

# St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



## Prayer & Growth 2026

SUNDAY 19 APRIL

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

### SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

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### OPENING HOURS

**CHURCH:** Monday to Friday 10am-3pm

**TEAM OFFICE:** Weekdays (except for Wednesday) 10am-1pm

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### 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](mailto:mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk)

Compline Monday to Friday at 8.30pm

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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## NOTICES

### **Sunday 19 April**

**Junior Church** takes place during the service downstairs for activities. Children leave the service after the Collect prayer, with a parent/carer.

**The APCM takes place at 11.15am after the service.** A few copies of the Agenda, Annual Report, and minutes of last year's APCM, are available at the back of Church.

### **Lent Appeal for USPG**

Many thanks for all donations received for our Appeal – a total will be communicated in due course. Donations still accepted today.

### **Prayer walk – Tuesday 21 April, 2pm**

The prayer group will be continuing prayer walks around the parish. This week they will be in Elmfield Gardens.

### **Coffee Concert – Saturday 25 April, 10.30am, Church**

A special song and poetry recital featuring local poet Tina Cole's poems, drawing on her reminiscences about growing up in the Black Country. John Swindells (our own Director of Music) has set some of the poems as songs. Some will be recited, and followed by John's piano improvisations. Alexis Hutchinson, *mezzo-soprano*, will also sing some other songs by Amy Beach, accompanied by the piano. Free entry, with donations to Worcestershire Headway. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes.

### **Church car parking - Monday 27 April**

The small Church car park will be closed on Monday 27 April to allow the council to make some amendments to the dropped pavement on Victoria Avenue.

### **Come and Sing Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> with WSO – Saturday 9 May, 7.30pm**

Well-known to St Martin's for its thrilling performances, our resident orchestra, the Worcestershire Symphony Orchestra, is bringing Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> 'Choral' Symphony to Worcester Cathedral. Conducted by Keith Slade, they will be joined by a 100-strong chorus of local singers, and soloists Claire Prewer *soprano*, Beth Lynch *mezzo-soprano*, Gareth Dafydd Morris *tenor* and John Lofthouse *baritone*. Tickets, £25-£10, U18s free, are available via *Ticketsource*.

Singers wishing to take part may sign up (£15), via *Eventbrite*. Rehearsals take place at St Martin's on Sunday 3 May at 2pm, Thursday 7 May at 7.30pm, and on the day.

### **Next Family Choir Practice – Friday 22 May, 3.30pm, Lower Vestry**

Unfortunately, the April Family Choir practice has had to be cancelled. Family Choir will next meet on Friday 22 May, to prepare for the service on Sunday 24 May.

## 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. The communion setting music for the service is also available from the Welcome Team.

Celebrant & Preacher   **Revd Peter Hart**  
Organ                   **Robin Walker**

The Communion setting is *The Mass of St Thomas* by David Thorne

### Hymn NEH 443

Rejoice, the Lord is King,  
Your Lord and King adore;  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*  
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains,  
He took his seat above:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*  
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

His kingdom cannot fail;  
He rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*  
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

He sits at God's right hand  
Till all his foes submit,  
And bow to his command,  
And fall beneath his feet:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*  
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

**See pages 1-3 in the Order of Service**

**Collect** Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

### **Junior Church Recessional**

One more step along the world I go,  
one more step along the world I go.  
From the old things to the new  
keep me travelling along with you.  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.*

*Sydney Carter (1915-2004)  
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### **First Reading Acts 2.14a, 36-41**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

- On the day of Pentecost,
- 14 Peter, standing with the eleven,  
raised his voice and addressed the crowd,
- 36 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty  
that God has made him both Lord and Messiah,  
this Jesus whom you crucified.'
- 37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart  
and said to Peter and to the other apostles,  
'Brothers, what should we do?'
- 38 Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you  
in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven;  
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- 39 For the promise is for you, for your children,  
and for all who are far away,  
everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.'
- 40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them,  
saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.'
- 41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized,  
and that day about three thousand persons  
were added to their number.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 116.1-6

*All sing the response after the Choir has sung it once,  
then after each section of verses.*

Response Colin Mawby

I will walk be - fore the Lord in the land of the  
liv - ing, the land of the liv - ing.

