St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Growth 2026

Sunday 1 November — **All Saints' Day**

Services in Church this Week

Sunday 8.00am	**Said Eucharist**
10.00am	**Sung Eucharist**
6.00pm	**All Souls' Memorial Service**

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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All Souls' Memorial Service - Sunday 1 November, 6.00pm, Church
All are welcome to our annual memorial service this evening for all those in the Parish who have been bereaved in recent months. There's still an opportunity to add names to be remembered to the list at the back of Church.

Prayer Group – Tuesday 3 November, 2pm, meeting in Church
We continue to meet in Church for prayer for the Parish.

Illustrated talk - Saturday 7 November, 10.30am, Whittington Church
Dr Richard Churchley will give an illustrated talk entitled *Droughts, Disaster and Destruction* - extreme weather events in England's past', in aid of church funds.

WSO Concert - Saturday 7 November, 3pm, St Martin's
WSO, with conductor Keith Slade, give a concert of music by English composers: Tickets £15, under 18s free from *www.ticketsource.com*

Remembrance Service – Sunday 8 November, 10.00am, Church
Join us for our Sung Eucharist service for Remembrance next Sunday morning, which will be followed immediately by an Act of Remembrance at the war memorial. *Please note, there will be no Choral Evensong on Sunday 8 November.*

Forest Church – Sunday 8 November, 3.30pm, Whittington Churchyard
Due to half term, Forest Church will meet next Sunday 8 Nov, not this afternoon. As the days grow shorter, we will reflect on light and dark, and the beauty of the autumn leaves. Join us for outdoor worship, activities and refreshments.

Licensing of Richard Wood – Tuesday 10 November
Pray for Richard as he will be licensed by Bishop Martin as *Associate Priest, in the Worcester South East Team, with special responsibility for Ronkswood Holy Trinity & St Matthew,* at St Nicholas Church at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10 November. (Unfortunately, the church capacity means an open invitation is not possible)

Family Choir – Friday 13 November, 3.30pm, Lower Vestry
Family Choir will rehearse for All Together Eucharist on Sunday 22 November.

Autumn Fair – Saturday 21 November, 11-2pm, Church
Raffle tickets are available for the Grand Prize Draw at the Autumn Fair.
Books of tickets to sell to friends and family are available from Sheila Major.

Team Administrator Vacancy
See noticeboards for details of this job vacancy. Do speak to Angela for more details if you, or anyone you know might be interested in this role.

Medical bed – free to a good home
Bill Simpson has a profile adjustable, medical bed available, only used for 3months. Please speak to Angela if you know anyone who may be interested in having it.

Advance notice… St Mark's Quiz - Saturday 16 January
To all quizzers! St Mark's will be holding their next quiz on Saturday 16 January 27. Jan Vale says: "The emphasis is on fun and there is usually lots of friendly banter. Please, please spread the word". Details to follow.

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 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. Copies of the readings, and the communion setting music for the service, are also available from the Welcome Team.*

Celebrant **Revd Peter Hart**
Piano **John Swindells**

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

Hymn *NEH 197 (omitting vs 3, 5 & 7)*

For all the Saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confest.
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest:
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

W Walsham How (1823-97)

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

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.

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.

Collect Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
Amen

First Reading Revelation 7.9-17

Second Reading 1 John 3.1-3

(Copies of the readings are available at the back of Church)

Gradual Hymn *NEH 341*

Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God,
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul
He doth himself impart,
And for his dwelling and his throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
May ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for thee.

John Keble (1792-1866)

Gospel Matthew 5.1-12

The Sermon follows, then see pages 5-6 in the Order of Service

Offertory Hymn *NEH 418*

1 O happy band of pilgrims
If onward ye will tread
With Jesus as your fellow
To Jesus as your Head!

2 O happy if ye labour
As Jesus did for men;
O happy if ye hunger
As Jesus hungered then!

3 The cross that Jesus carried
He carried as your due;
The crown that Jesus weareth,
He weareth it for you.

4 The faith by which ye see him,
The hope in which ye yearn,
The love that through all troubles
To him alone will turn,

5. What are they but forerunners
To lead you to his sight?
What are they save the effluence
Of uncreated light?

6 The trials that beset you,
The sorrows ye endure,
The manifold temptations
That death alone can cure,

7 What are they but his jewels
Of right celestial worth?
What are they but the ladder
Set up to heaven on earth?

8 O happy band of pilgrims,
Look upward to the skies,
Where such a light affliction
Shall win you such a prize!

J M Neale, 1818-66

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

After Communion

God, the source of all holiness
and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

See page 12 in the Order of Service

Final Hymn *SP 254*

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened instead of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

Bryn Rees (1911-1983)
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See page 13 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in C minor -
from The well tempered klavier - JS Bach BWV 847

Hymn words published under CCLI 1145602

Next Week's Readings: Micah 4.1-5; Matthew 13.31-35

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
Ray Harbourne	George Hart		

The recently departed

Bryan Pitt	Canon Michael Glanville-Smith	Sheila Sergeant

Anniversary of death

Leonard Green	Norman Hawker	Wilfred Dyson	Shirley Day
Peggy Jones	Nora Jones	Gerardo Stramiello	Gilbert Bagley
Maria Mrozowski			

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 2 ***All Souls' Day***
Lamentations 3.17-33 1 Peter 1.3-9 John 5.19-25
We thank you Lord for loved ones who have gone before, who we remember with affection, and whose example we treasure.

Tue 3 **Philippians 2.5-11** **Luke 14.15-24**
We pray for those who find the increased darkness and cold limiting, and for those who struggle to maintain social connection, and keep active as the winter progresses.

Wed 4 **Philippians 2.12-18** **Luke 14.25-33**
May we who know the light and love of Christ, bring hope and help to those living in the darkness of depression, rejection or loss.

Thu 5 **Philippians 3.3-8a** **Luke 15.1-10**
Pray for those trying to break out of homelessness, and make a new start. Pray for the right support and opportunities to be available.

Fri 6 **Philippians 3.17 – 4.1** **Luke 16.1-8**
Pray for children in care, foster care, and passed from home to home. Pray for those seeking to give them stability and a good start in life.

Sat 7 **Philippians 4.10-19** **Luke 16.9-15**
Pray for asylum seekers, and all those fleeing their home and life for fear of violence, and oppressive political regime.

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 31 October

Sunday 1 November

8.00am	Said Eucharist *Church*
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
6.00pm	All Souls' Memorial Service *Church*

Monday 2 November

Tuesday 3 November

9.00am	Electric and gas testing *Church*
2.00pm	Prayer Group *Church*
7.30pm	PCC Meeting *Lower Vestry*

Wednesday 4 November

9.30am	Mainly Music *Church*
11.15am	Bible Study *Lower Vestry*
2.30pm	Mothers' Union *Lower Vestry*

Thursday 5 November

9.30am	Said Eucharist *Church*
10.00am	PopIns *Lower Vestry*
11.00am	Autumn Fair planning meeting *Lower Vestry*

Friday 6 November

7.00pm	Choir Practice *Lower Vestry*

Saturday 7 November

10.30am	WSO Rehearsal *Church*
3.00pm	WSO Concert *Church*

Sunday 8 November

8.00am	Said Eucharist *Church*
10.00am	Sung Eucharist *followed by* Act of Remembrance *Church*
3.30pm	Forest Church *Whittington Churchyard* *No Choral Evensong*