

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Mission 2025

SUNDAY 4 MAY

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Thursday 9.30am Said Eucharist

OPENING HOURS

CHURCH: Tuesday to Friday 10am - 3pm

TEAM OFFICE: Weekdays (except Wednesday) 10am - 1pm

ZOOM SERVICES THIS WEEK

(please contact the host to join the mailing list)

Morning Prayer Monday to Friday at 8.30am

Hosted by Peter Hart pwhart1@aol.com

Compline Monday to Friday at 8.30pm

Hosted by Anne Bunclark mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk

Prayers for Peace & Justice on Saturdays at 4pm

Hosted by Joan Hazzard joanhazz@gmail.com



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NOTICES

Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Sunday 4 May, 11.15am

Please stay for this important Church meeting after tea and coffee has been served. A few copies of the agenda, minutes of the APCM 2024, and copies of the Annual Report for 2024 are available at the back of Church.

Lent Appeal for the Bible Society - the total raised is £500. Thank you to all.

Forest Church - Sunday 4 May, 3.00pm, Perry Wood Nature Reserve

Please note the earlier start time this month. Meet at the top of Perry Wood Walk/corner of Lilburne Close for a bluebell nature walk. For further details and to book, please contact revrichwood@gmail.com

Refurbishment of Church kitchen - from Monday 5 May

The Church kitchen will be out of use between Monday 5th and the Tuesday 13th May inclusive for the refurbishment work. Only the Lower Vestry kitchen should be used during this time for access to cups, water, kettles and fridge etc.

Mothers' Union - Wednesday 7 May, 2.30pm, Lower Vestry

Jen Gerson will be speaking on *My faith journey*. All welcome.

Light Club - Thursday 8 May, 3.45pm - 5pm, Lower Vestry

Our children's group for Year 6 and up meets this week.

Plant Sale and coffee morning - Saturday 10 May, 10-12noon

Please donate your plants and seedlings, and baked goods, to our sale for our missionary causes. Please bring them to the Lower Vestry during office hours on Friday, or before 10am on Saturday. See Elizabeth if you can help on the day.

WSO Concert - Saturday 10 May, 7.30pm, Church - see page 10

The Worcestershire Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of conductor Keith Slade, bring us Mahler's powerful Symphony No 1, and the ever popular Piano Concerto by Grieg, with soloist Mark Bebbington. Tickets £15, under 18s free, from ticketsource.co.uk

Christian Aid Week: 11th-17th May

See Elizabeth if you can help to deliver donation envelopes around the parish.

Ruby Wedding thanks

Peter and Beverley would like to thank everyone for the many good wishes they have received on their Ruby Wedding anniversary last week, and for gifts of a plant and wine.

Have you got rhubarb growing?

Joan Hazzard has found a rhubarb chutney recipe you might like. Please give her some sticks in return for a jar. More would be on sale at the plant sale.

The Team Office is closed on Monday due to the Bank Holiday

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, readings, and special prayers for the day, 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 member of the Welcome Team.

Celebrant **Revd Peter Hart** Organ **John Swindells**

Please refer to the music and words for the Mass of St Thomas Eucharist setting on the accompanying card, available from a sidesperson.

Hymn NEH 103 Alleluya! Alleluya!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the Cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
Of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance
At his second coming yield;
Then the golden ears of harvest
Will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine
From the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
From the brightness of thy face;
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven
Here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel-hands be gathered,
And be ever safe with thee.

Alleluya! Alleluya!

Glory be to God on high;
To the Father, and the Saviour,
Who has gained the victory;
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluya! Alleluya!

