

# St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



## Prayer & Mission 2025

**SUNDAY 9 MARCH**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

### 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>Evensong</b>
<b>Tuesday 7.00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross &amp; Compline</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 Wednesday) 10am - 1pm

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### ZOOM SERVICES THIS WEEK

*(please contact the host to join the mailing list)*

<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Monday to Friday at 8.30am</b>
<b>Compline</b>	<b>Monday to Friday at 8.30pm</b>
	<i>(including Stations of the Cross on Tuesdays)</i>

*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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in the Worcester South East Team**

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## NOTICES

**Our Lent Appeal** begins today for the Bible Society. Please donate using the envelopes and place in the red bucket, or via the card machine.

### **Lent services and activities at St Martin's**

From Monday 10 March, a number of activities take place during Lent as follows:

***Mondays at 11am and 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.

***Stations of the Cross and Compline, Tuesdays at 7.00pm*** - there will also be an opportunity to join Stations of the Cross & Compline on Zoom at 8.30pm.

### ***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, the recipient organisation 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.

*See poster for details of all services, groups, and activities across the Team.*

### **Magazine copy date - Monday 10 March**

Please note the earlier magazine copy date for articles. Send your submissions to the Team Office.

### **Taste & See - Sunday 16 March, 6.00pm, Lower Vestry**

Richard Wood leads the second meeting of this new group. It's a chance to share with others seeking to understand faith in Jesus and the Church on a 'taste and see' basis in a friendly, informal setting. Bring a friend, a bottle, or just a question!

**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.

### **Planned Giving Scheme**

If you have been considering, or would consider, regular giving to St Martin's through the Parish Giving Scheme, but have questions or concerns, the Diocese is offering a Zoom session *Why should I give through the Parish Giving Scheme* on Wednesday 13 March from 12.30pm-1:30pm. Book your place by following the link from the Diocese Events Calendar at [cofe-worcester.org.uk/calendar/](https://forms.office.com/elynaKara) or use this direct link <https://forms.office.com/elynaKara>

**The Missionary Committee** still have marmalade for sale - see Elizabeth.

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

Please refer to the music and words for the music setting by Bach, available from the Welcome Team.

**Hymn NEH 67** Forty days and forty nights  
Thou wast fasting in the wild,  
Forty days and forty nights  
Tempted and yet undefiled.  
  
Sunbeams scorching all the day,  
Chilly dewdrops nightly shed,  
Prowling beasts about thy way,  
Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.  
  
Let us thine endurance share,  
And awhile from joys abstain,  
With thee watching unto prayer,  
Strong with thee to suffer pain.  
  
And if Satan, vexing sore,  
Flesh or spirit should assail,  
Thou, his vanquisher before,  
Grant we may not faint nor fail.  
  
So shall we have peace divine,  
Holier gladness ours shall be,  
Round us too shall angels shine,  
Such as ministered to thee.  
  
Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
Ever constant by thy side,  
That with thee we may appear  
At the eternal Eastertide.

*G H Smyttan (1822-70) & Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

See pages 2-4 in the Order of Service

**Collect** Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**First Reading** Deuteronomy 26.1-11

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people, saying:

- 1 When you have come into the land  
that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess,  
and you possess it, and settle in it,
- 2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground,  
which you harvest from the land  
that the Lord your God is giving you,  
and you shall put it in a basket  
and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose  
as a dwelling for his name.
- 3 You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time,  
and say to him,  
'Today I declare to the Lord your God  
that I have come into the land  
that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.'
- 4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand  
and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God,
- 5 you shall make this response before the Lord your God:  
'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor;  
he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien,  
few in number,  
and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.
- 6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us,  
by imposing hard labour on us,
- 7 we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors;  
the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction,  
our toil, and our oppression.

- <sup>8</sup> The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand  
and an outstretched arm,  
with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;  
<sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land,  
a land flowing with milk and honey.
- <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you,  
O Lord, have given me.  
You shall set it down before the Lord your God  
and bow down before the Lord your God.
- <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens  
who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty  
that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Second Reading** Romans 10.8b-13

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

- <sup>8</sup> What does scripture say?  
'The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart'  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);
- <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord  
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,  
you will be saved.
- <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified,  
and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.
- <sup>11</sup> The scripture says,  
'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'
- <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;  
the same Lord is Lord of all  
and is generous to all who call on him.
- <sup>13</sup> For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Gradual Hymn NEH 74

O for a heart to praise my God,  
A heart from sin set free;  
A heart that always feels thy blood  
So freely spilt for me:

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,  
My dear Redeemer's throne;  
Where only Christ is heard to speak,  
Where Jesus reigns alone:

A humble, lowly, contrite heart,  
Believing, true, and clean,  
Which neither life nor death can part  
From him that dwells within:

A heart in every thought renewed,  
And full of love divine;  
Perfect, and right, and pure, and good,  
A copy, Lord, of thine.

