

St Martin's Parish Church Directory

D 1 / W 1	1 98
Rector's Warden Laura Stockwell 2354	
People's Warden Paul Steele 2332	203
Honorary Treasurer Neil de la Mare 2378	816
Organist & Choir Joan Le Flem 201	108
Men's Society Patrick Banfield patrick@cwgsy.	net
Ladies of Faith Together (LOFT) Sara Dorey 235	845
Music Group Joan Le Flem 201	108
Cloak Magazine Advertising Carol Guille 258:	364
Church Flowers Susan Banfield susanb@cwgsy.	net
Coffee/Craft Mornings Sallysara Windsor 2563	342
Church Office Claire Holliday 231:	197
Youth & Children's Minister Claudia Evans Cox 07781 1650	077
Youth & Children's Minister Natasha Luggar 07781 144.	222

Find us on Facebook pages: 'St Martin's Church, Guernsey' 'Roundabout, St Martin's'

'St Martin's Junior Church'





Details of St Martin's Parish Church and its services can be found at: www.stmartinschurch.gg

Les Camps Methodist Church Directory

Minister	Revd Stephen Dallin	01481 239144
Leadership Team	Yvette Barbe	07911 733721
	Jean Carre	07781 427947
	Robyn Craig	07911 712272
	Don Lowe	07911 715712
	Vonnie Mahoney-Bougourd	07781 139992
	Andrew Redhead	01481 233150
	Sarah Snell	07911 718812
Discipleship & Small Group	Helen Mahoney	07911 712271
Coordinator		

Welcome to the August edition of the Cloak

Change is in the air. New government, new school year (and maybe uniform) and our first parish community plan.

Here at the Cloak we aim to balance the new with the familiar and so have a mix of both.

- Steve Falla (recently relocated to the parish) shares his insights on the election;
- our young parishioners showcase their creative flair in the kitchen and the campsite;
- we gain an inside view of some 'well curious' buildings dotted around St Martin;
- our poultry expert regales us with a dark tale about chickens on vacation from St Peter Port; and
- a parish picture quiz.

Thanks to all who have contributed ideas and pictures (portrait please). We can't always include them but do keep them for future editions.

Enjoy the rest of the holidays.

Photographs & Anecdotes

If you have taken any photographs or have any parish anecdotes you would like to have featured in the Cloak, please send them to:

cloak@stmartinschurch.gg

Cover by Linda O'Leary - Moulin Huet Bay

St Martin's Cloak

Covering the Whole Parish



Rector's letterp.4
Parish mattersp.6
Church diariesp.8
Election 2025p.10
Sitting comfortably?p.12
Young peoplep.14
Wel,well, wellp.16
Bad day at the coop!p.20
Community centrep.24
Quiz - place the datep.26

The Editorial Team
C/O St Martin's Rectory
La Grande Rue
GY4 6RR
Tel: 238303
cloak@stmartinschurch.ga

Rector's letter



Dear Friends,

When I was still at school I remember the build-up to the summer holidays – no more homework, maybe a camping holiday or trip to the seaside and hopefully a few holiday clubs and activities thrown in for good measure. Pure bliss! As a parent, I am aware that things are often a bit more complicated!

As I reflect on some of the challenges parents face in 2025 – smart phones, hybrid families, managing anti-social behaviour or the bank balance to name a few, I find it instructive to look at biblical examples of parenthood. The truth is, there is a mixed bag. Some had favourites – look at the stories of Esau and Jacob or Joseph and his coat of many colours. Some did not correct bad behaviour, see the story of a priest called Eli who failed to discipline his sons in the book of Samuel. They don't end well!

Equally, there are good examples which seem to have a common thread. Abraham and Sarah faithfully waited for God to fulfil his promise, Hannah (the mother of the renown prophet Samuel), dedicated her son to God's service. Mary and Joseph, the parents of Jesus, accepted God's plan for their son which at times must have made no sense whatsoever! What the bible seems to be saying through these stories is that as parents, we need God's help – I know that is true for me!

Jesus spent much of His time among families, offering compassion, hope, and healing. He valued relationships and modelled a love that was patient, forgiving, and unconditional.



We have been working with the UK based charity "Care for the Family" that champions the importance of strong families and resilient parenting. Our aim is to find ways to support families in the parish through the ups and downs of family life. Whether a single parent, a family with a child that has additional needs, struggles with teenage years or help for couples, we recognise that there are times when a little extra support can go a long way.

