

# St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



## Prayer & Mission 2025

**SUNDAY 6 APRIL**

**PASSION SUNDAY**

### SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am	Said Eucharist
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Tuesday 7.00pm	Stations of the Cross & Compline
Thursday 9.30am	Said Eucharist

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### OPENING HOURS

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

**TEAM OFFICE:** Weekdays (except 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
Compline	Monday to Friday at 8.30pm <i>(including Stations of the Cross on Tuesdays)</i>

*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

### **Forest Church - Sunday 6 April, 3.30pm, Whittington Churchyard**

In the upcoming Easter season we all know about eggs, but how often do we think about the birds that lay the eggs? Today's Forest Church is all about birds, all things feathery and eggy; creatures that fly, nest and tweet, and all that they can tell us about God's good creation and how not to worry.

**Lent Appeal** - Please give to the Bible Society using the envelopes, or by card.

### **Prayer Walks this week - Monday at 11am, and Tuesday at 2pm**

Meet at Church for Prayer Walks around the Parish. This week we will be praying for London Road, St Dunstan's Crescent, and surrounding streets.

### **St Mark's Quiz Night - Saturday 12 April, 7pm for 7.30pm**

All welcome to St Mark's Church Hall for this fun event. Donation of £3 per person much appreciated (accompanied U16s free).

### **Palm Sunday - Sunday 13 April at 10am**

Next Sunday we will follow our custom of a Palm Sunday Procession, *which will begin in the Undercroft*, then process round the outside of the Church. Please assemble in Church as usual, then move into the Lower Vestry at 9.55am, either using the main staircase or going outside and entering by the Office door.

### **Electoral Roll Renewal - complete and return by Sunday 13 April**

Everyone wishing to be on the Roll must complete a new form. Forms (available at the back of Church) should be returned either to the labelled box at the back of Church, to the Team Office, to Julia, or to Angela, no later than next Sunday.

**The APCM is on Sunday 4 May at 11.15am.** Nomination forms for vacancies on the PCC will be available in Church next Sunday.

### **Easter Craft Event - Saturday 19 April, 2-4pm, Church**

An afternoon for children and their parent/carers. Come and make Easter crafts to decorate Church and home. Entry by donation, refreshments provided.

### **VE Celebration Tea Party - Saturday 3 May, 2pm - 4pm, Church**

We are holding a special tea party in the Church to mark VE Day, with food, fun and entertainment for all the family. Tickets: adults £5, children £2.50. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church by **Sunday 20 April** if you'd like to come.

### **Rob Farmer's last service (and leaving gift) - Sunday 27 April, 10.00am**

Rob's last service is on Sunday 27 April at 10.00am in Perry Wood School Hall, St Alban's Close, WR5 1PP, to which all are welcome. Refreshments (optional 'bring and share') will be served afterwards. Any contributions towards a leaving gift from the Team can be given to Angela, or the Team Office.

A service will still be held at St Martin's on the 27th April, when we will mark Peter & Beverley's Ruby Wedding Anniversary with cake and wine.

### **Church opening hours - Weekdays, 10-3pm, until further notice**

We will not be reverting to our custom of longer opening hours for summer.

## 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, please ask a member of the Welcome Team.

Celebrant & Preacher  
Organ

**Revd Mike Bunclark**  
**John Swindells**

Please refer to the music and words for the music setting by Bach, available from the Welcome Team.

### **Hymn SP 316**

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice,  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he would not own.

There is plentiful redemption  
through the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.

*Second half of tune:*

If our love were but more simple,  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be all gladness  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

*Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)*

See pages 2-4 in the Order of Service

**Collect** Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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 forever. **Amen.**

**First Reading** Isaiah 43.16-21

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

- <sup>16</sup> Thus says the Lord,  
who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading** Philippians 3.4b-14

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

- <sup>4</sup> If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:  
<sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day,  
a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin,  
a Hebrew born of Hebrews;  
as to the law, a Pharisee;  
<sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church;  
as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

- 7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss  
because of Christ.
- 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss  
because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.  
For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things,  
and I regard them as rubbish,  
in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him,  
9 not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law,  
but one that comes through faith in Christ,  
the righteousness from God based on faith.
- 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection  
and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,  
11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
- 12 Not that I have already obtained this  
or have already reached the goal;  
but I press on to make it my own,  
because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
- 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own;  
but this one thing I do:  
forgetting what lies behind  
and straining forward to what lies ahead,  
14 I press on towards the goal  
for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Gradual Hymn NEH 385**

Jesu, the very thought of thee  
With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far thy face to see,  
And in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
Nor can the memory find,  
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,  
O Saviour of mankind!

