

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Growth 2026

SUNDAY 10 MAY

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am Eucharist with Baptism
6.00pm Choral Evensong

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 Mike Bunclark mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk

Compline Monday to Friday at 8.30pm

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Prayers for Peace & Justice on Saturdays at 4pm

Hosted by Joan Hazzard joanhazz@gmail.com



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Sunday 10 May

This morning's 10am service will include the adult baptism of Anne Ignoscia.

Junior Church will meet during the service, leaving with a parent/carer after the Collect prayer for activities downstairs.

Prayer walk – Tuesday 12 May, 2pm, from Church

The prayer group will be continuing prayer walks on Goodwood Avenue.

Christian Aid Week: Sunday 10 May – Saturday 16 May

We will be taking donations as usual, and delivering envelopes to the parish. Any help appreciated with this – please speak to Elizabeth.

Deanery Ascension Day Service – Thursday 14 May, 7pm, All Saints Church

All are welcome to attend this celebration service for Ascension Day.

All Age Beetle Drive and Games Night – Saturday 16 May, 5pm, Church

Beetle Drive is a simple game played in small groups, suitable for all ages. Come and have fun! Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church to give us an idea of numbers. Entry is free - donations welcome to cover refreshments.

iSingPOP Family Sunday – Sunday 17 May, 3.30pm, Church

Our next iSingPOP Family Sunday is now every third Sunday afternoon of the month, with iSingPOP songs, crafts and Bible stories. Pick up a flier at the back of Church.

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

Family Choir will next meet on Friday 22 May, to prepare for the All Together Eucharist service on Sun 24 May. The Family Choir will also meet for practice on Friday 26 June.

We are recruiting a maintenance team for the Parish Centre

We'd like a team with a variety of skills for ad-hoc maintenance, on a zero hours contract (£20/hr). If interested, speak to Angela, or email stmartins1912@outlook.com

Mothers' Union Strawberry Tea – Wednesday 3 June, 2.30pm, Lower Vestry

Please sign up at the back of Church to give us 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 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 **John Swindells**

Hymn NEH 265 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
shown in earth and sky and sea,
burning sun and moonlight tender,
hill and river, flower and tree:
lest we fail our praise to render
touch our eyes that they may see.

Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
mighty waters ebb and flow,
while unhasting, undelaying,
planets on their courses go:
in thy laws thyself displaying,
teach our minds thyself to know.

Lord of life, alone sustaining
all below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
sun and stars sublimely move:
in our earthly spirits reigning,
lift our hearts that we may love.

Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,
and, with vision purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
thou in all art glorified.

C A Alington (1872-1955)

**See pages 3-6 in the Order of Service
and follow the words overleaf for the Gloria**

Gloria in Excelsis (*Tune: Ode to Joy*)

Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!

Michael Perry (1942-1996)
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Collect God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

Junior Church Recessional

Let us praise God together, let us praise;
let us praise God together all our days.
He is faithful in all his ways,
his is worthy of all our praise,
his name be exalted on high.

James Edward Seddon (1915-1983)
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First Reading Acts 17.22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

- 22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said,
'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.
- 23 For as I went through the city
and looked carefully at the objects of your worship,
I found among them an altar with the inscription,
"To an unknown god."
What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.
- 24 The God who made the world and everything in it,
he who is Lord of heaven and earth,
does not live in shrines made by human hands,
25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything,
since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.
- 26 From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth,
and he allotted the times of their existence
and the boundaries of the places where they would live,
27 so that they would search for God
and perhaps grope for him and find him -
though indeed he is not far from each one of us.
- 28 For "In him we live and move and have our being";
as even some of your own poets have said,
"For we too are his offspring."
- 29 Since we are God's offspring,
we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone,
an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.
- 30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance,
now he commands all people everywhere to repent,
31 because he has fixed a day
on which he will have the world judged in righteousness
by a man whom he has appointed,
and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn SPI 70 (Tune: Moscow, NEH 466 Thou whose almighty word)

What shall our greeting be?
Jesus is Lord!
Sign of our unity?
Jesus is Lord!
May we no more defend
barriers he died to end:
give me your hand, my friend:
one Church, one Lord!

What is our mission here?
One world, one Lord!
He makes his purpose clear:
one world, one Lord!
Spirit of truth descend,
all our confusions end:
give me your hand, my friend:
Jesus is Lord!