**All I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living,  
the land of the living.**

- 1 I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my | supplication;  
because he inclined his ear to me on the | day I called to him.
- 2 The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of | hell took hold of me;  
by grief and sorrow | was I held.

**All I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living,  
the land of the living.**

- 3 Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:  
'O Lord, I beg you, deli | ver my soul.'
- 4 Gracious is the | Lord and righteous;  
our God is full | of compassion.

**All I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living,  
the land of the living.**

- 5 The Lord watches o | ver the simple;  
I was brought very low | and he saved me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, | O my soul,  
for the Lord has been gra | cious to you.

**All I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living,  
the land of the living.**

## Second Reading | Peter I.17-23

A reading from the first Letter of Peter

- 17 If you invoke as Father  
the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds,  
live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.
- 18 You know that you were ransomed  
from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors,  
not with perishable things like silver or gold,  
19 but with the precious blood of Christ,  
like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.
- 20 He was destined before the foundation of the world,  
but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.
- 21 Through him you have come to trust in God,  
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,  
so that your faith and hope are set on God.
- 22 Now that you have purified your souls  
by your obedience to the truth  
so that you have genuine mutual love,  
love one another deeply from the heart.
- 23 You have been born anew,  
not of perishable but of imperishable seed,  
through the living and enduring word of God.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Gradual Hymn *NEH 463 (Tune ii: Newington)*

Thine for ever! God of love,  
Hear us from thy throne above;  
Thine for ever may we be  
Here and in eternity.

Thine for ever! O, how blest  
They who find in thee their rest!  
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,  
O defend us to the end.

Thine for ever! Lord of life,  
Shield us through our earthly strife;  
Thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,  
Guide us to the realms of day.

Thine for ever! thou our guide,  
All our wants by thee supplied,  
All our sins by thee forgiven,  
Led by thee from earth to heaven.

*Mary Maude (1819-1913)*

**Gospel**     Luke 24.13-35

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**

- 13 On that same day,  
two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus,  
about seven miles from Jerusalem,  
14 and talking with each other about all these things  
that had happened.  
15 While they were talking and discussing,  
Jesus himself came near and went with them,  
16 but their eyes were kept from recognising him.  
17 And he said to them,  
‘What are you discussing with each other  
while you walk along?’  
They stood still, looking sad.  
18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him,  
‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem  
who does not know the things  
that have taken place there in these days?’  
19 Jesus asked them, ‘What things?’  
They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth,  
who was a prophet mighty in deed and word  
before God and all the people,  
20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over  
to be condemned to death and crucified him.  
21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.  
Yes, and besides all this,  
it is now the third day since these things took place.  
22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us.  
They were at the tomb early this morning,  
23 and when they did not find his body there,  
they came back

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- and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.
- 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.’
- 25 Then he said to them,  
‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!
- 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’
- 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.
- 28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.
- 29 But they urged him strongly, saying,  
‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’
- So he went in to stay with them.
- 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
- 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight.
- 32 They said to each other,  
‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’
- 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.
- 34 They were saying,  
‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’
- 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you O Christ**

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

**Offertory Hymn NEH 105 (Tune ii: Wütemberg)**

Christ the Lord is risen again!  
Christ hath broken every chain!  
Hark, the angels shout for joy,  
Singing evermore on high,  
*Alleluya!*

He who gave for us his life,  
Who for us endured the strife,  
Is our Paschal Lamb to-day!  
We too sing for joy, and say  
*Alleluya!*

He who bore all pain and loss  
Comfortless upon the Cross,  
Lives in glory now on high,  
Pleads for us, and hears our cry.  
*Alleluya!*

He whose path no records tell,  
Who descended into hell;  
Who the strong man armed hath bound,  
And in highest heaven is crowned.  
*Alleluya!*

Now he bids us tell abroad  
How the lost may be restored,  
How the penitent forgiven,  
How we too may enter heaven.  
*Alleluya!*

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,  
Christ, to-day thy people feed;  
Take our sins and guilt away,  
That we all may sing for ay,  
*Alleluya!*

*Michael Weisse (c. 1480-1534)  
Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)*

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

**Anthem** Jesus is risen – Music: Tanzanian melody, arr. John L Bell (b 1949)  
with last verse arrangement and descant by David Iliff (1939-2024)  
Words: Bernard Kyamanywa, English version by John L Bell.

