St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Growth 2026

Sunday 15 November 2nd Sunday before Advent

Services in Church this Week

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist

Opening Hours

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

Team Office: *Monday, Thursday and Friday 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 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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Sunday 15 November
Junior Church meet during the 10am Eucharist service for activities downstairs, leaving the service after the Collect prayer with a parent or carer.

iSingPOP family worship – Sunday 15 November, 3.30pm, Church
Join us this afternoon for iSingPOP worship, Bible stories, activities and refreshments. All welcome.
Please note, December's iSingPOP is on Saturday 19 December at 12 noon.

Memorial Evensong for Harry Bramma – Sunday 15 Nov, Cathedral
A memorial service will be held this afternoon, at 4pm, in the Cathedral, for Harry Bramma, the well known organist and composer who died in August. Some may remember Harry's time in Worcester at the Kings School, and at the Cathedral.

Service at Red Hill Court – Wednesday 18 November, 2.30pm

Autumn Fair – Saturday 21 November, 11-2pm, Church
Please sign up if you can donate baking. We also need new items for the tombola, and pre-loved jigsaws and books – see Angela. Please take raffle tickets to sell.

Mothers' Union Deanery Festival – Tuesday 24 November, 2pm
All are invited to this special service at the Cathedral, when Bishop Hugh will be preaching. Mothers' Union banners, and information, will be displayed in the Lady Chapel at the Cathedral until the festival.

Advent Carol Service – Sunday 29 November, 6.00pm, Church
We will mark the start of the time of preparation with our Advent Carol Service which will be based around the Antiphons of the season, with bible readings, poetry, choir items, and carols for all.

Funeral for Michael Glanville-Smith
There will be a small family funeral for Michael on Wednesday 18 November at the chapel in Ripon where he worshipped. The family are planning a memorial service for him in Ripon Cathedral in the spring.

Sarah Burgess recently completed 'Walk 100 miles in October'
Sarah is still able to collect sponsorship for *Breast Cancer Now,* this very worthwhile cause. If you would like to make a donation, please see her in church, or contact her on (01905) 360751. Many thanks.

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 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. Copies of the readings, and the communion setting music for the service, are also available from the Welcome Team.*

Celebrant **Revd Mike Bunclark**
Organ **Matt Gardner**

The communion setting is the Mass of St Thomas Eucharist by David Thorne.

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 1-2 in the Order of Service,
and follow the words of the Gloria overleaf

Gloria Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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 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**

Junior Church Song

Autumn days when the grass is jewelled,
And the silk inside a chestnut shell,
Jet planes meeting in the air to be refuelled,
all these things I love so well.

So I mustn't forget, no I mustn't forget,
To say a great big thank you, I mustn't forget.

Estelle White
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First Reading Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

(Copies of the readings are available at the back of Church)

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

1 Lord of the boundless curves of space,
and time's deep mystery;
to thy creative might we trace
the fount of energy.

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

3 Thy Spirit gave the living cell
its hidden vital force;
the instincts which all life impel
derive from thee their source.

4 Thine is the image stamped on man,
though marred by man's own sin;
and thine the liberating plan
devised his soul to win.

5 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)

Gospel Matthew 25.14-30

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

Offertory Hymn *(Tune: Nottingham)*

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

2 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.

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

4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

5 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.

6 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 7-12 in the Order of Service,
joining in the sung sections from the card (Acclamation 1)

Anthem God be in my head – H Walford Davies (1869-1941)

After Communion

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

See page 12 in the Order of Service

Final Hymn *SP 272 (Tune: NEH 320, Highwood)*

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! 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 (1954-2009)
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See page 13 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Placare Christe Servulis - Marcel Dupré (1886 – 1971)

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PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

David Dale, Stephen Clarke, Eglé Tumanova, Gail Stone
Thelma Bushell, Shirley Scott, Jackie, Geoff
Alison Houghton, Elizabeth Robertson, Marcus Lintzgy, Otto Lintzgy
Ray Harbourne, Susan James, Adrian Bay, Nancy Dyson

For those in continued trouble

Marilyn Daly, Adam, Donna Vickers, Sandra Giles
Veronica Cooper

The recently departed

Canon Michael Glanville-Smith, Sheila Sergeant, Beryl Simmons
George Hart

Anniversary of death

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

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 16 **Revelation 1.1-4, 2.1-5** **Luke 18.35-end**
Pray today for parents caring for young children, whilst also juggling work commitments and other family duties.

Tue 17 **Revelation 3.1-6, 14-31** **Luke 19.1-10**
Pray today for grandparents and godparents, as they care for children, grandchildren and godchildren in a different way.

Wed 18 **Revelation 4** **Luke 19.11-28**
Pray today for foster parents and adoptive parents, with the particular joys and challenges they encounter.

Thu 19 **Revelation 5.1-10** **Luke 19.41-44**
Pray today for social workers as they walk alongside looked-after children, seeking to ease their way through their early years.

Fri 20 **Revelation 10.8-end** **Luke 19.45-end**
Pray for children leaving care and entering an adult world. Pray for solid, practical support as they make their way in society.

Sat 21 **Revelation 11.4-12** **Luke 20.27-40**
Pray for parents and carers looking after children with special needs and disabilities. Pray for strength, support, and patience, and their own good health.

Next Week's Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

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 14 November		
Sunday 15 November		
	8.00am	Said Eucharist *Church*
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
	3.30pm	iSingPOP Family Worship *Church*
Monday 16 November		
	10.00am	Meeting *Lower Vestry (all day)*
Tuesday 17 November		
	2.00pm	Prayer Group *Church*
Wednesday 18 November		
	9.30am	Mainly Music *Church*
	11.15am	Bible Study *Lower Vestry*
Thursday 19 November		
	9.30am	Said Eucharist *Church*
	10.00am	PopIns *Lower Vestry*
	11.00am	Community Care Meeting *Lower Vestry*
Friday 20 November		
	12 noon	Autum Fair Setup *Church*
		No Choir practices
Saturday 21 November		
	11.00am	Autumn Fair *Church*
Sunday 22 November		
	8.00am	Said Eucharist *Church*
	10.00am	All Together Eucharist *Church*
	2.00pm	St Cecilia's Day Celebration *Church (until 8pm)*