

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Mission 2025

SUNDAY 11 MAY

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

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

Thursday 9.30am Said Eucharist

OPENING HOURS

CHURCH: Monday 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 Andy Stand andy.stand@sky.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

Christian Aid Week: 11th-17th May

Please give generously using the red envelopes. Christian Aid can also use your unwanted currency, notes and coins - please bring to Church if you have any.

VE Day Tea Party thanks

Thank you to all those who helped with the celebration tea party last week. Thanks for your donations of cakes, to those who set up and cleared up the Church, and to the musicians. A good time was had by all!

Annual Parochial Church Meeting update

The following people were elected to the PCC:

Angela Dale	Churchwarden designate, Lay Vice Chair
Marion Field	Deputy Churchwarden
Barbara Richards	Deputy Churchwarden
Junia Willson	Deanery Synod Representative
Paul Stedman	Safeguarding Officer, Planned Giving Recorder
Nick Harrison	PCC Secretary
Cairen Stedman	Honorary Treasurer
Julia Glossop	Electoral Roll Officer
Sally Bishop	Independent Examiner
Robin Walker	PCC Member

Please note, there will be no PCC meeting this week.

Refurbishment of Church kitchen

The Church kitchen will be out of use until further notice for the refurbishment work. Only the Lower Vestry kitchen should be used during this time for access to water, kettles and fridge etc.

Flower Club - Monday 12 May, 10am, Lower Vestry

Kids Club - Thursday 15 May, 4pm - 5.10pm, Lower Vestry

Our children's group for Years 1-6 meets this week, with café from 3.30pm.

A Musical afternoon celebration - Saturday 17 May, 2.30pm, St Mark's

Opera Worcester Community Choir give a concert in aid of St Mark's Church and the Royal British Legion. Tickets £10 on the door, to include refreshments.

Fun Musical Evening - Saturday 17 May, 7.30pm, Hallow Parish Hall

Celebrating 80 years of Christian Aid's amazing work, the Orchard Band and Friends provide the entertainment. Tickets £12.50, under 16s £5 from Doreen Jeeves 01905 640953. Tickets include a ploughman's supper, licensed bar available.

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 Richard Wood** 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 437

Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;
Praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him,
Praise him, all ye stars and light:
Praise the Lord! for he has spoken,
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws, which never shall be broken,
For their guidance he has made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail;
God has made his saints victorious.
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify his name!

Worship, honour, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer to thy name;
Young and old, thy praise expressing,
Join their Saviour to proclaim.
As the saints in heaven adore thee,
We would bow before thy throne;
As thine angels serve before thee,
So on earth thy will be done.

Edward Osler (1798-1863)

See pages 1-2 in the Order of Service

Gloria *See words and music on the card*

Collect Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in 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 9.36-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

- ³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha,
which in Greek is Dorcas.
She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.
- ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died.
When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.
- ³⁸ Since Lydia was near Joppa, the disciples,
who heard that Peter was there,
sent two men to him with the request,
'Please come to us without delay.'
- ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them;
and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs.
All the widows stood beside him,
weeping and showing tunics and other clothing
that Dorcas had made while she was with them.
- ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed.
He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.'
Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.
- ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up.
Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.
- ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa,
and many believed in the Lord.
- ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time
with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading Revelation 7.9-17

A reading from the Book of Revelation

- ⁹ After this I looked,
and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
- ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying
‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!’
- ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne
and around the elders and the four living creatures,
and they fell on their faces before the throne
and worshipped God,
- ¹² singing, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honour and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’
- ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,
‘Who are these, robed in white,
and where have they come from?’
- ¹⁴ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’
Then he said to me,
‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal;
they have washed their robes and made them white
in the blood of the Lamb.’
- ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
- ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
- ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual 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)

Gospel John 10.22-30

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

- ²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,
²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.
²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him,
'How long will you keep us in suspense?
If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'

- 25 Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe.
The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me;
26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.
27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.
28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.
No one will snatch them out of my hand.
29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else,
and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.
30 The Father and I are one.'

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 SP 310

Such love, pure as the whitest snow;
Such love, weeps for the shame I know;
Such love, paying the debt I owe;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, stilling my restlessness;
Such love, filling my emptiness;
Such love, showing me holiness;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, springs from eternity;
Such love, streaming through history;
Such love, fountain of life to me;
O Jesus, such love.

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

Anthem Aeterne Rex Altissime - arr. Mark Dancer

O Lord most high, eternal King,
By thee redeemed, thy praise we sing;
The bonds of death are burst by thee,
And love has won the victory.