O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall, how kind thou art!  
How good to those who seek!

*/Continued...*

But what to those who find? Ah, this  
Nor tongue nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus, what it is  
None but his loved ones know.

Jesu, our only joy be thou,  
As thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesu, be thou our glory now,  
And through eternity.

*Translated by Edward Caswell (1814-78)*

## **Gospel John 12.1-8**

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

*Please join the Choir in the sung Gospel Acclamations*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John



Glo-ry to you O Lord

- <sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.
- <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.
- <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.
- <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said,
- <sup>5</sup> 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?'
- <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

- <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, 'Leave her alone.  
She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.
- <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you,  
but you do not always have me.'

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 84**

It is a thing most wonderful,  
Almost too wonderful to be,  
That God's own Son should come from heaven,  
And die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:  
He chose a poor and humble lot,  
And wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died  
For love of those who loved him not.

But even could I see him die,  
I could but see a little part  
Of that great love, which, like a fire,  
Is always burning in his heart.

It is most wonderful to know  
His love for me so free and sure;  
But 'tis more wonderful to see  
My love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord;  
O light the flame within my heart,  
And I will love thee more and more,  
Until I see thee as thou art.

*W Walsham How (1823-97)*

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

Please join in singing the opening of the Eucharistic prayer (*Sursum Corda*)

PRIEST                      PEOPLE                      PRIEST                      PEOPLE

The Lord is here - His Spi - rit is with us. Lift up your hearts we lift them to the Lord -

PRIEST                      PEOPLE

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God - It is right to give him thanks and praise

### **Anthem - O Saviour of the world - John Goss (1800-80)**

O Saviour of the World,  
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us.  
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee,  
O Lord. Amen.

*Book of Common Prayer*

### **After Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

See page 13 in the Order of Service

### **Final Hymn**

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
all this world reveres, and wars to own,  
all I once thought gain I have counted loss  
spent and worthless now, compared to this.

*Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, you're the best, you're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love you Lord.*



Now my heart's desire is to know you more,  
to be found in you and known as yours.  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
all surpassing gift of righteousness.  
*Knowing you, Jesus ...*

Oh, to know the pow'r of your risen life,  
and to know you in your sufferings.  
To become like you in your death, my Lord,  
so with you to live and never die.  
*Knowing you, Jesus ...*

Graham Kendrick (b 1950)  
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**Voluntary** Fugue in F minor, BWV 534 - JS Bach (1685-1750)

*Hymns reproduced under CCLI 1145602*

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**Next Week's Readings:** Isaiah 43.16-21; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8

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# FOREST CHURCH

An outdoor service for children  
(age 0 -11) and their families

**Sunday 6 April, 3.30pm**  
Whittington Churchyard

*This month's Forest Church is all about birds, all things feathery and eggy;  
creatures that fly, nest and tweet, and all that they can tell us  
about God's good creation and how not to worry.*

If you would like to come, please email [revrichwood@gmail.com](mailto:revrichwood@gmail.com)

# Holy Week and Easter Services

## Palm Sunday 13 April

8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist with Procession of Palms

6.00pm Choral Evensong with music for Holy Week  
*for choir and congregation*

## Monday 14 April

7.00pm Compline \*

## Tuesday 15 April

7.00pm Stations of the Cross *followed by Compline \**

## Wednesday 16 April

7.00pm Compline \*

## Maundy Thursday 17 April

9.30am Said Eucharist

7.30pm Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper  
*with Stripping of the Altars and Watch until 11pm*

