

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

BIBLE SUNDAY

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist
1.00pm Baptism

Thursday 9.30am Said Eucharist

OPENING HOURS

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

TEAM OFFICE: *Friday only this week 10am - 1pm*

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 on Saturdays at 4pm

Hosted by Joan Hazzard joanhazz@gmail.com



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NOTICES

Sunday 27 October

Junior Church takes place during the 10am service today. Children leave the service (with a parent/carer) after the Collect prayer for activities downstairs.

Prayer Meeting - Tuesday 29 October, 1pm, Lady Chapel

Please join us at 12.30pm for lunch together, before prayers at 1pm for our clergy and church leaders, our children groups, our Diocese, and Worcester in general.

Autumn Lectures - Tuesday 29 October, 3pm, Lower Vestry

This week's lecture is a Christian Aid Lecture with speaker Philippe Sands KC. Entry by donation, refreshments provided. See *poster for details*.

NB Unfortunately, the November lectures are postponed until further notice.

Mainly Music, Kids Club and Bible Study are taking a break for half term.

All Souls' Memorial Service - Sunday 3 November, 6pm, Church

Next Sunday, we hold our annual memorial service for all those in the Parish who have been bereaved in recent months. Please add any names of loved ones, that you wish to also be remembered at this service, to the list at the back of Church

Forest Church - Sunday 3 November, 3.30pm, Whittington Churchyard

As the days grow shorter and the nights draw in, this November we are thinking all about light and dark and celebrating Jesus, the light of the world. All children age 0-11 and their families are very welcome. If you would like to come, please email revrichwood@gmail.com

Namibia - deserts, dunes and discoveries! - Wednesday 6 November

Travel talk by Penny at 2.30pm in Lincoln Green Communal Room, Chelmsford Drive, WR5 1QU. Refreshments and raffle. Donations for St Matthew's Church.

Autumn Fair - Saturday 16 November, 11am - 2pm, Church

Please provide bottles, homemade cakes, books and jigsaws for the different stalls. We would also like small food items from Waitrose please for a special prize hamper - please check what's required with Dave Hall.

Church winter opening hours begin this week

From tomorrow, the Church will be locked at the earlier time of 3pm for the winter months, until the end of March. The new hours are weekdays, 10-3pm.

Team Office hours this week

The office will be closed Monday to Thursday this week, and open on Friday from 10-1pm, due to Rebecca taking some leave during half term.

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 member of the Welcome Team.

Celebrant & Preacher **Revd Mike Bunclark** Organ **John Swindells**

The Communion setting is by Noel Rawsthorne (available from the Welcome Team)

Hymn NEH 388

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the long Amen.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

See pages 2-3 in the Order of Service

Collect Blessed Lord,
who caused holy scriptures to be written for our learning;
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

First Reading Isaiah 55.1-11

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this:

- 1 Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
- 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- 3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast,
sure love for David.
- 4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- 5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
- 6 Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
- 7 let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
- 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- 10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

A reading from the second Letter to Timothy

- ¹⁴ Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it,
¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
- ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.
- ¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:
² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.
- ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires,
⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.
- ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn NEH 407

Lord, thy word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth,
Light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
Then thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,
And dark clouds before us,
Then its light directeth,
And our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,
Who recount the treasure
By thy word imparted
To the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
Succour to the living;
Word of life, supplying
Comfort to the dying.

O that we discerning
Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
Evermore be near thee!

H W Baker (1821-77)

Gospel John 5.36-47

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Please join the Choir in the sung Gospel Acclamation after the words

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John



Glo-ry to you - O Lord

Offertory Hymn NEH 494

Christ is the world's true Light,
its Captain of salvation,
the Daystar clear and bright
to every land and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord,
all shall forsake their fear,
to plough-share beat the sword,
to pruning hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name
unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

G W Briggs (1875-1959)

See pages 7-11 in the Order of Service

Anthem - Teach me O Lord - Malcolm Archer (b 1952)

Teach me O Lord, the way of thy statutes
and I shall keep it unto the end.