Our church has established a new role: Community Chaplain. This is a pioneering role which seeks to come alongside families, to offer a listening ear, a caring heart, and practical support. It will focus on equipping parents to build strong, healthy relationships within their homes and to offer guidance as they navigate the joys and challenges of parenting. We recognise that being a parent is one of the most important and rewarding jobs in the world—but it can also be one of the hardest. Our hope is that every parent knows they are not alone, and that the church is a place of care, hope, and welcome.

I am pleased to announce that Hester Botha has accepted the position of Community Chaplain and will be starting on 1st September 2025. Her initial focus will be on getting to know the local schools, groups and building connections. There will be courses, coffee mornings, one-to-one chats, and drop-in sessions to follow.

If you or someone you know could benefit from a listening ear or would like to find out more, we'd love to hear from you.

God bless, Rev Daniel

Parish matters

Dear Parishioners,

As I write this article, we are enjoying a heatwave and appreciating what a wonderful place Guernsey is to live in.



Looking across Moulin Huet Bay

Election

What a few months we have had, with a general election that sadly saw a low turnout of under 20,000 people, which begs the question should Island Wide voting stay? Our Dean of the Douzaine, Ben Gregg, along with his assistant Phil Merrien oversaw the voting at St Martin's polling station over a twelve-hour period and did a splendid job, as 1,500 people voted in our hall. Yet again the parish were involved in a historical event.

Constable

We still currently have a vacancy for a Constable and have just gone out for a third time for nominations. Hopefully it will be third time lucky as my term expires at the end of the year after six and a half years and we will then need two Constables. If you're interested I'm happy to meet with you to show you what's involved.

Parish

Flowers are looking great across the parish in the red, white and blue chosen for the 80th Liberation celebrations and we continue to work around the parish clearing access to our cliff lanes. The lane from Les Aubrets to La Tonnelle's stream is clear and flattened out to give better access and some further work to the drain will be completed soon.



Flower boxes in St Martin village

The lane from Calais down to Bec du Nez which suffers from a lot of water throughout the year will be attended to during the summer months to make it more accessible in the winter. The top slipway at Saint's harbour will also be attended to, to take it back to its original width to give better access to fishermen, swimmers and kayakers alike.

Hedges are cut but we are concerned over the mess in the gutters and kerbsides. Since the banning of glyphosate weed killer these never seem to be cleared, something I will be taking up with the new Environment and Infrastructure committee soon.

Work will start in September to build a granite wall from the monument outside the parish hall to level up the top section to make it more accessible for events like Remembrance Sunday.

The Events team are planning an Autumn quiz night; details to follow.

Community Plan

The Community Plan should be available at the end of July with over 1,000 responses received. Thanks to all who have contributed and to the Committee. We look forward to the final plans.

The office will be closed for the last two weeks of August and so I wish all parishioners a splendid summer.

> **Dave Beausire** Senior Constable



St Martin's Parish Church

Special Services and Events:

Sunday 7th Sep 10am Climate Sunday followed by shared BBQ

Sunday 21st Sep 10am Fairtrade Sunday

Saturday 27th Sep Leprosy Mission quiz night (details will follow)

Sunday 5th Oct 10am Harvest Service (then bring & share lunch)

Friday 17th Oct 7.30pm GU10* live concert in Church

Sunday 19th Oct 10am Rotary Shoe Box Service

Regular Services and Events:

Our regular Sunday services are

8am Book of Common Prayer

9.15am Bubble Church (at the Community Centre)

10am Holy Communion

10am Junior Church (at the Community Centre)

6.30pm Evensong

Thursdays during the school term: **2pm** Holy Communion

A short service held upstairs at the Community Centre, followed by refreshments.

Roundabout Parent and Toddler Group

Wednesday Mornings (term time) at 10am - St Martin's Community Centre

Coffee/Craft morning

Tuesday Mornings at 10am - St Martin's Community Centre

Youth Group

Thursday at 7pm - St Martin's Community Centre

More details on church notice board or email <u>claireh@stmartinschurch.gg</u>

^{*} Sea shanty & folk music group

Les Camps Methodist Church

Services and Activities:

Sundays:

Worship at **10.30am** with Lightbulb and Crèche for 0–16 years.

