

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist
Thursday 9.30am Said Eucharist

OPENING HOURS

CHURCH: *Monday to Friday 10.00am - 3.00pm*
TEAM OFFICE: *Weekdays (except Wednesday) 10am -1.00pm*

ZOOM SERVICES THIS WEEK

(please contact the host to join the mailing list)

Morning Prayer Monday to Friday at 8.30am
Compline Monday to Friday at 8.30pm
Hosted by Mike Bunclark mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk
Prayers for Peace & Justice Saturdays at 4pm
Hosted by Joan Hazzard joanhazz@gmail.com



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NOTICES

Sunday 19 November

We welcome the Revd Canon Stuart Currie, the Bishop's Chaplain, who will lead our service this morning. Junior Church meets downstairs as usual, after the collect prayer, accompanied by a parent/carer.

Responsorial Psalm - This morning we are going to try a new way of singing the psalm, in the form of verse and response. The choir will sing the response first, then the congregation joins in the second time through. The music of the response is printed in the bulletin, and is sung periodically through the psalm. The choir will sing the verses - the congregation are invited to join in with the response each time. If you begin to follow how the verses are sung, please join in too. Do let me know over coffee how you found this today. *John*

Farewell service for Archdeacon Robert Jones - Sunday 19 November

An opportunity for us all to gather in the Cathedral at 4.00pm to give thanks to God, and to Robert for his time in ministry. All welcome.

Emergency Appeal Total - Thank you for your donations for this appeal, which raised **£220.10** for the Embrace the Middle East humanitarian crisis.

CAMEO - Tuesday 21 November, 7.30pm, Lower Vestry

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other), a new women's discussion group, meets for its inaugural meeting this Tuesday. If you are interested in joining an informal women's group to foster faith, friendship and discussion, you are welcome. You will have an opportunity to shape the future direction of this monthly gathering. Please speak to Anne Linstrum Brown or Beverley Hart for more information.

Coffee Concert - Saturday 25 November, 10.30am, Church

We're delighted to welcome professional violinist **Shulah Oliver** to give the last Coffee Concert of the year, to be accompanied by our own **Robin Walker**. Their programme includes music by Bach, Beethoven, Kreisler and Elgar, with a few lighter surprises. Free Entry with donations to *Sight Concern Worcestershire*.

Church gardeners meeting - Sunday 26 November, 11.15am

Needed - people with green fingers! Many thanks to Bill Simpson who has retired after nearly 40 years supervising the care of the Church garden. If you can help with the ongoing work, please meet in the Lady Chapel after the 10am service next week for a quick discussion to see what expertise we have. *Elizabeth*

The next lecture from St Martin in the Fields will be on Wed 29 Nov at the earlier time of 2.30pm, at the home of Joan Hazzard.

Forest Church - Sunday 3 December, 4.30pm, Worcester Cathedral

This is advanced notice that the December service on Advent Sunday will take place at the slightly later time of 4.30pm - 5.15pm, on College Green (south side of the Cathedral, through the Edgar Gate). It's open to anyone, but it will be ticketed, as places will be limited to 50. To book, please email revdrobin@gmail.com

10.00AM SUNG 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, please ask a sidesperson.

Celebrant & Preacher **Revd Canon Stuart Currie**
Organ **John Swindells**

The communion setting is by Noel Rawsthorne

Hymn *NEH 339*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou my inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Translator: Mary Byrne (1880-1931)

Versifier: Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

See pages 2-4 in the Order of Service

Collect Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end

A reading from the Book of the prophet Zephaniah

- ⁷ Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.
- ¹² At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.'
- ¹³ Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
- ¹⁴ The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
- ¹⁵ That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
- ¹⁶ a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
- ¹⁷ I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.
- ¹⁸ Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed;

for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 90.1-8

Please sing the response after the Choir has sung it once, then between each verse.

Response: May the favour of the Lord, our God, be upon us

Response Gerry Fitzpatrick

May the fa-vour of the Lord, our God, be up-on us.

¹ Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.

² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the | world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

All May the favour of the Lord, our God, be upon us

³ You turn us back to | dust and say:
'Turn back, O chil | dren of earth.'

⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are | but as yesterday,
which passes like a watch | in the night.

All May the favour of the Lord, our God, be upon us

⁵ You sweep them away | like a dream;
they fade away suddenly | like the grass.

⁶ In the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.

All May the favour of the Lord, our God, be upon us

⁷ For we consume away in | your displeasure;
we are afraid at your wrathful | indignation.

⁸ You have set our mis | deeds before you
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.

All May the favour of the Lord, our God, be upon us

Second Reading | Thessalonians 5.1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

- 1 Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,
you do not need to have anything written to you.
- 2 For you yourselves know very well
that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
- 3 When they say, 'There is peace and security,'
then sudden destruction will come upon them,
as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman,
and there will be no escape!
- 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness,
for that day to surprise you like a thief;
- 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day;
we are not of the night or of darkness.
- 6 So then let us not fall asleep as others do,
but let us keep awake and be sober;
- 7 for those who sleep sleep at night,
and those who are drunk get drunk at night.
- 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober,
and put on the breastplate of faith and love,
and for a helmet the hope of salvation.
- 9 For God has destined us not for wrath
but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us,
so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
- 11 Therefore encourage one another
and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn NEH 405 (Tune: NEH 365 London New)

Lord of the boundless curves of space
And time's deep mystery,
To thy creative might we trace
All nature's energy.

Thy mind conceived the galaxy,
Each atom's secret planned;
And every age of history
Thy purpose, Lord, has spanned.

Thy Spirit gave the living cell
Its hidden vital force;
The instincts which all life impel
Derive from thee their source.

Thine is the image stamped on man,
Though marred by man's own sin;
And thine the liberating plan
Devised his soul to win.

Science explores thy reason's ways,
But faith draws near thy heart
And in the face of Christ we gaze
Upon the Love thou art.

Albert F Bayly (1901-84)

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Gospel

Matthew 25.14-30

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples,

- ¹⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;
¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one,
to each according to his ability. Then he went away.
¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents
went off at once and traded with them,
and made five more talents.
¹⁷ In the same way,
the one who had the two talents made two more talents.
¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent
went off and dug a hole in the ground
and hid his master's money.
¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came
and settled accounts with them.
²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward,
bringing five more talents, saying,
"Master, you handed over to me five talents;
see, I have made five more talents."

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- 21 His master said to him,
“Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
you have been trustworthy in a few things,
I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master.”
- 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,
“Master, you handed over to me two talents;
see, I have made two more talents.”
- 23 His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
you have been trustworthy in a few things,
I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master.”
- 24 Then the one who had received the one talent
also came forward, saying,
“Master, I knew that you were a harsh man,
reaping where you did not sow,
and gathering where you did not scatter seed;
so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground.
Here you have what is yours.”
- 26 But his master replied,
“You wicked and lazy slave!
You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow,
and gather where I did not scatter?”
- 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers,
and on my return
I would have received what was my own with interest.
- 28 So take the talent from him,
and give it to the one with the ten talents.
- 29 For to all those who have,
more will be given, and they will have an abundance;
but from those who have nothing,
even what they have will be taken away.
- 30 As for this worthless slave,
throw him into the outer darkness,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

The Sermon follows, then see pages 5-7 in the Order of Service

Offertory (*Tune: Nottingham*)

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

See pages 7-11 in the Order of Service

Choir Anthem: Haste thee, O God - Adrian Batten (*1591-1637*)

Haste thee, O God, to deliver me, make haste to help me.
Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul.
Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame
that cry over me 'There, there, there'.

But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee,
and let all such as delight in thy salvation
say alway 'The Lord be praised'. Amen.

Psalm 70.1-4

After Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

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Final Hymn SP272

Faith overcomes! The light of Christ is shining,
piercing the doubt and darkness of our world.
Walking in trust, we find the way inclining
to follow in the footsteps of our Lord

Faith overcomes! The truth of God, unfolding
Wisdom and Word, in cosmic time and space,
dwells in a single life for our beholding:
eternal glory in a human face.

Faith overcomes! In Jesus God is teaching,
healing, forgiving, loving to the end;
to all who know him not his arms outreaching
from Calv'ry's cross, our Shepherd and our Friend.

