

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Mission 2025

SUNDAY 2 MARCH

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist

Ash Wednesday 7.30pm Sung Eucharist
with imposition of ashes

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

Compline Monday to Friday at 8.30pm

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in the Worcester South East Team**

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NOTICES

Forest Church - Sunday 2 March, 3.30pm, Whittington Churchyard

We will be considering the abundance of life in God's good creation, the life of early spring and how to listen to one another, how to care for God's creation, and to share all the good that God has provided.

Flower Club - Monday 3 March, 10am, Lower Vestry

Pancake Party - Shrove Tuesday 4 March, 4 - 5.30pm, Parish Centre

Final bookings today please for the party, which is to be held in the Parish Centre. Adults £3, Children £2. Please sign up at the back of Church.

Mothers Union - Wednesday 5 March, 2.30pm, Lower Vestry

Paul Stedman will be speaking about how his Christian faith impacts on his role as a paramedic. All welcome.

Lent services and activities at St Martin's

The season of Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist service, this Wednesday 5 March, at 7.30pm in Church.

From Monday 10 March, a number of activities take place during the week, including Prayer Walks around the Parish as follows:

Mondays at 11am, & Tuesdays at 2pm - Prayer walks around the Parish of St Martin's. A full route description, map, and prayer guidance for the next three weeks is available on the handout at the back of Church. Please take one to guide your prayers, whether or not you are participating in the walking.

See page 10 for details of all services, groups, and activities across the Team.

Our Lent Appeal will begin next Sunday for the Bible Society. More details of ways to give will be included in next week's Weekly Bulletin.

Lent Lunch - Sunday 23 March, 12 noon, Lower Vestry

Join us for our Lent Lunch when we hope to have a speaker from the Bible Society, as this mission organisation has been chosen to be the recipient of our Lent Appeal. A simple lunch of soup, rolls, cheese and fruit will be provided; donations to our appeal. No need to book, just turn up.

Electoral Roll Renewal - everyone wishing to be on the roll must complete a new form, even if you have already been on the previous Electoral Roll. If you are not on the Electoral Roll, you are not eligible to take an active part in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Sunday 4 May, 11.15am).

Application forms are available from the back of Church. Completed forms should be returned either to the labelled box at the back of Church, to the Team Office, or to Angela, no later than Sunday 13 April.

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
Organ

Revd Richard Wood
John Swindells

Please refer to the music and words for the Mass of St Thomas Eucharist setting on the accompanying card, available from the Welcome Team.

Hymn NEH 436 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven.
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

H F Lyte (1793-1947)

See pages 2-3 in the Order of Service, then follow the Gloria on the card, which includes the refrain here...

Gloria refrain:

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

Collect Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading Exodus 34.29-end

A reading from the book of Exodus

- ²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai.
As he came down from the mountain
with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand,
Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone
because he had been talking with God.
- ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses,
the skin of his face was shining,
and they were afraid to come near him.
- ³¹ But Moses called to them;
and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation
returned to him,
and Moses spoke with them.
- ³² Afterwards all the Israelites came near,
and he gave them in commandment
all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.
- ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them,
he put a veil on his face;
- ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him,
he would take the veil off, until he came out;
and when he came out,
and told the Israelites what he had been commanded,

- ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses,
that the skin of his face was shining;
and Moses would put the veil on his face again,
until he went in to speak with him.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

- ¹² Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness,
¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face
to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory
that was being set aside.
¹⁴ But their minds were hardened.
Indeed, to this very day,
when they hear the reading of the old covenant,
that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside.
¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read,
a veil lies over their minds;
¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.
¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces,
seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror,
are being transformed into the same image
from one degree of glory to another;
for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.
¹ Therefore,
since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry,
we do not lose heart.
² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides;
we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word;
but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves
to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn NEH 178

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past,
Promise of things to be,
We hail thy Body glorified,
And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
We see thy kingdom come;
We fain would hold the vision bright,
And make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since you bidst us leave the mount
Come with us to the plain.

J Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)

Gospel Luke 9.28-36

Please join in the sung Gospel Acclamations in bold using the music on the card

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

- ²⁸ Jesus took with him Peter and John and James,
and went up on the mountain to pray.
- ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed,
and his clothes became dazzling white.
- ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.
- ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure,
which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.
- ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep;
but since they had stayed awake,
they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

- 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus,
 'Master, it is good for us to be here;
 let us make three dwellings,
 one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'
 Peter did not know what he said.
- 34 While he was saying this,
 a cloud came and overshadowed them;
 and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.
- 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said,
 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'
- 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.
 And the disciples kept silent
 and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.
- 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 SP 294

Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,
 In perfect harmony the man who is God:
 Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,
 Kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*Oh, what a mystery, meekness and majesty.
 Bow down and worship, for this is your God,
 This is your God!*

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
 Yet learns obedience to death on a cross.
 Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice,
 And as they crucify prays: 'Father, forgive.'
O, what a mystery...

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
 Love indestructible in frailty appears.
 Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
 Lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.
O, what a mystery...