Worship at **6pm**

Youth Cell at 7.30pm

Cell Groups:

These small groups meet at various times during the day and evening throughout the week. They are an opportunity for fellowship alongside learning how to live a life centred around Jesus.

Knit and Natter:

On the second & fourth Thursday of the month between **2pm** & **4pm** is a chance to sit and knit and catch up with friends old and new.

Saturday Pop-in:

On the first & third Saturday of the month between **10am** & **12 noon** our church hall is open for people to meet for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit or two.

Tuesday Toddlers:

In the hall next to Les Camps church **9.30am** to **11.15am** (term time). Plenty of activities and play for the children. Refreshments are served, then song time is at the end of the session.

Connect after school club

Thursdays at 3.15pm - Les Camps Methodist Church Hall (Term Times)

For further information please contact Helen Mahoney helenmahoney@methodist.org.qq or 07911 712271

Election 2025

Recently re-elected deputy and newly appointed member of the Policy & Resources Committee, Steve Falla took time out of his busy schedule to talk with me. I asked how it feels to be an elected deputy for the second time around and what his hopes and aspirations for this term might be. One obvious difference is that he 'knows where things are'.



Deputy Steve Falla

He found the period following the announcement of the general election results (before the Committee appointments) was markedly different from 2020. The previous time around had been relatively quiet, with a few invitations to sit on committees. this time was frenetic. He was asked whether he was looking to become president or a member of various committees as a prospective candidate, sometimes competing with other deputies.

Steve is very honoured to have been elected to the Policy and Resources Committee.

He agrees that there is a palpably different feel about this group of deputies as a more collaborative and cohesive body. This pleases him as he is very keen on strong engagement and good communications. He also believes in transparency. He hopes that this will lead to a better relationship with the electorate and better policy and decision-making.

Steve is open about his frustrations with the previous Assembly, particularly over the lack of progress with housing. The Housing Action Group did not produce any, well.... action! The States seemed to make things unnecessarily difficult for itself. Various applications to develop States-owned land were turned down and the relevant committees did not liaise sufficiently well.

He opposed the creation of the Housing Committee as there are already too many parties involved without adding another. However, he accepts the decision and will be fully behind the new committee. He is clearly not one for dwelling on lost arguments and prefers to look forward to what can be done.

He believes that disused horticultural sites should be used ahead of green land.

He also notes that many younger families who could afford a mortgage, struggle to save a deposit whilst paying rent and thinks low interest loans for deposits could be a solution.

...strong engagement good communications

Steve also feels that the connection between electorate and government was weakened with the introduction of Island Wide Voting and tries to bridge that gap by being available to people throughout the Island. However, he recently became resident in St Martin in a down-sizing move, and he is looking forward getting to know more parishioners. Therefore, he encourages St Martin's parishioners to contact him. He has various connections with the parish including a grandfather who lived at Les Blanches.

I was curious to know how the workload of a typical month broke down. There are States sittings which can be up to 3 full days together with the reading in preparation in advance. He personally would not comment on a matter in the States unless he had read the Policy Letter in full. Then there are committee and working group meetings to prepare for, attend and follow up.

Some papers for such meetings can be up to 400 pages long. Committees tend to meet fortnightly. There is also constituency work which he will undertake for people all over the island. Sometimes a solution is relatively simple and may take just one phone call. Other matters can be more complex.

His working hours are flexible and sometimes involve evenings. In addition, there are often events to attend either as a guest or a host.

I was interested to know how an issue would be raised for attention in the States and Steve said that a large amount of lobbying of committee presidents and members took place. It is his hope that greater collaboration between committees will take place this term with a view to more joint action happening.

In talking with Steve it is clear that "what you see is what you get". He is open, honest and plain speaking with a common-sense approach. But I was also aware of his keen interest in people and his passion to make things better - a genuine desire to improve life for people and our community as a whole. We are privileged to have him living in our parish and serving in our government.

Steve's contact details: 07781 102376 or steve.falla@deputies.gov.gg

Richard Corbin

Sitting comfortably?

As a former Brownie, Girl Guide and Guider in Scotland, I was pleased to be offered the opportunity to attend a 10^{th} St Martin's Guide meeting and see them in action. So on Friday 6^{th} June I set off to meet Amy, their leader and get to know some of the girls. There were seven girls present that night plus Amy's assistant leader, Shelley.