### **After Communion**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **Final Hymn NEH 107**

Good people all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King:  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluya!

The Lord of Life is risen for ay:  
Bring flowers of song to strew his way;  
Let people all rejoice and say:  
Alleluya!

Praise we in songs of victory  
That Love, that Life, which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluya!

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluya!

*Cyril Alington (1872-1955)*

**See page 13 in the Order of Service**

**Voluntary** Fantasie in G – J S Bach BWV 572 (1685-1750)

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**Next week's readings:** Acts 2.42-end; John 10.1-11

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# PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

## People in sickness or need

David Dale	Veronica	Stephen Clarke	Eglé Tumanova
Terry Dillingham	Ruth Kirwan	Gail Stone	Thelma Bushell
Phyllis Dillingham	Shirley Scott	Hannah Cocksworth	Robert Crean
Alison Houghton	Roderick Dovey	Rosemary Dillingham	

## For those in continued trouble

Marilyn Daly	Adam	Donna Vickers	Sheila Sergeant
Sandra Giles			

## The recently departed

Sue Jones

## Anniversary of death

Marian Thompson	John Stafford	Margaret Horsley	Derek Digger
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## DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

We pray for people whose work keeps us going, but are not taken notice of

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| <b>Mon 20</b> | <b>Acts 6.8-15</b>   | <b>John 6.22-29</b>                          |
|               | We pray for people who repair our roads.                         |  |
| <b>Tue 21</b> | <b>Acts 7.51 – 8.1</b>   | <b>John 6.30-35</b>                          |
|               | We pray for people who keep the railways and buses running.      |  |
| <b>Wed 22</b> | <b>Acts 8.1b-8</b>   | <b>John 6.35-40</b>                          |
|               | We pray for the water companies who ensure the water is good.    |  |
| <b>Thu 23</b> | <b>St George, patron saint of England</b>                        |  |
|               | <b>Revelation 12.7-12</b>  | <b>2 Timothy 2.3-13</b> <b>John 15.18-21</b> |
|               | We pray for those who deal with drains and their effluent.       |  |
| <b>Fri 24</b> | <b>Acts 9.1-12</b>   | <b>John 6.52-59</b>                          |
|               | We pray for refuse workers, and those who deal with our rubbish. |  |
| <b>Sat 25</b> | <b>Mark the Evangelist</b>                                       |  |
|               | <b>Acts 15.35-end</b>  | <b>Ephesians 4.7-16</b> <b>Mark 13.5-13</b>  |
|               | We pray for people working in all weathers to harvest produce.   |  |

## 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 18 April

3.30pm	Concert setup and rehearsal Church
7.00pm	Worcester Male Voice Choir Concert Church

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### Sunday 19 April

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church
11.15am	APCM Church

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### Monday 20 April

10.30am	Sustainable flowers workshop Church
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### Tuesday 21 April

1.15pm	Nunnery Wood Primary School visit Church
2.00pm	Prayer Group Lower Vestry

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### Wednesday 22 April

9.30am	Mainly Music Church
11.15am	Bible Study Lower Vestry

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### Thursday 23 April

9.30am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	PopIns Lower Vestry
7.30pm	WSO Rehearsal Church

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### Friday 24 April

1.00pm	ESO Rehearsal Church
5.30pm	Organ practice Church
7.00pm	Choir practice Lower Vestry

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### Saturday 25 April

10.30am	Coffee Concert Church
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### Sunday 26 April

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	All Together Eucharist Church
12.30pm	Baptism Church

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