

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Growth 2026

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER

LUKE THE EVANGELIST

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 18 October

Junior Church takes place during the 10am service, leaving after the Collect prayer (with a parent or carer) for activities downstairs.

Commissioning and Celebration service – Sunday 18 October, 3pm

The Bishop is leading a special service in the Cathedral this afternoon for those leading children's ministry in the Diocese. Samuel is taking part in the service singing with the voluntary choir. All welcome. There will be no iSingPOP that Sunday.

Licensing of Fr Peter at Old St Martin's – Sunday 18 October

Do pray for Fr Peter as he is licensed as Priest in Charge at Old St Martin's this morning.

Prayer Group – Tuesday 20 October, 2pm, meeting in Church

We continue to meet in Church for prayer for the Parish.

Service at Red Hill Court - 2.30pm on Wednesday 21 October

Coffee Concert – Saturday 24 October, 10.30am, Church

Sarah Vernon *violin*, Jim Moffat *horn* and Matt Bradley *piano* bring us a concert of two masterpieces of Romantic chamber music by Brahms, his Violin Sonata No.1, and the Horn Trio. Free entry, with donations to Cardiac Risk in the Young. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes available.

Organ works – week beginning 26 October

Please note, Nicholsons's will be working in the Church most of the week from Monday 26 October, reassembling the repaired and restored organ parts.

All Soul's Memorial Service - Sunday 1 November, 6.00pm, Church

All are welcome to our annual memorial service for all those in the Parish who have been bereaved in recent months. Please add names of loved ones, whom you would like also to be remembered at this service, to the list at the back of Church.

Save the date - Saturday 7 November, 10.30am, Whittington Church

Dr Richard Churchley will give an illustrated talk at 10.30am entitled *Droughts, Disaster and Destruction - extreme weather events in England's past*, in aid of church funds.

Join the Story – Explore Bishop Hugh's vision for the Diocese

This autumn, come and meet Bishop Hugh, hear something of what he has discovered about our diocese, and explore with him what it means to be Kingdom People today. There will be a chance to ask questions and pray together. These are not specifically deanery events – there is a choice of dates in October and November, come to whichever is most convenient. See poster for dates/venues.

Autumn Fair – Saturday 21 November, 11-2pm, Church

Raffle tickets are now available for the Grand Prize Draw at the Autumn Fair. Books available from Sheila Major to sell to friends and family. Spread the word, and put the date in your diaries.

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. The communion setting music for the service is also available from the Welcome Team.

Celebrant **Revd Mike Bunclark**
Piano **Robin Walker**

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

Hymn SP 116

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own;
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

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

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.

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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.

Junior Church Song

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Thomas Ken (1637-1710)

Collect Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give you Church the same love and power to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Isaiah 35.3-6

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

- ³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
- ⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'
- ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 147.1-7

**All sing the response after the Choir has sung it once,
then after each section of verses:**

Response Keith Duke

Sing praise to the Lord, O Je - ru - sa - lem.



All Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem

- 1 (Alleluia.)
How good it is to make music | for our God,
how joyful to honour | him with praise.
- 2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and gathers together the out|casts of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up | all their wounds.

All Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem

- 4 He counts the number | of the stars
and calls them all | by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and might|ty in power;
his wisdom is be|yond all telling.

All Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem

- 6 The Lord lifts | up the poor,
but casts down the wicked | to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the Lord | with thanksgiving;
make music to our God u|pon the lyre;

All Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem

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Second Reading 2 Timothy 4.5-17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

- ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering,
do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.
- ⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation,
and the time of my departure has come.
- ⁷ I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
- ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day,
and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
- ⁹ Do your best to come to me soon,
¹⁰ for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me
and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia,
Titus to Dalmatia.
- ¹¹ Only Luke is with me.
Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.
- ¹² I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus.
- ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas,
also the books, and above all the parchments.
- ¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm;
the Lord will pay him back for his deeds.
- ¹⁵ You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.
- ¹⁶ At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me.
May it not be counted against them!
- ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength,
so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed
and all the Gentiles might hear it.
So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn NEH 396

Let saints on earth in concert sing
With those whose work is done;
For all the servants of our King
In earth and heaven are one.