All Guernsey Guides are going to camp in July in the grounds of Government House and Amy had planned to show her company how to make a 'seater' which is necessary for sitting around on the grass.



Down to work - seaters in progress

As a huge pile of newspapers appeared, I think the girls, and myself, wondered how this would become a damp-proof pad suitable for camp life. I was soon to see the transformation. Each girl needed 16 sheets of newspaper and taking one at a time, each sheet was folded lengthways five or six times.

Once this was completed, eight pieces were laid side by side and another folded paper was laid across them but going under and over alternately. Then there was a series of folding the other folded pieces in the over /under pattern and securing them with a small strip of Sellotape. This was repeated until each girl had a square shaped pad of woven newspaper. Now it was time for the decorating. Amy had provided a wonderful range of coloured paper, crayons, patterned paper and plenty glue for the girls to stick their designs onto their seaters. The final touch was to cover the decorated pad with clear cellophane. I was impressed with their concentration, Amy and Shelley obviously have a very good rapport with the airls.

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and hope to return soon. It brought back many happy memories of my own time in the Guide Movement, and I have to admit I couldn't stop myself joining in and, as a result, I too had black fingers.



Black fingers and smiles

This is happy lively group who enjoy their guide meetings and experiences. I hope to keep in touch and report further on their exploits.

Thank you Amy, Shelley and Guides, for allowing me to join you for a meeting.

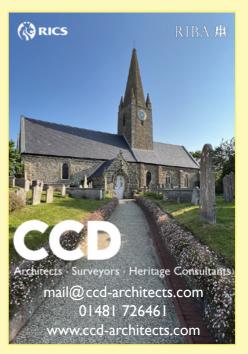
Rosemary Bishop-White

Sunday School Scoop

A teacher asked her class of young children to recount a favourite biblical story at which moment Jean-Pierre enthusiastically related the renowned tale of David and Goliath, ending the story by saying: "After David slew Goliath with a well-aimed stone hurled from a sling, he rode off on his motorbike."

The teacher thanked Jean-Pierre for the story but expressed doubt about David leaving the scene of Goliath's downfall astride a motorcycle. "Miss, miss," protested Jean-Pierre, the bible says that after David slew Goliath, 'there was the roar of his triumph!'







Young people

Summer

Over the summer we have been running our children baking, youth baking and movie nights. The baking and cooking are a huge hit and thank you so much to all of you who signed up this year. We look forward to running our summer activities again in 2026!

When September comes, we will be running our termly sessions and I wanted to let you know about two of our regular sessions.

Roundabout

Roundabout is a group for parents and carers to bring along their babies, toddlers and preschoolers. This runs on Wednesday mornings during term times between 10am-11:15am in St Martin's Community Centre.



We begin the session with singing and dancing all together. Then we have a soft-play room, refreshments room and our toy room. This is a great space for youngsters to play and connect with other children.

Care givers can connect with other parents, grandparents, nannies or childminders.

Youth Group

Thursday nights will see the return of our youth group which runs from 7pm-8:30pm for those in year 8+. We have space to play a selection of board or TV games, air hockey and a football table. We create a space for young people and their friends to hang out each week during term times.



Youth group is held upstairs at St Martin's Community Centre with a small charge of £1 per young person for dinner and soft drinks. We inform parents about what we are eating and give weekly updates via our WhatsApp group.

Facebook

For regular updates please follow: St Martin's Church, Guernsey Roundabout. St Martin's

Claudia Evans Cox



Your local Chartered Accountants based in St Martin's



Brehon Chartered Accountants can help your business with accounting, tax or business advisory matters, contact us today.

Brehon Limited, Chartered Accountants Mayfield House, La Grande Rue, St Martin's, Guernsey, GY4 6AA

Tel: 01481 233009 Fax: 01481 233006 Email: accountants@brehon.co.uk

Website: www.brehon.co.uk





Well, well, well...

Heading along La Route des Cornus and La Route de la Forêt (Forest Road), you will pass three old and unusual buildings. One of them, which resembles a plain whitewashed cottage, is located on the left-hand side of the road past the Carlton Inn and the other two buildings, one resembles a windowless cottage and the other a miniature chapel, are located beneath the water tower opposite La Trelade Hotel.



