese

<http://www.southwark.anglican.org>

#### Parish Statistics (Spotlights)

<https://extranet.southwark.anglican.org/public/spotlights>

#### Merton Deanery

<https://www.southwark.anglican.org/find-a-church/merton>





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