Faith overcomes! The life of Christ, abundant,
spent and exhausted in the hour of death,
bursts from the tomb in mystery triumphant,
makes us alive through his own Spirit's breath.

Faith overcomes! Christ's witnesses have spoken:
we have not seen, yet now we dare believe
in him is freedom, peace and joy unbroken,
a gift to share with all who will receive.

Faith overcomes! In Jesus' love abiding,
we yield ourselves to follow his commands,
willing to suffer for his name, confiding
our needs and hopes and fears into his hands.

Christopher Jones (b.1954)

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Voluntary Fugue in F, BWV 540 - J S Bach (1685-1750)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH

People in sickness or need

Michael Wood	Brian Cory	Roderick Dovey	Donna Vickers
Sandra Giles	Jan Bayliss	Andy Horne	Sue Ballard

The recently departed

Noel Hobbs

Anniversary of death

Alan Bowen	Edwina Tyler	Richard Pratley	Maureen Bedwell
John Upton	Di Moss		

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 20 Revelation 1.1-4, 2.1-5

Luke 18.35-end

With the Diocese this week, we pray for our neighbouring parishes of St Barnabas with Christ Church, St Wulstan and St Nicholas, Warndon. Bless the clergy, readers and lay ministers, including Methodist partners. May your Kingdom be known in their work.

Tue 21 Revelation 3.1-6, 14-31

Luke 19.1-10

We give thanks for our vibrant communities, asking your blessing on all groups who meet together in the Church, Parish Centre, or the church community. We pray for new groups meeting this week, that your love will be known in fellowship and hospitality.

Wed 22 Revelation 4

Luke 19.11-28

We pray for those in regions of conflict and strife, remembering especially the Middle East and Ukraine. Plant the seeds of peace in the hearts of the young; bring an end to violence and injustice, and inspire leaders to seek reconciliation. May your love and grace transform hearts and heal wounds.

Thu 23 Revelation 5.1-10

Luke 19.41-44

At the end of Inter Faith Week, we pray for unity, love, and understanding among people of different cultures, religions, and backgrounds, especially Jewish and Muslim communities at this time. Break down the barriers that divide us, and help us to see the inherent dignity in every individual.

Fri 24 Revelation 10.8-11

Luke 19.45-end

We pray for your Creation, for the planet and its fragile life. Guide us to be responsible stewards of the Earth, recognising the impact of our actions on the environment. Grant insight to scientists and leaders working towards sustainable solutions.

Sat 25 Revelation 11.4-12

Luke 20.27-40

We give thanks for musicians, and those whose efforts bring beauty through music to St Martin's. We pray for all who participate in and benefit from music in St Martin's, that they may find your blessings of restoration, joy and peace.

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 18 November

- 10.30am Concert setup and rehearsal *Church*
 - 3.00pm WSO Family Concert *Church*
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Sunday 19 November

- 8.00am Said Eucharist *Church*
 - 10.00am Sung Eucharist *Church*
 - 2.00pm Ronkswood Baptism *Church*
 - 3.00pm Music Rehearsal *Lower Vestry*
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Monday 20 November

Tuesday 21 November

- 7.30pm CAMEO Women's group *Lower Vestry*
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Wednesday 22 November

- 9.30am Mainly Music *Church*
 - 11.00am Bible Study *Lower Vestry*
 - 4.00pm Piano Tuning *Church*
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Thursday 23 November

- 9.30am Said Eucharist *Church*
 - 10.00am Poplns *Lower Vestry*
 - 7.30pm WSO Rehearsal *Church*
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Friday 24 November

- 9.00am Organ Tuning *Church (all day)*
 - 6.00pm Organ Practice *Church*
 - 7.00pm Choir Practice *Lower Vestry*
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Saturday 25 November

- 10.30am Coffee Concert *Church*
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Sunday 26 November

- 8.00am Said Eucharist *Church*
 - 10.00am Sung Eucharist *Church*
 - 2.00pm Ronkswood Baptism *Church*
 - 3.00pm Music Rehearsal *Lower Vestry*
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Next Week's Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24; Ephesians 1.15-end; Matthew 25.31-end
