

# St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



**SUNDAY 21 APRIL**

**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## **SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK**

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

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## **OPENING HOURS**

**CHURCH:** *Monday to Friday 10am - 5pm*

**TEAM OFFICE:** *Weekdays (except Wednesdays) from 10am - 1pm*

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## **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](mailto:mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk)*

**Prayers for Peace & Justice** on Saturdays at 4pm

*Hosted by Joan Hazzard [joanhazz@gmail.com](mailto:joanhazz@gmail.com)*



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## NOTICES

### **Sunday 21 April**

*Junior Church* meets downstairs during the service, leaving the service with a parent/carer after the Collect prayer.

### **Living Gently on the Earth Event - Thursday 25 April, 7pm**

*Human health, planetary health: Same thing?* This month's event covers the food system, and how to eat more healthily to benefit the earth. Events take place at the Old Palace. For information, and to book your free ticket visit [Eventbrite.co.uk](http://Eventbrite.co.uk)

### **Coffee Concert - Saturday 27 April, 10.30am, Church see page 10**

### **Church garden tidy up - Saturday 27 April, 2pm**

Elizabeth would greatly appreciate your help: please bring your own tools.

### **APCM Sunday 28 April at 11.15am, Church**

You are invited to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting after the 10am service on Sunday 28 April. Copies of the Annual Report are available, as is the updated Electoral Roll. Nominations for PCC members, Churchwardens and a Deanery Synod representative needed. Documents and forms at the back of Church

### **Volante Strings Concert - Sunday 28 April, 3.00pm, Church**

We welcome this string orchestra for the first time to St Martin's to perform music for strings and voice - soloist Judith Le Breuille *mezzo-soprano*. Adults £15; children FREE from [VolanteStringsOrch@gmail.com](mailto:VolanteStringsOrch@gmail.com), 07977 191051, or on the door.

**The Diocese of Worcester is undergoing a safeguarding audit** by an external organisation. The auditors are asking as many people as possible to share their impressions and experiences of safeguarding through a confidential survey. Surveys will close at 11.30pm on Wednesday 1 May. They can be found at <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/safeguarding/safeguarding-audit/>

### **Training session for leading prayers or reading scripture, Mon 29 April**

A training and refresher session for those who read scripture or lead the prayers during worship has been arranged on Monday 29 April, from 2.30-4.30pm, at St. Stephens Church, Barbourne, WR3 7HS. Doug Chaplin, Discipleship and Lay Training Officer for the Diocese, will be leading the session, and you are most welcome to join them. No need to book - just turn up.

**The Church toilets are out of use**, please make use of the Undercroft toilets  
Your patience is appreciated while we extend and refit the facilities..

### **Dates for the diary:**

**Missionary Committee Plant Sale, Saturday 11 May, 10am** - please prepare your contributions for the sale, all plants and seedlings welcome, and home baking

### **Christian Aid Week 12-18 May, volunteers needed**

Please sign up at the back of Church if you are able to help distribute envelopes

### **Family Quiz, Saturday 18 May, 5.30pm**

Sign up with Barbara from today, tickets £5 adults, £2 children.

## 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 sidesperson.

Celebrant & Preacher    **Revd Peter Hart**  
Organ                    **Robin Walker**

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 390

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,  
There they behold thy mercy-seat;  
Where'er they seek thee, thou art found,  
And every place is hallowed ground.

For thou, within no walls confined,  
Inhabitest the humble mind;  
Such ever bring thee where they come,  
And going, take thee to their home.

Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,  
Thy former mercies here renew;  
Here to our waiting hearts proclaim  
The sweetness of thy saving name.

Here may we prove the power of prayer,  
To strengthen faith and sweeten care;  
To teach our faint desires to rise,  
And bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near;  
Nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;  
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,  
And make a thousand hearts thine own!

*William Cowper (1839-1800)*

See pages 1-2 in the Order of Service, then follow the Gloria on the card

**Collect** Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the Unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

**First Reading** Acts 4.5-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

- <sup>5</sup> The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem,  
<sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander,  
and all who were of the high-priestly family.  
<sup>7</sup> When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst,  
they inquired,  
‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’  
<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them,  
‘Rulers of the people and elders,  
<sup>9</sup> if we are questioned today  
because of a good deed done to someone who was sick  
and are asked how this man has been healed,  
<sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel,  
that this man is standing before you in good health  
by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,  
whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.  
<sup>11</sup> This Jesus is “the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.”  
<sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else,  
for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals  
by which we must be saved.’

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 23** (NEH 459 Tune: *Crimond*)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill:  
For thou art with me, and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.

*Scottish Psalter 1650*



**THE LORD IS  
MY SHEPHERD,  
I SHALL NOT WANT.**  
PSALM 23:1

## Second Reading | John 3.16-24

A reading from the first Letter of John

- <sup>16</sup> We know love by this,  
that the Son of God laid down his life for us -  
and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.
- <sup>17</sup> How does God's love abide in anyone  
who has the world's goods  
and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?
- <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us love,  
not in word or speech, but in truth and action.
- <sup>19</sup> And by this we will know that we are from the truth  
and will reassure our hearts before him  
<sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us;  
for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.
- <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,  
we have boldness before God;  
<sup>22</sup> and we receive from him whatever we ask,  
because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God.
- <sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment,  
that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ  
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.
- <sup>24</sup> All who obey his commandments abide in him,  
and he abides in them.  
And by this we know that he abides in us,  
by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Gradual Hymn

He is Lord, he is Lord.  
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord.  
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is King, he is King.  
He is risen from the dead and he is King.  
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is King.

