

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Growth 2026

SUNDAY 26 JULY

8TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am All Together Eucharist

OPENING HOURS

CHURCH: *Monday - Friday 10am-3pm*

TEAM OFFICE: *Closed this week*

ZOOM SERVICES THIS WEEK

(please contact the host to join the mailing list)

Morning Prayer Monday to Friday at 8.30am

Hosted by Mike Bunclark mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk

Compline Monday to Friday at 8.30pm

Hosted by Mike Bunclark mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk

Prayers for Peace & Justice on Saturdays at 4pm

Hosted by Joan Hazzard joanhazz@gmail.com



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Thank you to all those who helped with Ruth's thanksgiving service, with preparation beforehand and on the day. The family are very appreciative of all that was done for them to make it a fitting and memorable occasion. They commented on how friendly, supportive and welcoming the Church has been throughout, and that they could see why John and Ruth felt so at home with us.

Prayer walk – Tuesday 28 July, 2pm, from Church

We continue to meet in Church for prayer, and hope that the weather allows us to restart our walks this week.

Stay and Play – Tue 28th and Wed 29th July, 10am, St Martin's Church

These sessions are for children and families, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am-12pm. There will also be a Board Game café. This replaces Mainly Music.

Bible Study – Wednesday 29 July, 11.15am, Lower Vestry

The Bible Study group continues as normal in July, taking a break during August.

Summer Stories & Crafts – Thursdays, 10am at Whittington Church

These sessions for children aged 4-11 run from 10-11am on 30th July, and 6th & 13th August. See poster, or speak to Debra for more information.

Funeral for Elizabeth Yarker – Tuesday 11 August, at 2pm in Church

All are welcome to the service, which is followed by refreshments in Church.

Organ Appeal – see back page for how to donate

We continue to appeal for donations towards the restoration of the organ, including the adopt a pipe campaign. Please see back page for how to donate.

Worcester Festival – Friday 21st– Monday 31st August

The free Event Guide is now available at the back of church, do pick up a copy for details of exhibitions, events, concerts, tours and family fun in our city this summer.

The Team Office is closed this week, reopening on Monday 3 August.

10.00AM ALL TOGETHER EUCHARIST

The **Order of Service** is in a separate booklet, large print copies are available. This **Bulletin** contains the words of the hymns and readings, as well as notices and prayers for the week. You are welcome to take it home. If you would like a kneeler, or a gluten-free wafer during Communion, please ask a member of the Welcome Team. The communion setting music for the service is also available from the Welcome Team.

Celebrant & Preacher **Revd Peter Hart**
Piano **John Swindells**

FIRST SONG NEH 364 (Tune NEH 408, Blaenwern)

God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him,
And exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
He who spread the heav'ns above,
He who breathes through all creation,
He is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth
All the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp he holdeth
Every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then they find that selfsame aching
Deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though With blindness
Sin afflicts the souls of men,
God's eternal loving-kindness
Holds and guides them even then.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
O'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (1874-1939)

See pages 1-3 in the Order of Service

Collect Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Reading 1 Kings 3.5-12

- A reading from the first book of Kings
- ⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night;
and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.'
- ⁶ And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love
to your servant my father David,
because he walked before you in faithfulness,
in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you;
and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love,
and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.
- ⁷ And now, O Lord my God,
you have made your servant king in place of my father David,
although I am only a little child;
I do not know how to go out or come in.
- ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people
whom you have chosen, a great people,
so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.
- ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind
to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil;
for who can govern this your great people?'
- ¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.
- ¹¹ God said to him, 'Because you have asked this,
and have not asked for yourself long life or riches,
or for the life of your enemies,
but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,
I now do according to your word.
- Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind;
no one like you has been before you
and no one like you shall arise after you.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND SONG

*Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together,
Bind us together in love.*

There is only one God,
There is only one King;
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing:
Bind us together...

Fit for the glory of God,
Purchased by His precious Son;
Born with the right to be clean,
For Jesus the victory has won.
Bind us together...

We are the family of God,
We are the promise divine;
We are his chosen desire,
You are the glorious new wine.
Bind us together...

Bob Gillman
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Gospel Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



All

Glo-ry to you O Lord

/Continued...

