

# St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



**SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## **SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday 8.00am</b>	<b>Said Eucharist</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong for Advent Sunday</b>
<b>Thursday 9.30am</b>	<b>Said Eucharist</b>

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## **OPENING HOURS**

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

**TEAM OFFICE:** *Weekdays, except Wednesdays, 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

### **Advent Appeal for Acorns Children's Hospice**

We welcome our guest speaker today, Rowan Grigg, from Acorns Hospice. Please give generously to our Advent Appeal, by cash or card. There are leaflets and booklets about Acorns at the back of Church for you to take away.

### **Choral Evensong for Advent Sunday - today, 1 December, 6.00pm**

In a change from our usual custom of holding an Advent Carol Service, this year we start the season with a Choral Evensong, which includes Thomas Weelkes' beautifully austere short service, and one of the Choir's favourite anthems - H G Ley's setting of Come, thou long-expected Jesus. See *page 10*

### **Forest Church - Sunday 1 December, CANCELLED**

With apologies for the short notice, we are sorry that Forest Church has had to be cancelled this month. Keep an eye on the Weekly Bulletin in the new year for details of the February Forest Church (no Forest Church in January). All children aged 0-11 and their families are very welcome. For details email [revrichwood@gmail.com](mailto:revrichwood@gmail.com)

### **Advent reflections during Compline - Tuesdays at 8.00pm on Zoom**

If you would like to join these special reflections for Advent from Tuesday 3 December, please contact Mike for the Zoom details: [mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk)

### **Kids Club - Thursday 5 December, 4pm, Church**

Kids Club (for children in years 1-6) continues this week with games, stories and singing. The café is open from 3.30pm where you can wait with your child.

### **Severn Arts Youth Music Concerts - Saturday 7 December, Church**

**10.30am Coffee Concert** - Young musicians perform solo, and in small ensembles, to raise money for the youth bands' forthcoming tour in 2025. Entry is free, with donations to Severn Arts. Tea, coffee and homemade cake available to purchase.

**3.00pm WYCB & WYCO Christmas Concert** - a feast of festive favourite pieces for concert orchestra and concert band. Refreshments available during the interval. Tickets (£7.50/£5/£18s free) from [www.severnarts.org.uk](http://www.severnarts.org.uk) or on the door.

### **Malvern Big Band Concert - Sunday 8 December, 3pm, Church**

Malvern's seventeen piece big band present **A Swinging Big Band Christmas**, with special guest soloists, Gary Rutter, and Nicole Warfield. Tickets in advance (£10/£5/£10s free) from [www.malvernbigband.org.uk](http://www.malvernbigband.org.uk) (£12/£6 cash on the door).

**Orders for mincemeat - by Sunday 8 December.** Elizabeth is taking orders for homemade mincemeat, available to buy at Open Church on 14th December.

## 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 Peter Hart** Organ **John Swindells**

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

**Hymn NEH 7** Hills of the North, rejoice,  
Echoing songs arise,  
Hail with united voice  
Him who made earth and skies:  
He comes in righteousness and love,  
He brings salvation from above.  
  
Isles of the Southern seas,  
Sing to the listening earth,  
Carry on every breeze  
Hope of a world's new birth:  
In Christ shall all be made anew,  
His word is sure, his promise true.  
  
Lands of the East, arise,  
He is your brightest morn,  
Greet him with joyous eyes,  
Praise shall his path adorn:  
The God whom you have longed to know  
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.  
  
Shores of the utmost West,  
Lands of the setting sun,  
Welcome the heavenly guest  
In whom the dawn has come:  
He brings a never-ending light  
Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.  
  
Shout, as you journey home,  
Songs be in every mouth,  
Lo, from the North they come,  
from East and West and South:  
In Jesus all shall find their rest,  
In him the sons of earth be blest.

*Based on C E Oakley (1832-65)*

See pages 2-4 in the Order of Service

**Collect** Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading** Jeremiah 33.14-16

A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah

- <sup>14</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel  
and the house of Judah.
- <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time  
I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David;  
and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.  
And this is the name by which it will be called:  
'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading** I Thessalonians 3.9-13

A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

- <sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you  
in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?
- <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly  
that we may see you face to face  
and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.
- <sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself  
and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.
- <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase  
and abound in love for one another and for all,  
just as we abound in love for you.