## Good Friday 18 April

12 noon An Hour before the Cross

## Easter Day - Sunday 20 April

5.30am Service of Light & Dawn Eucharist *followed by breakfast*

8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist with Procession  
*followed by refreshments and Easter eggs for all!*

\* Also on Zoom at 8.30pm - contact Parish Office for login details



# PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

## People in sickness or need

Roderick Dovey	Sandra Giles	Sheila Sergeant	Veronica
Peter Fisher	David Dale	Marilyn Daly	Gillian Miles
Phil Welling			

## The recently departed

Jeanette Summer    Canon John Paul Hoskins

## Anniversary of death

John Wilson	Pam Dale	Jean Hadley	Roy Dyson
Eva-Mary Greaves	Tim Shirley		

*Diocesan Prayer Diaries are now available to pick up at the back of Church*

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## DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

### Mon 7    **Joshua 2.1-14**

### **John 8.1-11**

We pray that those in our Parish and community are encouraged by our prayers for them during Lent, and feel welcome to reconnect with the Church over Holy Week and Easter.

### Tue 8    **Numbers 21.4-9**

### **John 8.21-30**

We pray for our local schools, the children, teachers, and the families they represent, as they celebrate Easter at school services this week.

### Wed 9    **Daniel 3.14-28**

### **John 8.31-42**

We pray for those known to us adjusting to the shock of a difficult health diagnosis, an unexpected trauma or a sudden bereavement. Lord, be their peace and solace at this challenging time.

### Thu 10    **Genesis 17.3-9**

### **John 8.51-end**

We pray for our government leaders and advisors as they work for the good of our country, and aim to establish beneficial relationships with our international partners and other countries.

### Fri 11    **Jeremiah 20.10-13**

### **John 10.31-end**

We pray for clergy, lay ministers, musicians and children's workers as they prepare for special Easter services and events. Bless their ministry, Lord, and may it bear fruit in furthering the good news of the gospel.

### Sat 12    **Ezekiel 37.21-end**

### **John 11.45-end**

We thank you for the reminders of hope and new life in nature all around us. May we remember our Creator, who is the giver of new life.

## 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 5 April

10.00am	Concert setup <i>Church</i>
11.00am	Severn Arts Coffee Concert & rehearsals <i>Church</i>
7.00pm	Severn Arts Concert <i>Church</i>

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### Sunday 6 April

8.00am	Said Eucharist <i>Church</i>
10.00am	Sung Eucharist <i>Church</i>
3.00pm	Music Rehearsal <i>Lower Vestry</i>
3.30pm	Forest Church <i>Whittington Churchyard</i>

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### Monday 7 April

9.30am	Nunnery Wood School Yr 2 Visit <i>Church</i>
10.00am	Flower Club <i>Lower Vestry</i>
11.00am	Prayer Walk <i>from Church</i>

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### Tuesday 8 April

9.00am	Red Hill School rehearsal <i>Church</i>
10.00am	Red Hill School Easter Service <i>Church</i>
2.00pm	Prayer walk <i>from Church</i>
7.00pm	Stations of the Cross & Compline <i>Church</i>
7.30pm	PCC Meeting <i>Lower Vestry</i>

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### Wednesday 9 April

9.30am	Mainly Music <i>Church</i>
11.15am	Bible Study Group <i>Lower Vestry</i>

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### Thursday 10 April

9.30am	Said Eucharist <i>Church</i>
10.00am	Poplns <i>Lower Vestry</i>
10.15am	Coffee Concert rehearsal ( <i>piano</i> ) <i>Church</i>
1.30pm	Fort Royal School Easter Service <i>Church</i>
3.45pm	Light Club <i>Lower Vestry</i>
7.30pm	WSO Rehearsal <i>Church</i>

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### Friday 11 April

6.00pm	Organ Practice <i>Church</i>
7.00pm	Choir Practice <i>Lower Vestry</i>

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### Saturday 12 April

10.00am	Open Church <i>Lower Vestry</i>
12 noon	Passion Gospel rehearsal <i>Church</i>

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### Sunday 13 April

8.00am	Said Eucharist <i>Church</i>
10.00am	Sung Eucharist with Procession of Palms <i>Church</i>
6.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Church</i>

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