- 31 Jesus put before the crowd another parable:
 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed
 that someone took and sowed in his field;
 32 it is the smallest of all the seeds,
 but when it has grown
 it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree,
 so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'
 33 He told them another parable:
 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast
 that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour
 until all of it was leavened.
 44 The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field,
 which someone found and hid;
 then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
 45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant
 in search of fine pearls;
 46 on finding one pearl of great value,
 he went and sold all that he had and bought it.
 47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net
 that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;
 48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down,
 and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.
 49 So it will be at the end of the age.
 The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous
 50 and throw them into the furnace of fire,
 where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
 51 Have you understood all this?'
 They answered, 'Yes.'
 52 And he said to them,
 'Therefore every scribe
 who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven
 is like the master of a household
 who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord



All

Praise to you O Christ

The Sermon follows, then see pages 4-5 in the Order of Service

THIRD SONG

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
Keep me praising till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King!*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving
Give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving.
Keep me loving till the break of day.

Sing hosanna...

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.
Keep me sharing till the break of day.

Sing hosanna...

Author unknown

**See pages 6-8 in the Order of Service,
and join in singing the opening of the Eucharistic prayer (Sursum Corda):**

PRIEST PEOPLE PRIEST PEOPLE

The Lord is here - His Spi - rit is with us. Lift up your hearts we lift them to the Lord -

PRIEST PEOPLE

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God - It is right to give him thanks and praise

The Choir may sing a hymn or anthem

After Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. **Amen**

See page 9 in the Order of Service

FOURTH SONG (*Sing three times, getting faster*)

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills
Shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy,
And the trees of the field
Shall clap, shall clap their hands.

And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
And you'll go out with joy.

*Steffi Geiser Rubin & Stuart Dauermann.
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See page 9 in the Order of Service

Voluntary A Jazzy Surprise!

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Next week's readings: *Genesis 32.22-31; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21*

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

**Board
Game
Café**

**Stay &
Play**

**FOR PARENTS AND TODDLERS
PLUS BOARD GAMES
FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN**
Refreshments by donation



**July
21 & 22
28 & 29**

**Tuesday &
Wednesday
10:00am-1:00pm**

**August
4 & 5
11&12**



PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

David Dale	Veronica	Stephen Clarke	Eglé Tumanova
Gail Stone	Thelma Bushell	Shirley Scott	Jackie
Geoff	Alison Houghton	Elizabeth Robertson	Erin
Charlie Bentley	Rosemary Dillingham		

For those in continued trouble

Marilyn Daly	Adam	Donna Vickers	Sheila Sergeant
Sandra Giles			

The recently departed

Rachel Grubb	Elizabeth Yarker	Ruth Kirwan
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Anniversary of death

Jim Walker	Audrey Walker	Anthony Glossop
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DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 27	Jeremiah 13.1-11 As we remember the changing events in our world and nation over the last few weeks, we pray that new and improved opportunities will emerge.	Matthew 13.31-35
Tue 28	Jeremiah 14.17-end Where there are droughts, fires, floods, earthquakes and land-slips, we pray that funds are available to give long term recovery.	Matthew 13.36-43
Wed 29	Jeremiah 15.10-end As the cost of living is affecting everyone, we pray for counterbalancing measures to assist recovery.	Matthew 13.44-46
Thu 30	Jeremiah 18.1-6 We pray for mediators and support workers in all areas of discord.	Matthew 13.47-53
Fri 31	Jeremiah 26.1-9 We pray for young people, that they are encouraged into positive lifestyles, and pursuits.	Matthew 13.54-end
Sat 1	Jeremiah 26.11-24 We pray for those whose faith or culture is the cause of harassment, and give thanks for international pressure for change.	Matthew 14.1-12

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

The full Church diary for this week, and next week, is displayed on the noticeboard in the Lower Vestry. Please speak to Rebecca if you have any queries, or to book your event or meeting into the diary, to avoid disappointment.

Saturday 25 July *No Coffee Concert*
1.30pm *Baptism Church*

Sunday 26 July
8.00am *Said Eucharist Church*
10.00am *All Together Eucharist Church*

Monday 27 July *Office closed*

Tuesday 28 July
Office closed
10.00am *Stay & Play Church*
2.00pm *Prayer Walk Meet in Church*

Wednesday 29 July
Office closed
10.00am *Stay & Play Church*
11.15am *Bible Study Lower Vestry*

Thursday 30 July
Office closed
9.30am *Said Eucharist Church*
10.00am *Poplins Lower Vestry*

Friday 31 July
Office closed
No Choir practice

Saturday 1 August

Sunday 2 August
8.00am *Said Eucharist Church*
10.00am *Sung Eucharist Church*

Please use this QR code to donate to our Organ Repair Appeal
Or donate directly into our Bank Account:

Ref: 'Organ Repair'
Name: St Martin with St Peter PCC
Sort: 40-52-40
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