

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Growth 2026

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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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in the Worcester South East Team**

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Sunday 2 August

Junior Church takes a break for the month of August, returning in September.

Prayer walk – Tuesday 4 August, 2pm, from Church

We continue to meet in Church for prayer, and conducting prayer walks around the parish, weather permitting.

Stay and Play – Tue 4th and Wed 5th August, 10am, St Martin's Church

These sessions are for children and families, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am-12pm. There will also be a Board Game café. Free, donations welcome.

The Bible Study group takes a break during August.

Summer Stories & Crafts – Thursdays, 10am at Whittington Church

These sessions for children aged 4-11 run from 10-11am, 6th & 13th August. See poster, or speak to Debra for more information.

Funeral for Elizabeth Yarker – Tuesday 11 August, at 2pm in Church

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

Organ Appeal – see back page for how to donate

We continue to appeal for donations towards the restoration of the organ, including the adopt a pipe campaign. Please see back page for how to donate.

Worcestershire Open Studios Art Week: Sat 22 – Mon 31 August

Venues across Worcester, including the Elizabethan Room, Whittington Church. Pick up a leaflet in Church, or visit worcestershireopenstudios.org

Worcester Festival: Friday 21st– Monday 31st August

The free Event Guide is now available at the back of church, do pick up a copy for details of exhibitions, events, concerts, tours and family fun in our city this summer.

We are hosting two events during the festival – our usual free Coffee Concert on **Saturday 22 August, at 10.30am**, with Les Filles Sauvages ladies choir, and a visiting vocal ensemble, Phoenix Consort, giving a concert entitled *The Road Home*, on **Sunday 31 August, at 5.30pm**. Details are on the concerts noticeboard.

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 Mike Bunclark**
Piano **John Swindells**

The Communion setting is by Hall-Johnson, (available from the Welcome Team).

Hymn NEH 374

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding-place,
My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

John Newton (1725-1807)

see pages 2-3 in the Order of Service

Collect Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the light and life of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Genesis 28.10-19a

A reading from the Book of Genesis

- 22 Jacob got up,
took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children,
and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.
23 He took them and sent them across the stream,
and likewise everything that he had.
24 Jacob was left alone;
and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.
25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob,
he struck him on the hip socket;
and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.
26 Then he said,
'Let me go, for the day is breaking.'
But Jacob said,
'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.'
27 So he said to him, 'What is your name?'
And he said, 'Jacob.'
28 Then the man said,
'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,
for you have striven with God and with humans,
and have prevailed.'
29 Then Jacob asked him,
'Please tell me your name.'
But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?'
And there he blessed him.
30 So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying,
'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.'
31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel,
limping because of his hip.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Second Reading Romans 9.1-5

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

- ¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying;
my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit.
- ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.
- ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed
and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people,
my kindred according to the flesh.
- ⁴ They are Israelites,
and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants,
the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;
- ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs,
and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah,
who is over all,
God blessed for ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn NEH 200

Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
Of our life's wild restless sea
Day by day his voice is sounding,
Saying, 'Christian follow me':

As of old Saint Andrew heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
Leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, 'Christian, love me more'.

In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these'.

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thy obedience,
Serve and love thee best of all.

Mrs C F Alexander (1818-95)

Gospel Matthew 14.13-21

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you O Lord

- ¹³ When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist,
he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself.
But when the crowds heard it,
they followed him on foot from the towns.
- ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd;
and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.
- ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said,
‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late;
send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages
and buy food for themselves.’
- ¹⁶ Jesus said to them,
‘They need not go away;
you give them something to eat.’
- ¹⁷ They replied,
‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’
- ¹⁸ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’
- ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.
Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven,
and blessed and broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
and the disciples gave them to the crowds.
- ²⁰ And all ate and were filled;
and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces,
twelve baskets full.
- ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men,
besides women and children.

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 272

All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be;
For we have not hope nor Saviour
If we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus! thou wilt give us
Strength to serve thee hour by hour:
None can move us from thy presence
While we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus! at thine altar
Thou dost give us sweet content;
There, dear Saviour, we receive thee
In thy holy sacrament.

All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,
All for Jesus! thou hast died,
All for Jesus! thou art with us,
All for Jesus, glorified!

