

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



SUNDAY 15 MAY

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist
6.00pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 9.30am Said Eucharist

OPENING HOURS

CHURCH: *Monday to Friday 10am - 4.30pm*

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

It is preferred that visits to the office are made by appointment

ZOOM SERVICES THIS WEEK

(please contact the host to join the mailing list)

Morning Prayer Monday to Friday at 8.30am

Compline Monday to Friday at 8.30pm

Hosted by Mike Bunclark mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk

Monday prayer meeting 4.00pm (*1st, 3rd & 5th Monday of month*)

Prayers for Peace & Justice Saturday at 12noon

Hosted by Joan Hazzard joanhazz@gmail.com



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in the Worcester South East Team**

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NOTICES

Christian Aid Week 15 - 21 May 2022

Please make your donations using the red envelopes in Church. For information about Christian Aid week and current appeals, see the posters in Church, or you can visit the website at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals>

Plant Sale thanks

Thank you for all gifts of plants and seedlings, cakes and buns, and to all who came to buy. Total raised to be announced next week.

Flower Club - Monday 16 May, 10.00am in the Lower Vestry

Join us tomorrow when we will be making long table arrangements. All welcome.

Tiny Tunes 6th Birthday Concert - Monday 23 May, 10.30am, Church

Popular singing duo Hannah Davey and Victoria Jess share some of the songs that they love to sing to their own children - and help us to celebrate the birthday of Tiny Tunes. There will be special birthday biscuits and balloons for all the children. If you'd like to help, we could always use any extra pair of hands, and some puff to blow up the balloons! Have a word with Shirley.

Deanery Ascension Day Service - Thursday 26 May, 7.00pm in Church

All are welcome to this special celebration. See *page 9*.

Coffee Concert for the WOW Appeal - Saturday 28 May, 10.15am

Cellist Lizzie Heighway (née Grew) gave our very first Coffee Concert with her string quartet in September 2012! She returns this month with her dad and husband for a programme of music for clarinet, cello and piano, and they have kindly offered to support St Martin's WOW Appeal. Free entry, donations requested.

Worcester Male Voice Choir Charity Concert - Saturday 28 May, 7.00pm

Tickets are available for this joint fundraising concert between WMVC and St Martin's - supporting St Richard's Hospice, Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Charity and our own WOW Appeal. Please see Rebecca during office hours, or ask Shirley on Sunday. Terry Dillingham is also running a raffle for the WOW Appeal, to be drawn at the concert, and would be grateful for any offers of prizes.

Platinum Jubilee Street Party - Sunday 5 June, 3-5pm, in Church

Do book your tickets for this, either from Rebecca or Barbara - see *page 10*.

Threads through Creation - daily until 5th June, Worcester Cathedral

Visit this breath-taking exhibition of twelve enormous, embroidered silk panels that explore the story of Creation. Inspired by the first pages of the Bible, textile artist Jacqui Parkinson re-imagines an amazing story in brilliant silks, dazzling metallic leathers and gold leaf – and more than eight million stitches!

10.00AM SUNG EUCHARIST

The **Order of Service** is in a separate booklet, and 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. The setting of the Eucharist this morning is *The Mass of St Thomas* by David Thorne, music copies are available from the sidespeople. If you would like a kneeler, please also ask a sidesperson.

Celebrant & Preacher **Revd Andy Stand**
Organ **John Swindells**

*The service starts with The Gathering in the Order of Service
Please stand at the entry of the ministers*

Hymn *NEH 401*

Light's abode, celestial Salem,
Vision dear whence 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.

From the Latin: Jerusalem luminosa, translated by J M Neale (1818-66)

See pages 1-2 in the Order of Service

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 sin 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,
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**

First Reading Acts 11.1-18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

- ¹ 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,
- ³ saying, '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

Second Reading Revelation 21.1-6

A reading from the Book of Revelation

- ¹ I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven
and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.
- ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of
heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
- ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

- Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain
will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’
- ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said,
‘See, I am making all things new.’
Also he said,
‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’
- ⁶ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.’

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn NEH 369

Happy are they, they that love God,
Whose hearts have Christ confest,
Who by his Cross have found their life,
And 'neath his yoke their rest.

Glad is the praise, sweet are the songs,
When they together sing;
And strong the prayers that bow the ear
Of heaven's eternal King.

Christ to their homes giveth his peace,
And makes their loves his own:
But ah, what tares the evil one
Hath in his garden sown!

Sad were our lot, evil this earth,
Did not its sorrows prove
The path whereby the sheep may find
The fold of Jesu's love.

Then shall they know, they that love him,
How all their pain is good;
And death itself cannot unbind
Their happy brotherhood.