To the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)

See pages 1-2 in the Order of Service

Gloria See words and music on the card

Collect Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such a knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Acts 9.1-6

- A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
- 1 Saul, still breathing threats and murder
against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest
 - 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus,
so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women,
he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
 - 3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus,
suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.
 - 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him,
'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'
 - 5 He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?'
 - 6 The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.
But get up and enter the city,
and you will be told what you are to do.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading Revelation 5.11-14

- A reading from the book of Revelation
- 11 I, John, looked,
and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne
and the living creatures and the elders;
they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
 - 12 singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honour and glory and blessing!'
 - 13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth
and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,
'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb

- be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!
14 And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!'
And the elders fell down and worshipped.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn NEH 118

The Lord is risen indeed!
Now is his work performed;
Now is the mighty Captive freed,
And death's strong castle stormed.

The Lord is risen indeed!
Then hell has lost his prey;
With him is risen the ransomed seed
To reign in endless day.

The Lord is risen indeed!
He lives, to die no more;
He lives, the sinner's cause to plead,
Whose curse and shame he bore.

Thomas Kelly (1769-1854)

Gospel John 21.1-19

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Please join in the sung Gospel Acclamation in bold using the music on the card

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

- 1 Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias;
and he showed himself in this way.
- 2 Gathered there together were Simon Peter,
Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee,
the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.
- 3 Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.'
They said to him, 'We will go with you.'
They went out and got into the boat,
but that night they caught nothing.
- 4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach;
but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

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- ⁵ Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?'
They answered him, 'No.'
- ⁶ He said to them,
'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.'
So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in
because there were so many fish.
- ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!'
When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord,
he put on some clothes, for he was naked,
and jumped into the lake.
- ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat,
dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land,
only about a hundred yards off.
- ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there,
with fish on it, and bread.
- ¹⁰ Jesus said to them,
'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.'
- ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore,
full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them;
and though there were so many, the net was not torn.
- ¹² Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.'
Now none of the disciples dared to ask him,
'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord.
- ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them,
and did the same with the fish.
- ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples
after he was raised from the dead.
- ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,
'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?'
He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.'
Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'
- ¹⁶ A second time he said to him,
'Simon son of John, do you love me?'
He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.'
Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.'
- ¹⁷ He said to him the third time,
'Simon son of John, do you love me?'
Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time,
'Do you love me?' And he said to him,
'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.'
Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

- ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger,
you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished.
But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands,
and someone else will fasten a belt around you
and take you where you do not wish to go.’
- ¹⁹ He said this to indicate the kind of death
by which he would glorify God.
After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

Please join in the sung Gospel Acclamation in bold using the music on the card

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ

The Sermon follows, then see pages 5-6 in the Order of Service

Offertory Hymn NEH 443

Rejoice, the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above: *Lift up your heart...*

His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o’er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given: *Lift up your heart...*

He sits at God’s right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet: *Lift up your heart...*

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

*See pages 7-12 in the Order of Service, joining in the sung sections from the card,
(Acclamation I will be used)*

Anthem Take this moment - John Bell

Take this moment sign and space;
Take my friends around;
Here among us make the place
Where your love is found.

Take the time to call my name,
Take the time to mend
Who I am and what I've been,
All I've failed to tend.

Take the tiredness of my days,
Take my past regret,
Letting your forgiveness touch
All I can't forget.

Take the little child in me
Scared of growing old;
Help me here to find my worth
Made in Christ's own mould.

Take my talents, take my skills,
Take what's yet to be,
Let my life be yours, and yet
Let it still be me.

John L Bell (b1949) & Graham Maule (b 1958)
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After Communion

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

See page 12 in the Order of Service

Final Hymn SP 165

Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name,
In works of sovereign power
Come shake the earth again;
That all may see, and come with reverent fear
To the living God,
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Restore, O Lord, in all the earth your fame,
And in our time revive
The church that bears your name.
And in your anger, Lord, remember mercy,
O living God,
Whose mercy shall outlast the years.

Bend us, O Lord, where we are hard and cold,
In your refiner's fire
Come purify the gold.
Though suffering comes and evil crouches near,
Still our living God
Is reigning, he is reigning here.

Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name,
In works of sovereign power
Come shake the earth again;
That all may see, and come with reverent fear
To the living God,
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Graham Kendrick (b 1950) & Chris Rolinson (b 1958)
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See page 13 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Mors et Resurrection - Jean Langlais 1907-1991 *From Trois paraphrases Grégoriennes*

Today's voluntary is based on a response to the text 'O death where is thy victory?' and quotes themes from the plainchant found in the Requiem Mass. According to the composer this piece is a mystical vision of life after death. As such, it starts quietly but ends in a blaze of glory, albeit with Langlais' trademark scrunchy harmonies.

Hymn words published under CCLI 1145602

Next Week's Readings: Acts 9.26-end; Revelation 7.9-end; John 10.22-30

WSO

Worcestershire Symphony Orchestra

Conductor: KEITH SLADE

MAHLER Symphony No 1

GRIEG Piano Concerto

Soloist Mark Bebbington

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

LONDON ROAD, WORCESTER, WR5 2ED

Saturday 10th May 2025

7.30pm

Tickets £15, under 18s free
available via ticketsource.co.uk
or on the door



PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

Sandra Giles	Veronica	Peter Fisher	David Dale
Marilyn Daly	Gillian Miles	Phil Welling	Sophie Kelleher
Hannah Cocksworth			

The recently departed

Nicholas Lewis

Anniversary of death

David Swindells	John Harrision	Frank Derry	Di Chester
Patricia King	Francis Derry	Ivy Matthews	

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 5 Acts 6.8-15

John 6.22-29

We pray for those in need, and that support is available. We pray for those in places where there is war, and for refugees fleeing from conflict. We give thanks for every prisoner released and every family reunited.

Tue 6 Acts 7.51 - 8.1

John 6.30-35

We pray for those waiting for treatment or results from medical examinations, those who are now being cared for in hospital or at home, and all who are worried about their health. We give thanks for the dedication of many people.

Wed 7 Acts 8.1b-8

John 6.35-40

We pray for all prison Chaplains as they give prisoners hope for a second chance, and that they may all be protected within a context of violence and mistrust.

Thu 8 Acts 8.26-end

John 6.44-51

We pray for our work in the Team and in the Diocese as we modernise our approach to mission. We give thanks for those who are willing to give their time and expertise.

Fri 9 Acts 9.1-20

John 6.52-59

We pray for those who are involved in the shortlisting procedure for choosing the new Bishop for our Diocese. Give them patience as they read the application forms, and try to find a successor.

Sat 10 Acts 9.31-42

John 6.60-69

We pray for the victims and all who are occupied in the ongoing work after natural and man-made disasters. We give thanks for modern equipment to help with reconstruction.

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 3 May

9.00am Tea Party Setup Church/Lower Vestry
2.00pm VE Day Tea Party Church

Sunday 4 May

8.00am Said Eucharist Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist Church
11.15am Annual Parochial Church Meeting Church
3.00pm Forest Church Perry Wood

Monday 5 May

Church kitchen refurbishment begins
9am Funeral Meeting Lower Vestry

Tuesday 6 May

7.30pm Finance & Management Lower Vestry

Wednesday 7 May

9.30am Mainly Music Church
11.15am Bible Study Lower Vestry
2.30pm Mothers' Union Lower Vestry

Thursday 8 May

9.30am Said Eucharist Church
10.00am Poplns Lower Vestry
3.45pm Light Club Lower Vestry
7.30pm WSO Rehearsal Church

Friday 9 May

10.00am Plant Sale preparation Lower Vestry
6.00pm Organ Practice Church
7.00pm Choir Practice Lower Vestry

Saturday 10 May

10.00am Plant Sale & Coffee Morning Car Park & Lower Vestry
1.30pm WSO rehearsal Church
7.30pm WSO Concert Church

Sunday 11 May

8.00am Said Eucharist Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist Church
6.00pm Choral Evensong Church
