

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Mission 2025

SUNDAY 18 MAY

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist
 10.00am Sung Eucharist

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

Hosted by Peter Hart pwhart1@aol.com

Compline Monday to Friday at 8.30pm

Hosted by Anne Bunclark mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk

Prayers for Peace & Justice on Saturdays at 4pm

Hosted by Joan Hazzard joanhazz@gmail.com



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NOTICES

Sunday 18 May

Junior Church meet as usual during our 10am service, leaving after the Collect prayer (with a parent/carer) to go downstairs for activities. However, when the children now leave to go to Junior Church, we will sing together a short song as they go. This song will change over the church year. *John/Debra*

Christian Aid Week: 11th-17th May

Please give generously using the red envelopes. Thank you to those who have delivered envelopes around the parish.

Plant Sale thanks

Thank you to all who helped with the Plant Sale, donated plants and cakes, and helped on the day. Thanks to those who came and bought - we have raised £781.63 so far, with more to come.

Elgar Festival rehearsal - Wednesday 21 May from 12.30pm

Please note that the Church is being used for an orchestral rehearsal for the Elgar Festival on Wednesday afternoon and evening, so please leave the car park available for them (and to avoid being blocked in).

Light Club - Thursday 22 May, 3.45pm - 5.00pm, Lower Vestry

Our children's group for Years 6 and over meets this week.

Coffee Concert - Saturday 24 May, 10.30am, Church

The massed ranks of the Worcester Male Voice Choir perform a wide range of music from Robbie Williams to Karl Jenkins, via traditional hymns and the Everly Brothers. Free entry, with donations to Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Charity.

Funeral of Marjorie Waters - Wednesday 28 May, 1.15pm at Hereford Crematorium. All Welcome.

Deanery Ascension Day Service - Thursday 29 May, 7.00pm, Hallow

A Holy Communion service will take place at St Philip & St James Church, Main Road, Hallow, WR2 6PW. Revd Andy Todd, the Diocesan Secretary, will be the preacher. All are welcome to this deanery gathering to share in worship, fellowship and refreshments. Car parking available at the Church.

Mothers' Union Strawberry Tea - Wednesday 4 June, 2.30pm

All are invited to the Strawberry Tea being held in the Lower Vestry. Please sign up if you would like to come to give Barbara an idea of numbers.

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, readings, 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.

Celebrant **Revd Peter Hart** Organ **John Swindells**

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

Hymn NEH 401

Light's abode, celestial Salem,
Vision whence true peace doth spring,
Brighter than the heart can fancy,
Mansion of the highest King;
O, how glorious are the praises
Which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
Alleluya is outpoured;
For unending, for unbroken
Is the feast-day of the Lord;
All is pure and all is holy
That within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud nor passing vapour
Dims the brightness of the air;
Endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
From the Sun of suns is there;
There no night brings rest from labour,
There unknown are toil and care.

Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run. Amen.

Translator: J M Neale (1880-66)

See pages 1-2 in the Order of Service

Gloria See words and music on the card

Collect Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen**

Junior Church Recessional (*all join in to sing twice through*)

This Little Light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This Little Light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This Little Light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Traditional

First Reading Genesis 22.1-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

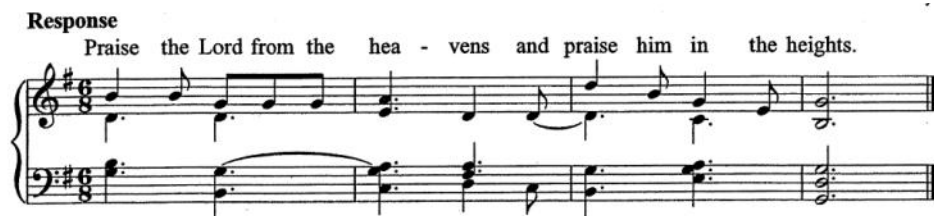
- ¹ After these things God tested Abraham.
He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.'
- ² He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love,
and go to the land of Moriah,
and offer him there as a burnt-offering
on one of the mountains that I shall show you.'
- ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey,
and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac;
he cut the wood for the burnt-offering,
and set out and went to the place in the distance
that God had shown him.
- ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.
- ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men,
'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there;
we will worship, and then we will come back to you.'
- ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering
and laid it on his son Isaac,
and he himself carried the fire and the knife.
So the two of them walked on together.

- ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!'
And he said, 'Here I am, my son.'
He said, 'The fire and the wood are here,
but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?'
- ⁸ Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.
- ⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him,
Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order.
He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar,
on top of the wood.
- ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand
and took the knife to kill his son.
- ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said,
'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.'
- ¹² He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him;
for now I know that you fear God,
since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.'
- ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram,
caught in a thicket by its horns.
Abraham went and took the ram
and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son.
- ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide',
as it is said to this day,
'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'
- ¹⁵ The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time
from heaven,
- ¹⁶ and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord:
Because you have done this,
and have not withheld your son, your only son,
- ¹⁷ I will indeed bless you,
and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven
and as the sand that is on the seashore.
And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies,
- ¹⁸ and by your offspring
shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing
for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Please join with the choir in singing the Psalm

Psalm 148.1-6 *All sing the response after the Choir has sung it once,
then after each section of verses.*



All Praise the Lord from the heavens, and praise him in the heights

- 1 Praise the Lord | from the heavens;
praise him | in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, | all you his angels;
praise him, | all his host.

All Praise the Lord from the heavens, and praise him in the heights

- 3 Praise him, | sun and moon;
praise him, all you | stars of light.
- 4 Praise him, hea | ven of heavens,
and you waters a | bove the heavens.