Charles Coffin (1676-1749)

Gospel John 13.31-35

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

See pages 5-6 in the Order of Service

Offertory Hymn 496 (Tune: 354) (A collection is taken during the hymn)

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
Oppressed 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 wracks humankind
Thy wrath to know, thy mercy find;
Make all the rebel world proclaim
The mighty power of thy blest name.

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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

Choir anthem - I give you a new commandment - *Peter Nardone*

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

Post 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 SP75

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.

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See page 13 in the Order of Service

Voluntary March and Scherzetto from Richard III

William Walton (1902-1983)

6.00pm EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 98

Readings Daniel 6.1-23; Mark 15.46-16.8



Kingdom People

love · compassion · justice · freedom

Worcester Deanery Celebration for

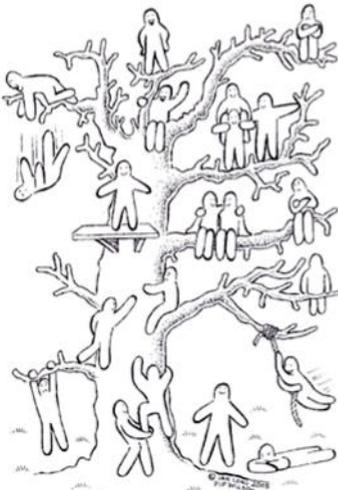
Ascension Day

Thursday 26th May at 7pm

St Martin's Church

London Road, WR5 2ED

People from all over
Worcester & Droitwich
coming together
to celebrate ministry
in all shapes and sizes!



*including a chance to
sample the
Platinum
Pudding as we
mark the upcoming
Jubilee celebrations*



The Queen's Platinum
Jubilee Celebration

Sunday 5 June

3–5pm

You are invited to



A Street Party in the Church!

singing • dancing • entertainment
games • competitions • food

Tickets: adults £5, children £2.50

available from Barbara Richards

or Rebecca in the Team Office

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PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH

People in sickness or need

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| Adam | Gaye Smallman | Sheila Treacher | Michael Wood |
| Jacob Kevis | Pam Walker | Bill East | Nigel Doyle |
| Meg Melvin | Claud Knight | | |

For those in continued trouble

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| Chris Bailey | Jo Menagh | Chris Dale |
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The recently departed Barbara Beach Diane Holt

Anniversary of death Malcolm Stears

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Monday 16

Acts 14.5-18

John 14.21-26

We pray for all refugees, particularly from Ukraine, many of whom will have been traumatised by what they have seen. We pray for healing of their minds and bodies, and interpreters to smooth language difficulties with kindness.

Tuesday 17

Acts 14.19-end

John 14.27-end

We pray for an easing of supply issues of necessary drugs, helping people to continue their course of treatment. We pray for all pharmacists as they struggle with the present situation.

Wednesday 18

Acts 15.1-6

John 15.1-8

We pray for all who have caught or may suffer with Covid. Give them patience with the duration of sickness, and the after-effects, as they attempt to regain normality.

Thursday 19

Acts 15.7-21

John 15.9-11

We pray for those in financial hardship, and that they may be guided to manageable remedies to ease their burden.

Friday 20

Acts 15.22-31

John 15.12-17

We pray for peace and security everywhere, and for a softening of the hearts of those in power, so that there is a radical change to all cultures rooted in violence.

Saturday 21

Acts 16.1-10

John 15.18-21

We pray for those who have been unjustly imprisoned, and for their families. We pray for quick and unconditional release of those detained for reasons of religion, belief or conscience.

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.

Zoom services are listed on the front cover of this Bulletin.

Saturday 14 May

- 10.00am Plant Sale and Coffee Morning *Church and grounds*
 - 2.00pm Setup/Rehearsal *Church*
 - 7.30pm WSO Concert *Church*
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Sunday 15 May

- 8.00am Said Eucharist *Church*
 - 10.00am Sung Eucharist *Church*
 - 2.00pm Baptism (for Ronkswood) *Church*
 - 6.00pm Evening Prayer *Church*
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Monday 16 May

- 10.00am Flower Club *Lower Vestry*
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Tuesday 17 May

Wednesday 18 May

- 9.30am Mainly Music *Church*
 - 11.00am Bible Study Group *Lower Vestry*
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Thursday 19 May

- 9.30am Said Eucharist *Church*
 - 10.00am PopIns *Lower Vestry*
 - 7.30pm WSO Rehearsal *Church*
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Friday 20 May

- 2.30pm Piano Tuning *Church*
 - 6.00pm Organ Practice *Church*
 - 7.00pm Choir Practice *Church*
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Saturday 21 May