At La Route des Cornus past the Carlton Inn



One of two buildings beneath the water tower

Since early boyhood, I've been curious as to the buildings' function because, in over sixty years, I have never seen anyone either enter or exit them. Lacking chimneys and in one case, windows, the old buildings are clearly not some odd kind of dwelling.



The other building beneath the water tower

While I have long known that the buildings are owned and routinely maintained by Guernsey Water, it was only recently that I discovered their purpose.

All three are utility buildings of which two, constructed around 120 years ago, house wells that historically supplied the parish of St Martin and other areas of Guernsey with water pumped from underground aquifers. Indeed, seven wells located in the parishes of St Martin and the Forest provided the primary sources of water throughout the island during the early twentieth century. As the water from those wells was considered pure, it was not then subject to treatment.

The building located directly beneath the water tower was constructed in the early 1930s and houses a water pumping station. Sinking of the wells and construction of the buildings predated engineering of the reservoir in the parish of St Saviour on which works began in 1938 and which were completed in January 1947.

Courtesy of Sarah Brown, Catchment Officer at Guernsey Water and a friend of mine, I felt privileged at being granted an opportunity to access the sites of the buildings and photograph them both externally and internally.



Inside La Route Cornus Pumping Stattion

The above picture depicts the twentieth century electrical pumping equipment used to pump water from a twleve foot diametre well shaft also accessed from the building.



Upper part of a deep well with access ladder



All of your clothing needs for living in St Martin's whether walking the cliffs

or dining in the restaurants

www.ogiersguernsey.com Facebook @ogiersguernsey



Well, well, well...



Inside La Route de la Forêt Pumping Stattion

The above picture shows an array of electrical devices to control and programme operation of what Guernsey Water has designated 'No. 2 Well Pumping Station'. The original pumps of wells 1 and 2 were driven by oil-powered engines.

The following pictures depict three views of the interior of the pumping station directly beneath the water tower. They feature key components of the station such as the pumps, piping with associated valves and strainers, electrical motors and power supply, as well as alarm, chlorination and equipment control systems.





Of the original seven wells, one located on land at Guernsey Airport has long been decommissioned but the remaining six are still maintained by Guernsey Water. Regarded as historic, they are not routinely used and would only be brought into service in times of urgency such as during a drought.



A huge thank you to Sarah who arranged and conducted a guided tour of the wells and pumping station in St Martin.

Gary J Vaudin



PROVIDING AN EXPERT PHARMACY SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- DISPENSARY
- IN-HOUSE DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE
- FIRST AID
- FULL RANGE OF TENA PRODUCTS
- DOSSETT BOXES
- FULLY STOCKED RETAIL FLOOR
- CONSULTATION ROOM
- EXPERT ADVICE



- COMPREHENSIVE BLOOD TESTING
- ALLERGY TESTING
- VACCINATION
- REVOLUTIONARY SKINCARE
- AESTHETIC SERVICES

LA GRANDE RUE, ST MARTIN, GUERNSEY GY4 6RR
TEL: 01481 237 963 FAX: 01481 239 184 EMAIL: INFO@SMP.GG
WWW.SMP.GG. WWW.TDC.GG

Repairs? Questions? Help is here.

iQ is the only Apple Authorised Service Provider on the island.



iQ, 50 The High Street, St Peter Port. www.iQGuernsev.com





Bad day at the coop



WARNING!

Readers, especially chicken lovers, may find this article distressing.

We keep chickens, six of them and they have a house in which they sleep on perches, eat and lay their eggs. Their house is sited on a small trailer and so, at the end of the day, they make their way up stairs to bed (or rather up a plank with wooden slats nailed across it for grip).

The curtilage around the house is surrounded by a sturdy fence with a gate to keep them in and for double security there is a net thrown over their 'garden' to stop any of them flying out.



Lucky chickens after the 'drama'

At 10:00 o'clock every morning we let them out of their pen as, by this time they have laid their eggs and have the freedom to scratch and roam about over a large meadow. I don't know if they realise how lucky they are, well maybe they do as we have 6 eggs from them nearly every day.

My sister and her husband were going on holiday and asked if we would have their chickens while they were away. We were happy to help out, so they brought their four hens plus their smaller house and a make-shift fence. All was well until we noticed one of their chickens looking round shouldered and sorry for itself. As the days past, she looked more miserable until one morning we found her dead.