Text from Psalm 119.33

After Communion

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns for ever. **Amen**

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Final Hymn SP 289

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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This is one of the first times we have sung Timothy Dudley-Smith's words since his death in August this year at the age of 97. He wrote around 400 hymns and is perhaps the 20th century's greatest hymn writer. *John Swindells*

See page 12 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Air with Variation - Molto Allegro from Concerto in D

- Charles Avison (1710-1770)

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Next Week's Readings: Wisdom 3.1-9; Revelation 21.1-6a; John 11.32-44



St Martin's Church



Sunday 3 November

10.00am

Sung Eucharist for All Saints' Day

6.00pm

All Souls' Memorial Service

With commemoration of the faithful departed
and prayer for all who have been bereaved during the year



Sunday 10 November
Remembrance Sunday

10.00am

Sung Eucharist and Act of Remembrance

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH

People in sickness or need

Michael Wood	Roderick Dovey	Sandra Giles	Sheila Sergeant
Mark Farthing	Judith Doyle	Veronica	Sophie Kelleher
Peter Fisher	Donna Vickers	Meg Melvin	Sheila Treacher
Miss Guyatt	David Dale		

For those in continued trouble

Jo Menagh	Chris Dale	Adam
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The recently departed

Simonne Lebrun	Bill Hart
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Anniversary of death

John Davies	Eddie Winkler	Pete Walls	Tony Hazzard
Sheila Stobie	Leonard Green		

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 28 *Simon & Jude, Apostles*

Isaiah 28.14-16 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5 Luke 12.13-21

We pray for children on half term, particularly those from situations of hardship, abuse or neglect, or difficult family circumstances. Protect them and keep them safe from harm.

Tue 29 **Ephesians 5.21-end Luke 13.18-21**

We pray for all those who are suffering loss of any kind, through bereavement, estrangement, or long-term illness.

Wed 30 **Ephesians 6.1-9 Luke 13.22-30**

We pray for Debra, and all volunteers who work with our children's groups. We thank you for early encouragements in new initiatives across the team of churches, and ask that this outreach will flourish.

Thu 31 **Ephesians 6.10-20 Luke 13.31-end**

As we approach the darker months, we pray for those who find it hard to go out, those who may live alone or in fear, and those who find their mental health suffers during this season.

Fri 1 **All Saints' Day**

Isaiah 56.3-8 Hebrews 12.18-24 Matthew 5.1-12

We thank you, Lord, for all those in the faith who have gone before. We thank you for their service and example, and pray that our own Christian faith and service may be spurred on by theirs.

Sat 2 **All Souls' Day**

Philippians 1.18-26 Luke 14.1-7-11

We thank you for loved ones no longer with us. We thank you for the way they enriched our lives, and live on in our memories.

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 26 October

- 10.30am Coffee Concert Church
12.30pm Piano Tuning Church
1.30pm Silent Movie rehearsal Church
7.00pm Silent Movie Night Church



Sunday 27 October

- 8.00am Said Eucharist Lady Chapel
10.00am Sung Eucharist Church
1.00pm Baptism Church
3.00pm Music rehearsal Lower Vestry

Monday 28 October

Tuesday 29 October

- 1.00pm Prayer Meeting Lady Chapel
3.00pm Autumn Lectures Lower Vestry

Wednesday 30 October

Bible Study cancelled

Thursday 31 October

- 9.30am Said Eucharist Church
10.00am Poplins Lower Vestry

Friday 1 November

- 7.00pm Choir Practice Lower Vestry

Saturday 2 November

Sunday 3 November

- 8.00am Said Eucharist Lady Chapel
10.00am Sung Eucharist for All Saints' Day Church
3.00pm Music rehearsal Lower Vestry
3.30pm Forest Church Whittington Churchyard
6.00pm All Souls' Memorial Service Church
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