He comes to save us now,
Jesus our Lord!
To serve him is to know
life's true reward.
May he our lives amend,
all our betrayals end:
give me your hand, my friend:
Jesus is Lord!

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
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Gospel John 14.15-21

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John



All

Glo-ry to you O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples:

- 15 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,
to be with you for ever.
17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive,
because it neither sees him nor knows him.
You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.
18 I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.
19 In a little while the world will no longer see me,
but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.
20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father,
and you in me, and I in you.
21 They who have my commandments and keep them
are those who love me;
and those who love me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord



All

Praise to you O Christ

***The Sermon follows,
then see pages 6-11 in the Order of Service for the Liturgy of Baptism***

Offertory Hymn NEH 105 (2nd Tune: Württemberg)

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 page 12 in the Order of Service and join in singing the opening of the Eucharistic Prayer (Sursum Corda) overleaf

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

See pages 12-14 in the Order of Service

Anthem The call – Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Come, my way, my truth, my life:
 such a way as gives us breath;
 such a truth as ends all strife;
 such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength:
 such a light as shows a feast;
 such a feast as mends in length;
 such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart:
 such a joy as none can move;
 such a love as none can part;
 such a heart as joys in love.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

After Communion

God our Father,
 whose Son Jesus Christ
 gives the water of eternal life:
 May we thirst for you,
 the spring of life and source of goodness,
 through him who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Amen.

Final Hymn SP315

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain: *Thank you...*

When I stand in Glory
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King forever
in that holy place. *Thank you...*

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See page 15 in the Order of Service

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Next week's readings: Acts 1.6-14; 1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11; John 17.1-11

PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

David Dale	Veronica	Stephen Clarke	Eglé Tumanova
Ruth Kirwan	Gail Stone	Thelma Bushell	Shirley Scott
Jason	Alison Houghton	Hannah Cocksworth	Alice
Mike Bunclark	Jackie	Rosemary Dillingham	

The recently departed

Sue Jones Roderick Dovey

Anniversary of death

David Swindells John Harrison Marjorie Waters

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

- Mon 11** **Acts 16.11-15** **John 15.26 -16.4**
Risen Lord, we pray for the power of the resurrection to bring hope in the shadow of pain and death, and salvation to the lost.
- Tue 12** **Acts 16.22-34** **John 16.5-11**
Lord of mercy, we pray for forgiveness and grace in our weakness, turn us to repentance and restoration.
- Wed 13** **Acts 17.15, 22 – 18.1** **John 16.12-15**
Sovereign Lord, we pray for wisdom for those in authority over us, and guidance over their thoughts, decisions and actions.
- Thu 14** **Ascension Day**
Acts 1.1-11 **Ephesians 1.15-end** **Luke 24.44-end**
Ascended Lord, thank you for your Spirit who guides us into all truth, brings us comfort, convicts us of sin, and enables us to live lives worthy of our calling.
- Fri 15** **Matthias the Apostle**
Acts 1.15-end **1 Corinthians 4.1-7** **John 15.9-17**
God of peace, may the mind of Christ our Saviour dwell within us, and the peace that transcends all understanding remain with us.
- Sat 16** **Acts 18.22-end** **John 16.23-28**
God of justice, we pray for truth, integrity, and just outcomes to prevail in the face of evil, lies and corruption. May your name be honoured and glorified.

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 9 May

10.00am Plant Sale and Coffee Morning *Car Park and Church*

Sunday 10 May

8.00am Said Eucharist *Church*
10.00am Eucharist with Baptism *Church*
5.15pm Choir practice *Lower Vestry*
6.00pm Choral Evensong *Church*

Monday 11 May

10.00am Flower Club *Lower Vestry*

Tuesday 12 May

2.00pm Prayer Group *Church*
7.30pm PCC Meeting *Lower Vestry*

Wednesday 13 May

9.30am Mainly Music *Church*
11.15am Bible Study *Lower Vestry*
5.00pm RCO Recording *Church (until 8pm)*

Thursday 14 May

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

Friday 15 May

5.30pm Organ practice *Church*
7.00pm Choir practice *Lower Vestry*

Saturday 16 May

3.00pm Games night Setup *Church*
5.00pm Games night and Beetle Drive *Church (until 7pm)*

Sunday 17 May

8.00am Said Eucharist *Church*
10.00am Sung Eucharist *Church*