I was sorry to have to tell my sister on their return that one of her chickens had died but she quite understood and off they went with their three remaining chickens.

The next time my sister went on holiday they left their chickens with us again. You must understand, you can't simply add their chickens to ours. They would fight! I don't mean just a peck here and there but a full-on fight, jumping on top of the unfortunate weakest opponent and pecking its head possibly to the death. This meant that the smaller hen house and makeshift pen were erected again.

My sister's holiday coincided with my daughter's family trip. They have three Jack-Russells who were destined for a dog's home but unfortunately, they couldn't accommodate them for the first night, so they stayed with us.

First thing in the morning I took them up into a different field to give them a run, they didn't need leads as there was no road or any danger. What I hadn't anticipated was that one of our white chickens had flown over the fence and was wondering innocently about the meadow.

The dogs flew down into the meadow as a pack baying for blood with me in hot pursuit, screaming at them to stop. The chicken made a good attempt at flight but eventually they caught up with her by the stream. Max was on top of her, so I grabbed him and eventually managed to get her free.

I set up a chicken hospital in the shed (ironically in one of the dog's cages) and grumpily brought the dogs down and shut them in the back yard and went in for breakfast.

I don't know what made me look up from my cereal, but I caught a glimpse of a flash of white as the dogs disappeared around the corner. They had squeezed under the gate. I raced (again) after them and to my horror they had easily destroyed the makeshift fence around my sister's chickens and Max was on top of one of them!

ELECTRICAL & HARDWARE STORE





SALES, ACCESSORIES & SERVICE CENTRE
HOTPOINT ● MIELE ● B INDESIT ● MAGIMIX ● EBAC

GRAND RUE, ST MARTIN'S
Telephone: 238422 Fax: 239698 Email: service.valpys@guernsey.net

Bad day at the coop

So that was another hen in the chicken hospital but the end of this part of the story is that our white chicken survived to lay again but my sister's didn't. They were very understanding when back from holiday with comments like, "these things happen".

The next time we were asked to have their chickens we had 2 new chickens and so had fixed up a good strong fence around our smaller house to introduce the newcomers to the flock. The two pens were close together and so the chickens could get used to each other. Eventually you can mix them without a fight.

OPEN ALL YEAR

Excellent Corporate Rates
available to Local Businesses.

OUR RELAXED &
COSY ATMOSPHERE
IS HARD TO BEAT.
Book your table today!

Visit labarbariehotel.com for further details

Facebook: La Barbarie Hotel
Instagram: labarbariehotel
Tel: 01481 235217

GUERNSEY TOURISM 4 STAR COLD AWARD 92% - AA 4 STAR AA

We still had this pen up so offered it as a temporary and safe place for their chickens. (By this time they had replaced the 2 chickens that had been lost on the previous visits).

My sister and her husband live in St Peter Port and have a lovely garden, but the chickens don't have the opportunity to wonder around a meadow. I thought how good it would be for them to taste the freedom and the fresh grass. I shut our chickens in early and let hers out for a run. It was a joy to watch them.

I went inside with the idea of returning them to their pen in about half an hour. After a while there was a knock on the door and a neighbour told us there was a dead chicken in the road.

Yes, you've probably guessed, it was one of my sister's lovely big black chickens, perfect except for the fact it had been hit by a car and was dead. In my defence, as I can hear you saying it was a shame I let them out, the meadow is the size of a football pitch, and they had no business to go into the lane!

We have never again been asked to look after my sister's chickens.

Carol Guille



What's a chicken's favourite book? "Great Egg-peck-tations."
What Bob Dylan song makes hens happiest in the coop? "Lay Lady Lady."

was Jesus a real person?

FOR THE CURIOUS
FOR THE DOUBTFUL
FOR THE WONDERING
FOR THE INTRIGUED

Maristre Liker



Forest Methodist Church
Wednesday Nights 6.30pm to 8.30pm
1 Oct to 10 Dec 2025
helen.mahoney@methodist.org.gg
07911 712271

Whatever questions you've got, you can ask them at Alpha

DAVE BROUARD

Tree Surgery, Tree Clearance Stump Grinding & Wood Chipping

Logs & Wood Chips Supplied

237559



07781 137559 • Fully Insured • Free Quotations

Community centre

Cooking up Confidence

St Martin's Community Centre is here to be more than just four walls - it's a welcoming space where people connect, learn new things, and feel at home. One of the real highlights this term has been opening up our brilliant, fully equipped kitchen to the budding young chefs of St Martin's Primary School.