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be,
Till at last the flock is gathered
One in love, and one in thee.

W J Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)

See pages 7-11 in the Order of Service

Then sing the acclamations after the words:

Great is the mystery of faith



The musical notation is written on a single staff in 3/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Dynamics are indicated above the staff: *mp* (mezzo-piano) for the first measure, *mf* (mezzo-forte) for the second, *f* (forte) for the third, and *p* (piano) for the final measure, which is marked with a decrescendo hairpin. The lyrics 'Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain -' are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

The Choir may sing an anthem

After Communion

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

See page 11 in the Order of Service

Final Hymn SP288 (Tune NEH 387 ???)

Like a mighty river flowing,
like a flower in beauty growing,
far beyond all human knowing
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the hills serene and even,
like the coursing clouds of heaven,
like the heart that's been forgiven
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the summer breezes playing,
like the tall trees softly swaying,
like the lips of silent praying
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the morning sun ascended,
like the scents of evening blended,
like a friendship never ended
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the azure ocean swelling,
like the jewel all-excelling,
far beyond our human telling
is the perfect peace of God.

Michael Perry (1942-1996)

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See page 12 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Voluntary in C – G F Handel (1685-1759)

Next week's readings: Genesis 37.1-28; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

**Board
Game
Café**

**Stay &
Play**

**FOR PARENTS AND TODDLERS
PLUS BOARD GAMES
FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN**
Refreshments by donation



**July
21 & 22
28 & 29**

**Tuesday &
Wednesday
10:00am-1:00pm**

**August
4 & 5
11&12**

YOU'RE
INVITED TO

iSingPOP FAMILY SUNDAY!

Sun 19 July & Sun 16 Aug

3:30-4.30pm

St Martin's Church

Every 3rd Sunday of the month

Sing iSingPOP songs

Explore Bible stories

Create awesome crafts

Make new friends

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Children's Stories and Crafts

Thurs
10am-11am

Whittington
Church

For ages
4-11



July
23 & 30

Aug
6 & 13



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	Erin
Charlie Bentley	Rosemary Dillingham		

The recently departed

Rachel Grubb Elizabeth Yarker

Anniversary of death

Jim Walker Audrey Walker Anthony Glossop

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

- Mon 3** **Jeremiah 28** **Matthew 14.13-end**
We pray for our government in these turbulent times of change, and uncertainty. We pray for wisdom and stability in the months ahead.
- Tue 4** **Jeremiah 30.1-22** **Matthew 1422-end**
We pray for the bereaved, and those grieving loss of all kinds.
We pray for the long-term sick, and those receiving palliative care.
- Wed 5** **Jeremiah 31.1-7** **Matthew 15.21-28**
We pray for areas of Europe experiencing extreme heat, wildfires, and unusual levels of incidents and accidents as a result.
- Thu 6** *Transfiguration of our Lord*
Daniel 7.9-14 **2 Peter 1.16-19** **Luke 9.28-36**
On this day marking the Transfiguration, we ask for a new vision of your glory, and reminders of your sovereignty and power.
- Fri 7** **Nahum 2.1 – 3.7** **Matthew 16.24-end**
Bless our choir members, and musicians, as they continue on lighter duties throughout August, or taking a complete break. Refresh them, and bless their personal worship, and time off.
- Sat 8** **Habakkuk 1.12 – 2.4** **Matthew 17.14-20**
Bless our clergy and ministry team, as they take rest and refreshment, and juggle the summer worship duties between them.

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 August

Sunday 2 August

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church

Monday 3 August

11.30am	Funeral of Rachel Grubb Church
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Tuesday 4 August

10.00am	Stay & Play and Board Games Café Church
2.00pm	Prayer Walk Meet in Church

Wednesday 5 August

10.00am	Stay & Play and Board Games Café Church No Bible Study
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Thursday 6 August

9.30am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Poplins Lower Vestry

Friday 7 August

Saturday 8 August

Sunday 9 August

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church No Choral Evensong

Please use this QR code to donate to our Organ Repair Appeal
Or donate directly into our Bank Account:

Ref: 'Organ Repair'
Name: St Martin with St Peter PCC
Sort: 40-52-40
Account: 00017149



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