Ascending to the Father's throne,
Thou claim'st the Kingdom as thine own;
Thy days of mortal weakness o'er,
All power is thine for evermore.

Be thou our joy, O mighty Lord,
As thou wilt be our great reward;
Let all our glory be in thee,
Both now and through eternity.

*Based on a hymn by Jeremiah Clarke (1659-1797)
Translated from the Latin by J M Neale (1818-66)*

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 England's Glory - Nigel Ogden (b 1954)

Hymn words published under CCLI 1145602

Next Week's Readings: Genesis 22.1-18; Acts 11.1-18; John 13.31-35

Groups meeting on alternate Thursdays

during term time, in St Martin's Church Undercroft



Years 1-6 £1 per child
4pm-5.10pm



Years 6 and up
3.45pm-5.00pm

**For further details contact Debra Hill,
Children, Young Person and Families Minister
on 07424 726597 or cypseteam@gmail.com**

6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Led by **Revd Richard Wood**
Choir & Organ **John Swindells**

Hymn 369 Happy are they, they that love God

Psalm 113

Readings Isaiah 63.7-14; Luke 24.36-49

Canticles Wilson in C

Anthem Blessed be the God and Father - S S Wesley (1810-76)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which according to his abundant mercy
hath begotten us again unto a lively hope
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled,
that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation
ready to be revealed in the last time.

But as he which hath called you is holy,
so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.
Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.
Love one another with a pure heart fervently.
See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.
Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible,
by the word of God.

For all flesh is as grass,
and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.
The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:
But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

Text from 1 Peter 1: 3-5, 15-17, 22-25

Hymn 477 Ye that know the Lord is gracious
(*Tune Blawern NEH 408 i*)

Hymn 255 Most glorious Lord of life

Voluntary Bourrée and Gigue *from Three short pieces*
- Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

Sandra Giles	Veronica	Peter Fisher	David Dale
Marilyn Daly	Gillian Miles	Sophie Kelleher	Hannah Cocksworth
Mike Bunclark			

The recently departed

Derek Digger	Brian Penney	Marjorie Waters
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Anniversary of death

Malcolm Stears	Kath Owens
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DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 12 Acts 11.1-18

John 10.1-10

We pray for all students taking external exams, and for the marking that needs to be done. We pray that all will be well prepared and vigilant.

Tue 13 Acts 11.19-26

John 10.22-30

We pray for all year 6 youngsters who will have days trying out their new secondary schools, and for all parents of toddlers finding school places. We pray for all new mothers and fathers having their first baby this year.

Wed 14 *Matthias the Apostle*

Acts 1.15-end

I Corinthians 4.1-7

John 15.9-17

It's Christian Aid week, and so we pray for people living in places like Guatemala where the climate change is killing crops. We pray for those giving essential agricultural training so they can alter their farming practices. May we give generously.

Thu 15 Acts 13.13-25

John 13.16-20

We pray for all our emergency services but especially the RNLI and Air Ambulance as they approach the summer season. We pray for safe journeys and safe holidays for everyone.

Fri 16 Acts 13.26-33

John 14.1-6

We pray for services who are looking after the poor and marginalised within our city. Maggs, Food Bank, Citizens Advice and St Paul's Hospice and all the Charity shops that help to clothe and replenish. Help us Lord to support and give thoughtful sincere prayer time to all.

Sat 17 Acts 13.44-end

John 14.7-14

We pray for all small businesses in and around Worcester – may they enjoy the fruits of their labours.

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 10 May

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

Sunday 11 May

8.00am	Said Eucharist <i>Church</i>
10.00am	Sung Eucharist <i>Church</i>
6.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Church</i>

Monday 12 May

10.00am	Flower Club <i>Lower Vestry</i>
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Tuesday 13 May

Wednesday 14 May

9.30am	Mainly Music <i>Church</i>
11.15am	Bible Study <i>Lower Vestry</i>

Thursday 15 May

9.30am	Said Eucharist <i>Church</i>
10.00am	Poplns <i>Lower Vestry</i>
4.00pm	Kids Club <i>Lower Vestry</i>
7.30pm	WSO Rehearsal <i>Church</i>

Friday 16 May

6.00pm	Organ Practice <i>Church</i>
7.00pm	Choir Practice <i>Lower Vestry</i>

Saturday 17 May

9.30am	ESO Elgar Festival Come & Play <i>Church (until 5pm)</i>
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Sunday 18 May

8.00am	Said Eucharist <i>Church</i>
10.00am	Sung Eucharist <i>Church</i>
3.00pm	Music Rehearsal <i>Lower Vestry</i>