My heart, thou know'st, can never rest  
Till thou create my peace;  
Till of mine Eden repossess,  
From self, and sin, I cease.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,  
Come quickly from above;  
Write thy new name upon my heart,  
Thy new best name of love.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## Gospel Luke 4.1-13

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

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Glo - ry to you, O Lord

- <sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan  
and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,  
<sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.  
He ate nothing at all during those days,  
and when they were over, he was famished.
- <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him,  
'If you are the Son of God,  
command this stone to become a loaf of bread.'
- <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, 'It is written,  
"One does not live by bread alone."'
- <sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up  
and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.
- <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him,  
'To you I will give their glory and all this authority;  
for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.  
<sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.'
- <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, 'It is written,  
"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'
- <sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem,  
and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him,  
'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,  
<sup>10</sup> for it is written,  
"He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,"  
<sup>11</sup> and "On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'
- <sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him,  
'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'
- <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test,  
he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord



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

## Offertory Hymn NEH 410

My God, how wonderful thou art,  
Thy majesty how bright,  
How beautiful thy mercy-seat,  
In depths of burning light!

How dread are thine eternal years,  
O everlasting Lord,  
By prostrate spirits day and night  
Incessantly adored!

How wonderful, how beautiful,  
The sight of thee must be,  
Thine endless wisdom, boundless power,  
And awful purity!

O, how I fear thee, living God,  
With deepest, tenderest fears,  
And worship thee with trembling hope,  
And penitential tears!

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,  
Almighty as thou art,  
For thou hast stooped to ask of me  
The love of my poor heart.

No earthly father loves like thee,  
No mother, e'er so mild,  
Bears and forbears as thou hast done  
With me thy sinful child.

Father of Jesus, love's reward,  
What rapture will it be  
Prostrate before thy throne to lie,  
And gaze and gaze on thee.

*F W Faber (1814-63)*

*See pages 7-12 in the Order of Service*



Please join in singing the opening of the Eucharistic prayer (*Sursum Corda*)

President PEOPLE  
The Lord is here His spi - rit is with us

President PEOPLE  
Lift up your hearts We lift them to the Lord

President PEOPLE  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God It is right to give thanks and praise.

**Anthem** Jesu Lover of my soul - David Wilson, arr. John Barnard

Jesu, Lover of my soul,  
Let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide  
Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,  
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
Leave, ah, leave me not alone,  
Still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
All my help from thee I bring;  
Cover my defenceless head  
With the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound,  
Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
Freely let me take of thee,  
Spring thou up within my heart,  
Rise to all eternity. Amen.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

## After Communion

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven,  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope, and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him  
who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*See page 13 in the Order of Service*

## Final Hymn

*This hymn will be sung as a round. If you are on the organ side of the church, please start singing immediately after the organ introduction. If you are on the Lady Chapel side, start verse 1 when the others are at the refrain. John S.*

<sup>1</sup> Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you;  
Allelu, alleluia.

*Refrain* Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

<sup>2</sup> You shall not live by bread alone,  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God;  
Allelu, alleluia. *Alleluia...*

<sup>3</sup> Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find;  
Knock and it shall be opened unto you;  
Allelu, alleluia. *Alleluia...*

*Based on Matthew 6.33, 7.7  
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*See page 13 in the Order of Service*

**Voluntary** Prelude in F minor, BWV 534 - JS Bach (1685-1750)

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**Next Week's Readings:** Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3.17 - 4.1; Luke 13.31-end

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# 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

## Anniversary of death

Nellie Whitehouse	Gideon Lord	Jack Godfrey	George Thompson
Frances Allan	Mary Bonham	Lucette Cotton	

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## DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

### Mon 10 **Leviticus 19.1-18**

### **Matthew 25.31-end**

We pray for the work of our local hospices, and give thanks for the skills and expertise of the staff, and many volunteers, who care for the whole family in their need.

### Tue 11 **Isaiah 55.10-11**

### **Matthew 6.7-15**

MAF (Missionary Aviation Fellowship) has launched a 'green' initiative to encourage the use of reusable water bottles for passengers to refill before flights. We pray for their work to reduce single-use plastic.

### Wed 12 **Jonah 3**

### **Luke 11.29-32**

We pray for those providing various counselling and healthcare clinics, and give thanks for female health workers in countries where this can be limited.

### Thu 13 **Isaiah 55.6-9**

### **Matthew 7.7-12**

We pray for all home carers, both family and friends, and paid workers. We give thanks for their kindness, and patience in awkward situations, and when called to do difficult tasks. We pray that they will be encouraged and given a feeling of self-worth.

### Fri 14 **Ezekiel 18.21-28**

### **Matthew 5.20-26**

We pray for all politicians, local government officers and those in authority, that they may make wise decisions for the good of all.

### Sat 15 **Deuteronomy 26.16-end**

### **Matthew 5.43-end**

We pray for refugees, and those returning to their homes to find devastation. We pray for protection for all internally displaced people and aid workers, and that food, shelter and medical services will be provided. We pray for those being persecuted for their faith or their ethnic group.

## 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 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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### Monday 10 March

2.00pm Leadership Meeting Lower Vestry

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### Tuesday 11 March

9.30am Ecclesiastical Survey Church & Lower Vestry

7.00pm Stations of the Cross & Compline

7.30pm PCC Meeting Lower Vestry

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### Wednesday 12 March

9.30am Mainly Music Church

11.15am Bible Study Group Lower Vestry

7.00pm Deanery Synod Church

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### Thursday 13 March

9.30am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am Poplns Lower Vestry

3.30pm Kids Club Café Church

4.00pm Kids Club Church

7.30pm WSO Rehearsal Church

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### Friday 14 March

6.00pm Organ Practice

7.00pm Choir Practice Lower Vestry

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### Saturday 15 March

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### Sunday 16 March

8.00am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist Church

3.00pm Music Rehearsal Lower Vestry

6.00pm Taste & See Lower Vestry

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