

# St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



## Prayer & Growth 2026

**SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY**

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

### SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday 8.00am</b>	<b>Said Eucharist</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>All Together Eucharist</b>
<b>12.45pm</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
<b>Wednesday 7.00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Thursday 9.30am</b>	<b>Said Eucharist</b>

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### OPENING HOURS

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

**TEAM OFFICE:** Monday, Thursday, Friday 10-1pm

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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)*

*\*Including Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays during Lent*

**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 22 February**

The Family Choir join us today to help lead our worship, and will lead us in a new version of the Kyrie.

**Our Lent Appeal begins today for USPG** - donations can be made using the envelopes and placing them in the red bucket, or payment via the card machine. The missionary committee will have cakes and jams available after the Sunday morning services during Lent – all donations to the Lent Appeal.

### **Refugees and Asylum Seekers *What's going on?* – Monday 23 Feb, 7.30pm**

Come and find out about life for refugees and asylum seekers in our communities, and think about our response as Christians. Three sessions taking place around the Diocese, including at St Martin's on Monday 23 February, at 7.30pm. See poster.

### **Lent services and activities at St Martin's from Monday 23 February:**

**Tuesdays at 2pm** - Prayer walks around the Parish of St Martin's.

**Wednesdays at 11.15am** - Bible Study and prayer meeting in the Lower Vestry.

**Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 7.00pm in Church** - there will also be an opportunity to join Stations of the Cross & Compline on Zoom at 8.30pm. In Church, each Station will be accompanied by a live organ improvisation by our Director of Music. The theme used each week will be found in NEH 516a, which is the traditional chant of the veneration of the cross from the Good Friday liturgy.

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

### **Forest Church - Sunday 1 March, 3.30pm, Whittington Churchyard**

We will be considering the abundance of life in God's good creation, the life of early spring and how to listen to one another, how to care for God's creation, and to share all the good that God has provided.

### **Next Family Choir Practice - Friday 13 March, 3.30pm, Lower Vestry**

The Family Choir will prepare for the All Together Eucharist service for Mothering Sunday 15 March, when Bishop Martin will also be joining us. Speak to John Swindells, or contact the Office if you'd like to join the Family Choir.

**Saturday 28 February, from 9.30am until 12 noon** - St Matthew's Church site working party, in Lichfield Avenue, Ronkswood. Penny would be grateful for any help to tidy the church site, pick litter, tend plant pots etc. Please wear sturdy shoes/boots and, and bring own tools/gloves. Refreshments available - thank you.

### **Val would appreciate help in rehoming a Woodchester upright acoustic piano.**

For details, including photographs and exact location in Bever, please see Val (usually at Thursday Popins!) or email [val.jackman@outlook.com](mailto:val.jackman@outlook.com)

**The Team Office will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday this week.**

## 10.00AM ALL TOGETHER 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**  
Piano & Organ            **John Swindells & Matt Gardner**

### FIRST SONG *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)*

**See pages 1-2 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** Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

A reading from the Book of Genesis

- 15 The Lord God took the man  
and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.  
16 And the Lord God commanded the man,  
‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;  
17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat,  
for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’  
1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal  
that the Lord God had made.  
He said to the woman, ‘Did God say,  
“You shall not eat from any tree in the garden”?’  
2 The woman said to the serpent,  
‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;  
3 but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree  
that is in the middle of the garden,  
nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”’  
4 But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die;  
5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened,  
and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’  
6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food,  
and that it was a delight to the eyes,  
and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise,  
she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her  
husband, who was with her, and he ate.  
7 Then the eyes of both were opened,  
and they knew that they were naked;  
and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## SECOND SONG *led by the Family Choir*

*Choir only* Have you heard the raindrops drumming on the roof tops?  
Have you heard the raindrops dripping on the ground?  
Have you heard the raindrops splashing in the streams  
and running to the rivers all around?

*There's water, water of life,  
Jesus gives us the water of life;  
there's water, water of life,  
Jesus gives us the water of life.*

*All* There's a busy workman digging in the desert,  
Digging with a spade that flashes in the sun;  
Soon there will be water rising in the well-shaft  
Spilling from the bucket as it comes. *There's water ...*

Nobody can live who hasn't any water,  
When the land is dry, then nothing much grows;  
Jesus gives us life if we drink the living water,  
Sing it so that everybody knows. *There's water ...*

*Christian Strover  
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## Gospel Matthew 4.1-11

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



*All* Glo-ry to you O Lord

- <sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.
- <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.'

