

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Growth 2026

SUNDAY 5 JULY ST MARTIN'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist

OPENING HOURS

CHURCH: Monday - 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 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 5 July

We welcome today Sherry Olowabi from the Church Army as our speaker. She will present an update on the work that the Church Army is currently engaged in, and how we can continue to be part of that.

Organ Appeal – see back page for how to donate

A huge thank you to the organisers and volunteers at yesterday's Organ Gift Day, including our performers, who provided such beautiful music despite the condition of the organ. The donations received yesterday, along with that given as part of the 'Adopt a Pipe' campaign will now be collated by the PCC to see how close we are to achieving our target. This will influence our next steps.

The 'Adopt a Pipe' campaign will continue with the aim of all 61 pipes of the millennium tuba being adopted. Thanks to all those who have already donated - we are over half-way to our target.

Staff from Nicholson & Co. will be working in Church on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th July to remove parts of the organ needing repair. Please avoid coming into Church unless absolutely necessary. Repair work will take place off-site over the next few weeks.

Prayer walk – Tuesday 7 July, 2pm, from Church

The prayer walk will be Marlborough Street area, meeting first in Church.

The monthly Open Church coffee morning will not continue for the foreseeable future.

WSO Concert – Saturday 11 July, 7.30pm, Church

Our resident orchestra, under conductor Keith Slade, brings us a programme which includes *'Italian' Symphony No. 4* by Mendelssohn, *Horn Concerto No.2* by Mozart, and *Violin Concerto* by Barber. Tickets £15 (under 18s free) from ticketsource.co.uk

Church use next Sunday 12 July

The Church is being used for an end of term concert next Sunday afternoon by the Elgar School of Music. Choral Evensong will take place as usual at 6pm.

Thanksgiving Service for Ruth Kirwan – Monday 20 July, 3pm, Church

All are welcome to this service, which is followed by refreshments in Church.

Free non-emergency patient transport service (EMED Patient Care)

Free patient transport is available for non-emergency medical appointments for eligible patients living in Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Patients and carers may book transport by phoning 0300 011 0017 between 8am–4pm every day. For more details, pick up a leaflet at the back of Church, or visit emedgroup.co.uk/haw-nhs/

Pam Bowen sends her thanks for the cards and flowers received recently for her special birthday.

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, or a gluten-free wafer during Communion, please ask a member of the Welcome Team.

Celebrant & Preacher **Revd Peter Hart**
Organ **John Swindells**

The Communion setting is by Noel Rawsthorne, (available from the Welcome Team).

Hymn (Tune: Kingsfold, NEH 376)

Proud Caesar's man, who bore Rome's arms,
Till called into Christ's ranks,
St. Martin now we celebrate
And for him give God thanks.
A beggar's nakedness he clothed,
Gave half his cloak away,
When Christ in guise of poverty
Reached out to him one day.

His discharge then from fight he sought:
"I will not wear the sword.
To cause of love Christ bids me now,
And I must heed his word."
A monk alone at first he lived,
But God had greater need;
Once officer, now bishop made,
Christ's church in France to lead.

Through mission active, preaching strong,
God's word crossed Europe's span;
For martyr's death he was not meant,
Lived long Christ's loyal man.
We Christians now who honour him
Name Martin patron true;
His courage, care and zeal we praise
And vow like tasks to do.

For though long centuries divide
St. Martin's time from ours,
Still war blights human lives as then
And want their hope devours.
A different way of life embrace;
Heal conflict and despair.
Let hand to hand extend in peace
Christ's coat of love to share.

Revd Canon David Rogers, 2015

See pages 2-3 in the Order of Service

Collect God all powerful,
who called Martin from the armies of this world
to be a faithful soldier of Christ:
give us grace to follow him
in his love and compassion for the needy,
and enable your Church to claim for all people
their inheritance as children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Deuteronomy 15.7-8, 10-11

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

1. If there is among you anyone in need,
a member of your community in any of your towns
within the land that the Lord your God is giving you,
do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted
toward your needy neighbour.
2. You should rather open your hand,
willingly lending enough to meet the need,
whatever it may be.
3. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so,
for on this account
the Lord your God will bless you in all your work
and in all that you undertake.
4. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth,
I therefore command you,
"Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading | Thessalonians 5.1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

1. Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.
2. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
3. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!
4. But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief;
5. for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.
6. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober;
7. for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.
8. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.
9. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10. who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
11. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn NEH 414

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne,
And worship only thee.