- <sup>13</sup> And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Gradual Hymn NEH 15**

The Lord will come and not be slow,  
His footsteps cannot err;  
Before him righteousness shall go,  
His royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,  
Shall bud and blossom then;  
And justice from her heavenly bower,  
Look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,  
This wicked earth redress;  
For thou art he who shalt by right  
The nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made  
Shall come, and all shall frame  
To bow them low before thee, Lord,  
And glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great  
By thy strong hand are done:  
Thou in thy everlasting seat  
Remainest God alone.

*John Milton (1608-74)*

### **Gospel** Luke 21.25-36

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 Luke  
**Glory to you O Lord**

*/Continued...*

Jesus said to his disciples:

- <sup>25</sup> 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,  
and on the earth distress among nations  
confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.
- <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding  
of what is coming upon the world,  
for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
- <sup>27</sup> Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud"  
with power and great glory.
- <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place,  
stand up and raise your heads,  
because your redemption is drawing near.'
- <sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable:  
'Look at the fig tree and all the trees;
- <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves  
you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.
- <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place,  
you know that the kingdom of God is near.
- <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away  
until all things have taken place.
- <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.
- <sup>34</sup> Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down  
with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life,
- <sup>35</sup> and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.  
For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.
- <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times,  
praying that you may have the strength  
to escape all these things that will take place,  
and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you O Christ**

*The Sermon follows, then see pages 5-7 in the Order of Service*

## Offertory Hymn NEH 295

Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood:  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the Presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluya, Alleluya,  
Alleluya, Lord most high!

*Gerard Moultrie (1829-85)*

See pages 7-12 in the Order of Service

Then sing the acclamations after the words:

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en Christ will come a - gain

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff: "Christ has died, Christ is ris - en Christ will come a - gain". The music ends with a double bar line.

## **Anthem** People look East - arr. Harry Bramma

People, look East. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.  
  
Furrows, be glad. Tho' earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love, the rose, is on the way.  
  
Angels, announce to man and beast,  
Him who cometh from the East,  
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.  
People look East. The time is near.

*Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)*

## **After Communion**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we wait the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*See page 13 in the Order of Service*

## **Final Hymn SP 13**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

*Christ be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light!  
Shine in your Church gathered today.*



Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice. *Christ be our light...*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come. *Christ be our light...*

*Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)*

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**Voluntary** Wachet Auf - J S Bach (1685-1750)

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**Next Week's Readings:** Malachi 3.1-4; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6

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## **6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG FOR ADVENT SUNDAY**

*Led by* **Revd Richard Wood**

*Preacher* **Revd Peter Hart**

*Choir & Organ* **John Swindells & Robin Walker**

**Hymn 18** Ye servants of the Lord

**Psalm 9** *Chant:* G J Elvey (1816-1893) and John Goss (1800-1880)

**Readings** Joel 3.9-end; Revelation 14.13 - 15.4

**Canticles** Short service by Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)

**Anthem** Come thou long expected Jesus - H G Ley (1887-1962)

**Hymn 241** Before the ending of the day

**Hymn 8** Lift up your heads (NEH 128, Tune ii)

**Voluntary** Carillon - Herbert Murrill (1902-1952)

# Special Services

## for Advent, Christmas & Epiphany

### **SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER ~ Advent Sunday**

*usual Sunday morning services at 8am & 10am*

#### **6.00pm Choral Evensong**

*including Weelkes' beautifully austere Short Service, H G Ley's Come, thou long-expected Jesus, and Advent hymns*

### **SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER**

*usual Sunday morning services at 8am & 10am*

#### **6.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols by candlelight**

*The Christmas story is told with traditional readings and carols for choir and congregation*