Concentration - a crucial ingredient

As part of their Design and Technology curriculum, every year group from Year 3 to Year 6 came to the Centre to roll up their sleeves and get cooking. Here's what they've been up to:

Year 3: Seasonal vegetable tarts

Year 4: Soda bread rolls

Year 5: Pasta sauce

• Year 6: Fish goujons

And they didn't just cook—they reflected like true food critics. Here's what a few of them had to say:

Eliza (Y3): "I used the claw grip and the bridge grip when I was cutting up my vegetables to make sure I was safe and didn't hurt my fingers." "I used sweetcorn, cucumber and tomato in my tart—it tasted really, really delicious!"



Breaducation is all about teamwork

Elijah (Y4): "We used flour, butter, bicarb, oats and milk for our bread. I added rosemary and cheese. It rose nicely in the oven and tasted good, though a bit hard—I'll skip the oats next time!"



It is all about attention to detail

Theadora (Y5): "I chopped carrots, garlic, onion and added tinned tomatoes, puree and seasoning. We took our sauces home in foil trays."

Sam (Y5): "I enjoyed eating the pasta sauce at home. Next time I'd blend it more to make it smoother."

"Our children really benefit from access to the Community Centre kitchen - it makes practical lessons possible when school resources fall short. Without it, we wouldn't be able to run sessions like these. At a recent training event, our Design and Technology curriculum was highlighted as a strength, and that's thanks in no small part to this partnership. Many pupils even listed cooking sessions as one of their end-of-year highlights."

If anyone would like to enquire about using these great facilities, please get in touch.

Rebecca Silk

Operations Manager

Picnic at

Les Camps Church

Sunday 14th September 2025 from 12.15pm

Bring family & friends, pack a picnic & enjoy a day of fun & relaxation

helenmahoney@methodist.org.gg www.lescamps.com



BUILDING CONTRACTORS

Les Cornus

St. Martin's, Guernsey



T: 01481 239034

E: admin@fwatson.co.uk



HOTEL & LEISURE CLUB

50ft Indoor Heated Pool, 2 spa Jacuzzis, 2 steam rooms,

2 solariums,

Gymnasium

Open 6am till 9pm daily. Tel: 235292

1el: 235292

http://www.lavillettehotel.co.uk

Quiz: Each of the 12 pictures depicts a date. Can you identify the road in St Martin where it can be found?

answers in the next edition or by request from the editor



PARISH INFORMATION 2025

The Constable's Office is open 9am until 12.30 noon Monday to Friday

If you would like to speak to the Constables, they can be contacted through the
numbers below.

		numbers belov	V.		
Constables	Office			238363	
Parish Hall (Caretaker		07781 140831		
Email			info@stmartinsconstables.com		
Facebook			Constable	es of St Martin	
Cemetery Enquiries		Mr. G. Vaudin		07781 103580	
Constables		Mr. D. Beausire		237878	
		Vacant Post		-	
Welfare Chairperson		Mr. L. Hill-Tout		07781 427747	
Douzaine	Mr. B. Gregg	237000	Ms. C. Bauer	235966	
	Mr. R. Clark	232852	Mr. L. Hill-Tout	07781 427747	
	Mr. P. Merrien	236831	Mr. P. Dorey	235845	
	Mr. M. Priaulx	238442	Mrs. C. Cormack	237576	
	Mr. I. Pallot	236120	Mr. J. Wilkes-Green	238008	
	Mr. D. Rix	07781 414500	Mr. G. Naidoo	07781 102845	





If you have specific requirements that need to be met and don't see any properties currently for sale, that match them, we can help.

Sometimes, homeowners just need to know there is interest in their property in order to consider selling and those people may respond to a direct approach.

At Cooper Brouard we can:

- Track down property owners and approach them confidentially on your behalf
- Target a specific area
- Advertise for properties that match your 'must haves'

So if you can't wait for your ideal home to come on to the market, let us help you track it down.

The Old Post, La Grande Rue, St Martin's, Guernsey GY4 6RR

+44 1481 236039

www.cooperbrouard.com