So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper (1731-1800)

Gospel Matthew 25.31-40

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All 
Glo-ry to you - O Lord

Jesus said,

- ³¹. When the Son of Man comes in glory,
and all the angels with him,
then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

Offertory Hymn NEH 449

Soldiers of Christ, arise,
And put your armour on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through his eternal Son;

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
And in his mighty power:
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.

Stand then in his great might,
With all his strength endued;
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God.

Leave no unguarded place,
No weakness of the soul:
Take every virtue, every grace,
And fortify the whole.

From strength to strength go on,
Wrestle and fight and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down
And win the well-fought day.

That, having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,
Ye may o'ercome through Christ alone
And stand entire at last.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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Anthem Made to be one – John Barnard (b. 1948)

Made in God's image: woman and man,
here is the wholeness: God's human plan.
Brother and sister, daughter & son,
here is a family made to be one.

Dappled creation, diverse its ways,
colours and cultures offer their praise.
Gathered together under the sun,
here is a family made to be one.

We need each other, old folk and young,
sharing together life from the Son.
This is the meaning, prize to be won,
here is a family made to be one.

Don't let divisions get in the way,
listen to others, hear what they say.
Caring and serving – that's how it's done,
here is a family made to be one.

Praise to the Father and to the Son,
praise to the Spirit – our God is one.
Here is our vision, new world begun,
here is a family made to be one.

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After Communion

God, shepherd of your people,
whose servant Martin revealed the loving service of Christ
in his ministry as a pastor of your people:
by this eucharist in which we share
awaken within us the love of Christ
and keep us faithful to our Christian calling;
through him who laid down his life for us,
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever.

Amen

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Final Hymn SP 249

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
'How great Thou art! How great Thou art!'
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
'How great Thou art! How great Thou art!'*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul....

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

Then sings my soul....

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow, in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!'

Then sings my soul....

Karl Boberg (1859 – 1940)

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Voluntary Trumpet Tune in D - David N Johnson (1922-1987)

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Next week's readings: Genesis 25.19-end; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9; 18-23

PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

David Dale	Veronica	Stephen Clarke	Eglé Tumanova
Gail Stone	Thelma Bushell	Shirley Scott	Jackie
Geoff	Alison Houghton	Elizabeth Robertson	Marcus Lintzgy
Erin	Rosemary Dillingham	Elizabeth Yarker	Charlie Bentley
Andy Stand			

The recently departed

Ruth Kirwan

Rachel Grubb

Anniversary of death

Joseph Ogden

Enid Jones

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 6

Hosea 2.14-20

Matthew 9.18-26

Please pray for the refrigeration services who need to transport food cold, and for the grocery stores where keeping food cold, or frozen is a necessity.

Tue 7

Hosea 8.4-13

Matthew 9.32-end

Pray for end of school year activities, sport days and school leavers' events and celebrations.

Wed 8

Hosea 10.1-12

Matthew 10.1-7

We pray for all who come to Mainly Music today. Lord God, may your light shine through music and play, chats and coffee.

Thu 9

Hosea 11.1-9

Matthew 10.7-15

For people in need, battling natural disasters, persecution or warring with neighbours. Pray for those in severe poverty both physically, mentally and spiritually.

Fri 10

Hosea 14.2-end

Matthew 10.16-23

Pray for all waiting for test results, operations, or having carers to support them. May God give them peace and strength.

Sat 11

Isaiah 6.1-8

Matthew 10.24-33

Pray for all in government or leadership roles. Lord give them wisdom and guidance for the country, and the people they serve.

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 4 July

10.00am Organ Gift Day Church (until 4pm)

Sunday 5 July

8.00am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist Church

Monday 6 July

Removal of organ pipes (all day)

Tuesday 7 July

Removal of organ pipes (all day)

2.00pm Prayer Walk Meet in Church

Wednesday 8 July

9.30am Mainly Music Church

11.15am Bible Study Lower Vestry

2.30pm Three Choirs Festival site visit Church

Thursday 9 July

9.30am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am Poplins Lower Vestry

6.30pm WSO Concert set up and rehearsal Church

Friday 10 July

5.30pm Organ Practice Church

7.00pm Choir Practice Lower Vestry

Saturday 11 July

2.00pm WSO Rehearsal Church

7.30pm WSO Concert Church

Sunday 12 July

8.00am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist Church

2.00pm Elgar School of Music Church

6.00pm Choral Evensong Church

Please use this QR code to donate to our Organ Repair Appeal

Or donate directly into our Bank Account:

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