### **TUESDAY ~ CHRISTMAS EVE**

#### **4.00pm Crib Service for all ages**

*Informal service with carols*

#### **11.30pm Midnight Mass - the first Communion of Christmas with carols for choir and congregation**

### **WEDNESDAY ~ CHRISTMAS DAY**

#### **10.00am Christmas Morning Eucharist with carols**

### **SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER**

*(no service at 8am)*

#### **10.00am Team Eucharist with carols**

### **SUNDAY 5 JANUARY ~ Epiphany**

**8.00am** Said Eucharist

**10.00am** Sung Eucharist



# PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH

## People in sickness or need

Michael Wood	Roderick Dovey	Sandra Giles	Sheila Sergeant
Mark Farthing	Veronica	Sophie Kelleher	Peter Fisher
Donna Vickers	Meg Melvin	David Dale	Chris Dale
Joan Hazzard	Marilyn Daly		

## The recently departed

Gwendoline Cartwright	Sheila Treacher
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## Anniversary of death

Reg Hadley	Mary Ward	Betty Godfrey	Frank Beach
George Thompson	David Darling	Percy Simpson	Doug Chapman

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## DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

### Mon 2 **Isaiah 2.1-5**

### **Matthew 8.5-11**

We pray for the Church of England, that lessons from past examples of abuse may be learnt. May safeguarding procedures be implemented robustly, so that future cases will be dealt with effectively and promptly.

### Tue 3 **Isaiah 11.1-10**

### **Luke 10.21-24**

We pray for those awaiting treatment, that it may be available expeditiously, and have a successful outcome.

### Wed 4 **Isaiah 25.6-10a**

### **Matthew 15.29-37**

As we reflect on the outcomes from the recent budget, we pray that we can enjoy a period of stability, and that those adversely affected may find an acceptable solution.

### Thu 5 **Isaiah 26.1-6**

### **Matthew 7.21, 24-27**

In this neighbourhood, and with the extra pressures arising from energy costs, we pray for all those struggling with poverty, and give thanks for the work of the Worcester Foodbank, Maggs Day Centre, St Paul's Hostel and Worcester CAB and WHABAC.

### Fri 6 **Isaiah 29.17-end**

### **Matthew 9.27-31**

We pray for all those at school, college, university, or in any form of training, that they may be able to enjoy their period of learning, and that it might fit them for playing a useful and fulfilling role in our society.

### Sat 7 **Isaiah 30.19-26**

### **Matthew 9.35 - 10.1,6-8**

As parts of the world remain trapped in seemingly intractable conflicts, we pray that the leaders of the world may pursue policies of justice and of peace, so that people may respect one another, and seek the common good.

# 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 30 November

- 1.00pm Craft event set up Church
  - 2.00pm Christmas Craft Event Church
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## Sunday 1 December

- 8.00am Said Eucharist Lady Chapel
  - 10.00am Sung Eucharist Church
  - 3.00pm Music rehearsal Lower Vestry
  - 3.30pm Forest Church Whittington Churchyard
  - 6.00pm Choral Evensong for Advent Sunday Church
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## Monday 2 December

- 2.00pm Leadership Meeting Lower Vestry
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## Tuesday 3 December

- 9.00am Playgroup Nativity Rehearsal Lower Vestry
  - 2.00pm Curates' Meeting Lower Vestry
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## Wednesday 4 December

- 9.30am Mainly Music Church
  - 11.15am Bible Study Lower Vestry
  - 12 noon Deanery Lunch Lower Vestry
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## Thursday 5 December

- 9.30am Said Eucharist Church
  - 10.00am Poplins Lower Vestry
  - 10.30am School Organ Workshop Church
  - 2.30pm Kids Club Setup Church
  - 4.00pm Kids Club Church
  - 7.30pm WSO Rehearsal Church
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## Friday 6 December

- 6.00pm Organ Practice Church
  - 7.00pm Choir Practice Lower Vestry
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## Saturday 7 December

- 9.00am Coffee Concert setup Church
  - 10.30am Severn Arts Coffee Concert Church
  - 1.00pm Concert rehearsal Church
  - 3.00pm Severn Arts Youth Groups Christmas concert Church
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## Sunday 8 December

- 8.00am Said Eucharist Lady Chapel
  - 10.00am Sung Eucharist Church
  - 1.30pm Concert rehearsal Church
  - 3.00pm Malvern Big Band Concert Church
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