Graham Kendrick (b 1950)
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*See pages 7-11 in the Order of Service,
 joining in the sung sections from the card, (Acclamation I will be used)*

Anthem Above all praise - *F Mendelssohn (1809-47)*

Above all praise and majesty,
Lord thou reignest evermore,
Hallelujah.

After Communion

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in Word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

See page 11 in the Order of Service

Final Hymn *SP 108*

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine...

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine...

Graham Kendrick (b 1950)
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See page 12 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Theme and Variations - Hendrik Andriessen (1892-1981)

Our second of two extended voluntaries is by the Dutch organist and composer, Hendrik Andriessen. This Sunday marks the Transfiguration after which point all roads lead to Jerusalem, and The Passion and Resurrection. This piece, with its grand opening, then more reflective moments, before a dramatic build up and climactic ending, seem to prepare us for what's coming next.

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Next Week's Readings: Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13

Lent Services & Activities at St Martin's



Ash Wednesday 5 March at 7.30pm

Sung Eucharist *with imposition of ashes*



Mondays at 11am & Tuesdays at 2pm *from Church*

Prayer walks around the Parish



Tuesdays in Lent at 7.00pm

Stations of the Cross & Compline



Sunday 30 March at 10am

All Together Eucharist *for Mothering Sunday*

The Season of Lent in the Worcester South East Team



Ash Wednesday 5 March

Eucharist with imposition of ashes

10.00am at St Mark's (BCP)

**10.30am at Ronkswood, Meadow Court,
2nd floor lounge**

7.30pm at St Martin's (with Choir)

Through the Week

Stations of the Cross & Compline *

Tuesdays from 11 March, 7.00pm, St Martin's Church

Prayer Walks around St Martin's Parish

Mondays from 10 March, 11am from Church

Tuesdays from 11 March, 2pm from Church

See separate handout for routes and prayer guidance

Lent Group led by Revd Andy Stand

Tuesdays from 11 March, 2.30pm

The Vicarage, 11 Jasmine Close, St Peter's, WR5 3LU

Lent Bible Study & Prayer Group led by Peter Hart

Wednesdays from 12 March, 11.15am

Lower Vestry, St Martin's Church

**** Stations of the Cross & Compline also on Zoom at 8.30pm,
contact Mike Bunclark for joining details mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk***

PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

Roderick Dovey	Sandra Giles	Sheila Sergeant	Veronica
Peter Fisher	David Dale	Marilyn Daly	Valerie Castle
Gillian Miles	Phil Welling		

The recently departed

Michael Wood

Anniversary of death

Brian Cory	Edna Simpson	Ena Grainger	Leonard Goodall
Nancy Goodall			

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 3 James 3.13-end

Mark 10.17-27

Pray for all people whose word we depend on and who we mostly take for granted - people responsible for electricity, water supplies, transport and roads.

Tue 4 James 4.1-10

Mark 10.28-31

Pray for all parents and children coming to the Pancake Party today. May they all feel part of the Church.

Wed 5 Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58.1-12 2 Corinthians 5.20b - 6.10 John 8.1-11

From all evil and mischief, from pride, vanity and hypocrisy, from envy, hate and malice, and from all evil intent, good Lord, deliver us.

Thu 6 Deuteronomy 30.15-end

Luke 9.22-25

Pray for the Bible Society, our Lent Appeal. Pray for their translators, and for the people who deliver Bibles to dangerous or remote places.

Fri 7 Isaiah 58.1-9a

Matthew 9.14-15

Pray for refugees from trouble spots throughout the world. Lord give them a safe place, help and hope.

Sat 8 Isaiah 58.9b-end

Luke 5.27-32

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. Today we remember three people, Geoffrey Studdart Kennedy, poet, preacher, friend of the poor and Vicar of St Paul's, Worcester. We remember Bishop Edward King, attacked for 'High Church' practices which are now considered normal, and St Felix, apostle to the East Angles (*d. 647*).

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 1 March

Sunday 2 March

- 8.00am Said Eucharist Church
 - 10.00am Sung Eucharist Church
 - 3.00pm Forest Church Whittington Churchyard
 - 3.30pm Music Rehearsal Lower Vestry
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Monday 3 March

- 10.00am Flower Club Lower Vestry
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Tuesday 4 March

- 4.00pm Pancake Party Parish Centre
 - 7.30pm Finance & Management Committee Lower Vestry
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Wednesday 5 March

- 9.30am Mainly Music Church
 - 11.15am Bible Study Group Lower Vestry
 - 2.30pm Mothers' Union Lower Vestry
 - 7.30pm Sung Eucharist for Ash Wednesday Church
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Thursday 6 March

- 9.30am Said Eucharist Church
 - 10.00am PopIns Lower Vestry
 - 1.15pm Children & Families Committee Lower Vestry
 - 3.30pm Kids Club Café Church
 - 4.00pm Kids Club Church
 - 7.30pm WSO Rehearsal Church
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Friday 7 March

- 6.00pm Organ Practice
 - 7.00pm Choir Practice Lower Vestry
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Saturday 8 March

- 10.00am Open Church Lower Vestry
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Sunday 9 March

- 8.00am Said Eucharist Church
 - 10.00am Sung Eucharist Church
 - 6.00pm Choral Evensong Church
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