He is love, he is love.  
He is risen from the dead and he is love.  
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is King.

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**Gospel** John 10.11-18

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**

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

- <sup>11</sup> 'I am the good shepherd.  
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
- <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd  
and does not own the sheep,  
sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away -  
and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.
- <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away -  
because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.
- <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd.  
I know my own and my own know me,  
<sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.  
And I lay down my life for the sheep.
- <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.  
I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.  
So there will be one flock, one shepherd.
- <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me,  
because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.
- <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.  
I have power to lay it down,  
and I have power to take it up again.  
I have received this command from my Father.'

*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 282

Faithful Shepherd, feed me  
In the pastures green;  
Faithful Shepherd, lead me  
Where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me  
In the narrow way;  
So, with thee beside me,  
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer  
To the heavenly shore;  
May my faith grow clearer,  
May I love thee more.

Hallow every pleasure,  
Every gift and pain;  
Be thyself my treasure,  
Though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me  
As thou seest best,  
Then let angels bear me  
To thy promised rest.

*T B Pollock (1836-96)*

*See pages 7-12 in the Order of Service, joining in the sung sections from the card, (Acclamation 1 will be used)*

**Anthem** Brother James' Air - Arranged by G Jacob ( 1895-1984)

*A choral setting of Psalm 23, words on page 5.*

## After Communion

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*See page 12 in the Order of Service*



**Final Hymn NEH 463 (Tune ii, Newington)**

Thine for ever! God of love,  
Hear us from thy throne above;  
Thine for ever may we be  
Here and in eternity.

Thine for ever! O, how blest  
They who find in thee their rest!  
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,  
O defend us to the end.

Thine for ever! Lord of life,  
Shield us through our earthly strife;  
Thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,  
Guide us to the realms of day.

Thine for ever! thou our guide,  
All our wants by thee supplied,  
All our sins by thee forgiven,  
Led by thee from earth to heaven.

*Mary Maude (1819-1913)*

*see page 13 in the Order of Service*

**Voluntary Marche aux Flambeaux - Scotson Clark (1840 - 1883)**

*Hymn words published under CCLI 1145602*

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**Next Week's Readings: Acts 8.26-end; John 15.1-8**

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Saturday 27 April

at 10.30am

**Rebecca Watson**



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# PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH

## People in sickness or need

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Nancy Dyson	Shirley Scott	Simonne Lebrun	Jennie Furnival
Sheila Ledbury	Malcolm Kent	Sheila Sergeant	Mark Farthing
Isobel Maher			

## The recently departed

### Anniversary of death

Marian Thompson	Tom Woolford	John Stafford	Margaret Horsley
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## DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

### Mon 22 Acts 11.1-18

### John 10.1-10

Exams begin in the second week of May, so we pray for all students and teachers who have fought through the lockdown years to maintain a sure foundation.

### Tue 23 *St George, martyr and patron of England*

### Revelation 12.7-12 2 Tim 2.3-13

### John 15.18-21

Today is St George's Day, so let us pray for our own place in God's kingdom, bearing witness to our neighbours and to strangers, in thought, word and deed.

### Wed 24 Acts 12.24 - 13.5

### John 12.44-end

We pray for our Archbishops and Bishops, along with the Chapters who steer our worship and prayers. Thank you Father God for bringing Christianity to this island. We pray for the forthcoming annual Church meeting on Sunday, after the 10am morning service.

### Thu 25 *St Mark the Evangelist*

### Acts 15.25-end

### Eph 4.7-16

### Mark 13.5-13

We pray for all who are being abused at home, school or at work and all who are being persecuted across the world for their faith. We pray for the aid agencies who risk their own lives to bring food and medical aid to support those in need.

### .Fri 26 Acts 13.26-33

### John 14.1-6

We pray for the Bible Society bringing the word of God into so many different languages, so that all may hear, and inwardly digest.

### Sat 27 Acts 13.44-end

### John 14.7-14

Join us as we pray for global peace and justice at 4pm today, for the Christians in the Top 50 countries that face persecution. Pray for those in prison for their faith and those who worship in secret and hide their Bibles.

# 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.

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## Saturday 20 April

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## Sunday 21 April

- 8.00am Said Eucharist Church
  - 10.00am Sung Eucharist Church
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## Monday 22 April

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## Tuesday 23 April

- 9.15am/10.45am/2pm Stanley Road Primary School visits Church
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## Wednesday 24 April

- 9.30am Mainly Music Church
  - 11.00am Bible Study Lower Vestry
  - 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Church
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## Thursday 25 April

- 9.30am Said Eucharist Church
  - 10.00am Poplns Lower Vestry
  - 1.30pm Red Hill CofE Primary School Reception visit Church
  - 7.30pm WSO Rehearsal Church
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## Friday 26 April

- 6.00pm Organ Practice Church
  - 7.00pm Choir Practice Lower Vestry
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## Saturday 27 April

- 10.30am Coffee Concert Church
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## Sunday 28 April

- 8.00am Said Eucharist Church
  - 10.00am All Together Eucharist Church
  - 11.15am APCM Church
  - 12.45pm Concert Rehearsal Church
  - 3.00pm Volante Strings Concert Church
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