One family, we dwell in him,
One Church, above, beneath;
Though now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream of death.

One army of the living God,
To his command we bow;
Part of his host has crossed the flood,
And part is crossing now.

E'en now to their eternal home
There pass some spirits blest,
While others to the margin come,
Waiting their call to rest.

Jesu, be thou our constant Guide;
Then, when the word is given,
Bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,
And bring us safe to heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Gospel

Luke 10.1-9

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

- ¹ The Lord appointed seventy others
and sent them on ahead of him in pairs
to every town and place where he himself intended to go.
- ² He said to them,
'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;
therefore ask the Lord of the harvest
to send out labourers into his harvest.
- ³ Go on your way.
See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.

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- ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals;
and greet no one on the road.
- ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!"
- ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace,
your peace will rest on that person;
but if not, it will return to you.
- ⁷ Remain in the same house,
eating and drinking whatever they provide,
for the labourer deserves to be paid.
Do not move about from house to house.
- ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you,
eat what is set before you;
- ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them,
"The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:

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 486

Thou whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray
Let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
Let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.

Blessèd and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world far and wide
Let there be light.

John Marriott (1780-1825)

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

Anthem Rejoice in the Lord – Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous:
for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

Praise the Lord with harp: sing psalms unto Him,
sing psalms unto Him, unto Him.

For the word of the Lord is true
and all His works are faithful. Amen.

Based on Psalm 33

After Communion

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

See page 12 in the Order of Service

Final Hymn SP 251

Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands,
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.

Give thanks for strong – yet tender – hands,
held out in trust and blessing.
Where words fall short let hands speak out,
the heights of love expressing.

Reach out in friendship, stay with faith
in touch with those around you.
Put peace into each other's hands:
the Peace that sought and found you.

Fred Kaan (1929-2009)
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See page 13 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Bagatelle in G minor - Beethoven (1770–1827)

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Next Week's Readings: Nehemiah 8.1-12; Colossians 3.12.17; Matthew 24.30-35

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
Chris Dale	Ray Harbourn		

For those in continued trouble

Marilyn Daly	Adam	Donna Vickers	Sheila Sergeant
Sandra Giles	Veronica Cooper		

The recently departed

Bryan Pitt	Oscar Mason
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Anniversary of death

Fred Allan	Ruth Wickham	Sister Joan Hudspeth
Bill Hart	William Hemming	Jeffrey Weaver

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 19 Ephesians 2.1-10

Luke 10.1-9

We pray for all who live or work in prisons everywhere. We give thanks for their Chaplains, who are a steady influence on everyone.

Tue 20 Ephesians 2.12-end

Luke 12.35-38

We pray for those with health problems, and their carers, and those with stress and weariness or loneliness. We give thanks for the support available.

Wed 21 Ephesians 3.2-12

Luke 12.39-48

We pray for more awareness of the special needs of large numbers of children and adults. We give thanks for the publicity this is now receiving, and for music, which is also helpful.

Thu 22 Ephesians 3.14-end

Luke 12.49-53

In education, we pray for refreshment in half term, and the settling down of different areas of concern. We give thanks for the dedication and sensitivity of everyone involved.

Fri 23 Ephesians 4.1-6

Luke 12.54-end

We pray for the thousands suffering from extreme climate events. We give thanks for trained aid workers and their equipment.

Sat 24 Ephesians 4.7-16

Luke 13.1-9

We pray for all in areas of violence and destruction, and for refugees, and for physical supplies. We give thanks for hospitals, and resources for all mental health services. We pray for peace.

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 17 October

Sunday 18 October

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church

Monday 19 October

Tuesday 20 October

10.00am	Red Hill CofE School Harvest Service
2.00pm	Prayer Group Church

Wednesday 21 October

9.30am	Mainly Music Church
11.15am	Bible Study Lower Vestry

Thursday 22 October

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

Friday 23 October

7.00pm	Choir Practice Lower Vestry
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Saturday 24 October

10.30am	Coffee Concert Church
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Sunday 25 October

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church