All Praise the Lord from the heavens, and praise him in the heights

- 5 Let them praise the name | of the Lord,
for he commanded and they | were created.
- 6 He made them fast for e | ver and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not | pass away.

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Second Reading Acts 11.1-18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

- ¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea
heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God.
- ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem,
the circumcised believers criticized him, saying
- ³ ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’
- ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,

- ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision.
There was something like a large sheet
coming down from heaven,
being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.
- ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey,
reptiles, and birds of the air.
- ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat."
- ⁸ But I replied, "By no means, Lord;
for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth."
- ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven,
"What God has made clean, you must not call profane."
- ¹⁰ This happened three times;
then everything was pulled up again to heaven.
- ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea,
arrived at the house where we were.
- ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them
and not to make a distinction between them and us.
These six brothers also accompanied me,
and we entered the man's house.
- ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel
standing in his house and saying,
"Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter;
¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you
and your entire household will be saved."
- ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them
just as it had upon us at the beginning.
- ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said,
"John baptised with water,
but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."
- ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us
when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ,
who was I that I could hinder God?
- ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced.
And they praised God, saying,
'Then God has given even to the Gentiles
the repentance that leads to life.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn SP 75

All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord,
Forever he will be the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,
Who once was slain to reconcile the world to God.
Forever you will be the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.

Noel Richards (b 1955) & Tricia Richards (b 1960)
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Gospel John 13.31-35

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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

- ³¹ During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said,
'Now the Son of Man has been glorified,
and God has been glorified in him.
- ³² If God has been glorified in him,
God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.
- ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer.
You will look for me;
and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you,
"Where I am going, you cannot come."
- ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.
- ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.'

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 496 (Tune: NEH 354 Melita)

O Christ the Lord, O Christ the King,
Who wide the gates of death didst fling,
Whose place upon creation's throne
By Easter triumph was made known,
Rule now on earth from realms above,
Subdue the nations by thy love.

Lord, vindicate against our greed
The weak, whose tears thy justice plead;
Thy pity, Lord, on those who lie
Broken by war and tyranny;
Show them the cross which thou didst bear,
Give them the power that conquered there.

Let those whose pride usurps thy throne
Acknowledge thou art Lord alone;
Cause those whose lust torments mankind
Thy wrath to know, thy mercy find;
Make all the rebel world proclaim
The mighty power of thy blest name.

So shall creation's bondage cease,
Its pangs of woe give birth to peace;
And all the earth, redeemed by thee,
Shall know a glorious liberty:
O haste the time, make short the days
Till all our cries dissolve in praise!

R T Brooks (1918-85)

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*See pages 7-12 in the Order of Service, joining in the sung sections from the card
(Acclamation I will be used)*

Anthem I give to you a new commandment - Peter Nardone (b 1965)

I give to you a new commandment,
a new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another, as I have loved you.

Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Text from John 13.34 &

Maundy Thursday liturgy

After Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

See page 12 in the Order of Service

Final Hymn

To God be the glory, great things he has done,
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. *Praise the Lord...*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see. *Praise the Lord...*

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

See page 13 in the Order of Service

Voluntary March and Scherzetto from Richard III

- William Walton (1902-1983)

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Next Week's Readings: Acts 16.9-15; John 5.1-9

PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

Sandra Giles

Veronica

Peter Fisher

David Dale

Marilyn Daly

Gillian Miles

Mike Bunclark

Hannah Cocksworth

Eleanor Murfitt

For those in continued trouble

Jo Menagh

Adam

Chris Dale

Donna Vickers

Valerie Castle

Sheila Sergeant

Roderick Dovey

The recently departed

Derek Digger

Brian Penney

Marjorie Waters

Anniversary of death

Malcolm Stears

Kath Owens

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 19 Acts 14.5-18

John 14.21-26

As exams continue, we think of all the pupils taking them, and their parents and school staff supporting them. May they be helped to deliver the performance for which they are really capable.

Tue 20 Acts 14.19-end

John 14.27-end

We pray for all those working in the health and care sectors. May they meet the challenges that they face every day, and help their patients receive the best possible outcomes.

Wed 21 Acts 15.1-6

John 15.1-81

As mankind's behaviour continues to damage your world with its wonderful variety of nature, we pray that we will learn how to lessen our impact on it, so that we will leave it in a better state than that we inherited.

Thu 22 Acts 15.7-21

John 15.9-11

We pray for the community in which we live, and think of how we can help it. We remember Poplms taking place today, and all those who help, and attend it.

Fri 23 Acts 15.22-31

John 15.12-17

We pray for peace in your world, and that the seemingly endless conflicts in Africa, Kashmir and the Middle East will come to an end. We pray that the war in Ukraine may find a fair and peaceful conclusion.

Sat 24 Acts 16.1-10

John 15.18-21

We pray for all the voluntary organisations in this city, which help those at the fringes of society who so often suffer discrimination. We pray that they may get the support and assistance they deserve.

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 17 May

8.30am	Elgar Festival Set up Church
10.00am	Elgar Festival Come & Play Church (until 5pm)

Sunday 18 May

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church
3.00pm	Music rehearsal Lower Vestry

Monday 19 May

Tuesday 20 May

Wednesday 21 May

9.30am	Mainly Music Church
11.15am	Bible Study Lower Vestry
12.30pm	ESO Setup Church
2.00pm	ESO Rehearsal Church (until 9pm)

Thursday 22 May

9.30am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	PopIns Lower Vestry
1.15pm	Children & Families Committee
3.45pm	Light Club Lower Vestry
7.30pm	WSO Rehearsal Church

Friday 23 May

6.00pm	Organ Practice Church
7.00pm	Choir Practice Lower Vestry

Saturday 24 May

10.30am	Coffee Concert Church
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Sunday 25 May

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	All Together Eucharist Church