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- 4 But he answered, 'It is written,  
"One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
- 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city  
and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him,
- 6 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down;  
for it is written,  
"He will command his angels concerning you,"  
and "On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"
- 7 Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written,  
"Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
- 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain  
and showed him  
all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour;
- 9 and he said to him, 'All these I will give you,  
if you will fall down and worship me.'
- 10 Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan!  
for it is written,  
"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"
- 11 Then the devil left him,  
and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord



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Praise to you O Christ

***The Sermon follows, then see pages 4-5 in the Order of Service***

### THIRD SONG

When God Almighty came to earth  
He took the pain of Jesus' birth,  
He took the flight of refugee,  
And whispered, "Humbly follow me."

When God Almighty went to work,  
Carpenter's sweat he didn't shirk,  
Profit and loss he didn't flee,  
And whispered, "Humbly follow me."

When God Almighty walked the street,  
The critic's curse he had to meet,  
The cynic's smile he had to see,  
And whispered, "Humbly follow me."

When God Almighty met his folk,  
Of peace and truth he boldly spoke  
To set the slave and tyrant free,  
And whispered, "Humbly follow me."

When God Almighty took his place  
To save the sometimes human race,  
He took it boldly on a tree,  
And whispered, "Humbly follow me."

When God Almighty comes again,  
He'll meet us incognito as then;  
And though no words may voice his plea,  
He'll whisper, "Are you following me?"

*John L Bell (b 1949)*  
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**See pages 6-8 in the Order of Service  
and join in singing the opening of the Eucharistic prayer here (Sursum Corda):**

The musical notation is presented on two staves. The first staff is divided into four sections: the first two are for the Priest and the last two for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord is here - His Spi - rit is with us. Lift up your hearts we lift them to the Lord -". The second staff is also divided into two sections: the first for the Priest and the second for the People. The lyrics are: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God - It is right to give him thanks and praise".

**See pages 8-11 in the Order of Service**

*A hymn or anthem may be sung by the Choir*

### **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 9 in the Order of Service**

### **FOURTH SONG**

When a knight won his spurs in the stories of old,  
He was gentle and brave, he was gallant and bold;  
With a shield on his arm and a lance in his hand,  
For God and for valour he rode through the land.

No charger have I, and no sword by my side,  
Yet still to adventure and battle I ride,  
Though back into storyland giants have fled,  
And the knights are no more and the dragons are dead.

Let faith be my shield and let joy be my steed  
'Gainst the dragons of anger, the ogres of greed;  
And let me set free, with the sword of my youth  
From the castle of darkness, the power of the truth.

*Jan Struther (1901-1953)*  
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**See page 9 in the Order of Service**

### **Voluntary**

*Hymns and music reproduced under CCLII 145602*

# LENT GATHERINGS

## REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS - WHAT'S GOING ON?

Come and find out about life for refugees and asylum seekers in our communities, and think about our response as Christians.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 7:30pm**

Revd Peter Hart at St Martin's Church, London Road

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2:00pm**

Revd Lindsay Coulthard at St Stephen's Church, Barbourne

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 7:00pm**

Revd Phil Bradford at St John's in Bedwardine Church



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# **The Season of Lent in the Worcester South East Team**



## **Through the Week:**

***Stations of the Cross & Compline \****

***Wednesdays from 25 February, 7.00pm  
at St Martin's Church***

***Prayer Walks around St Martin's Parish***

***Tuesdays from 24 February, 2pm from Church***

***Lent Group led by Revd Andy Stand***

***Tuesdays from 3 March, 2.30pm***

***The Vicarage, 11 Jasmine Close, St Peter's, WR5 3LU***

***Lent Bible Study & Prayer Group led by Peter Hart***

***Wednesdays from 25 February, 11.15am***

***Lower Vestry, St Martin's Church***

***Stations of the Cross & Compline also on Zoom at 8.30pm,  
contact Mike Bunclark for joining details [mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk)***



# 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 21 February

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## Sunday 22 February

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	All Together Eucharist Church
12.45pm	Baptism Church

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## Monday 23 February

7.30pm	Refugees and Asylum seekers Church
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## Tuesday 24 February

2.00pm	Prayer Group Lower Vestry
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## Wednesday 25 February

9.30am	Mainly Music Church
11.15am	Bible Study Lower Vestry
7.00pm	Stations of the Cross Church

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## Thursday 26 February

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

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## Friday 27 February

5.30pm	Organ Practice Church
7.00pm	Choir Practice Lower Vestry

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## Saturday 28 February

10.30am	Coffee Concert Church
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## Sunday 1 March

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church

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