

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



SUNDAY 5 JANUARY

EPIPHANY

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
Compline Monday to Friday at 8.30pm
Hosted by Mike 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 5 January

We welcome the choir back today following a short break, and thank them, and our organists, for their musical contributions over Advent and Christmas.

Junior Church takes place today, with children leaving with a parent/carer after the Collect prayer, to go downstairs for activities.

You are all invited to stay for wine and cake after the service to celebrate Jill Jupe's 90th birthday this coming week.

Advent Appeal for Acorns

Thank you to all those who have donated to our Advent Appeal for Acorns Hospice. A total sum raised will be communicated in due course.

All Church groups resume this week - Mainly Music, Bible Study group and Kids Club. See the What's On on page 12 for details of days and times.

Rescheduled Autumn Lectures - from Tuesday 7 January

The remaining four lectures will be shown weekly on Tuesday afternoons at 3pm, in the Lower Vestry at 3pm. Please speak to Joan Hazzard for more information.

Finance & Management Committee - Tuesday 7 January, 7.30pm

Meeting takes place in the Lower Vestry.

Open Church - Saturday 11 January, 10.00am, Lower Vestry

Michael and Dai Glanville-Smith

Joan Hazzard was able to visit Michael and Dai over Christmas in Ripon, where they now live (Michael was the former Rector of St Martin's in the 80s). Please keep Dai in your prayers as she recovers from a long spell of Covid, and Michael as he cares for her.

Christmas stamps - please remember to save your Christmas stamps for USPG and Embrace. Please put them in the labelled box at the back of Church.

Worcester Street Pastors

Worcester Street Pastors are keen promote what they do and attract new recruits. For more information about the work of Street Pastors, pick up a leaflet from the leaflet stand, which has details of how to apply to volunteer for the role.

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 43.1-7; Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

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 sidesperson.

Celebrant **Revd Peter Hart** Preacher **Revd Richard Wood**
Organ **John Swindells**

Today's Eucharist setting is by Andrew Millington

Hymn NEH 47 As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
To that lowly manger-bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

Holy Jesu, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
Thou its Sun which goes not down:
There for ever may we sing
Alleluyas to our King.

W Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

See pages 1-2 in the Order of Service,
then follow these words for the Gloria:

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
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, have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer, receive our prayer.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
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 in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

Collect O God,
 who by the leading of a star
 manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
 mercifully grant that we,
 who know you now by faith,
 may at last behold your glory face to face;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
 Amen

First Reading Isaiah 60.1-6

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

- ¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
- ² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

- ³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Second Reading Ephesians 3.1-12

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

- ¹ I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus
for the sake of you Gentiles -
- ² for surely you have already heard
of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,
³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation,
as I wrote above in a few words,
⁴ a reading of which will enable you
to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.
- ⁵ In former generations
this mystery was not made known to humankind,
as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles
and prophets by the Spirit:
- ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs,
members of the same body,
and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
- ⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant
according to the gift of God's grace
that was given me by the working of his power.

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- ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints,
this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles
the news of the boundless riches of Christ,
⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery
hidden for ages in God who created all things;
¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety
might now be made known
to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.
¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose
that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,
¹² in whom we have access to God
in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn NEH 49

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall:
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom, and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Gospel Matthew 2.1-12

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Please join the Choir in the sung Gospel Acclamation after the words

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

ORGAN

Glo - ry to you O Lord

- ¹ In the time of King Herod,
after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,
- ² ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?
For we observed his star at its rising,
and have come to pay him homage.’
- ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened,
and all Jerusalem with him;
- ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people,
he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.
- ⁵ They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea;
for so it has been written by the prophet:
- ⁶ “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’
- ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men
and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.
- ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,
‘Go and search diligently for the child;
and when you have found him,
bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’
- ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out;
and there, ahead of them,
went the star that they had seen at its rising,
until it stopped over the place where the child was.
- ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped,
they were overwhelmed with joy.

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- ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother;
and they knelt down and paid him homage.
Then, opening their treasure-chests,
they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
they left for their own country by another road.

Please join the Choir in the sung Gospel Acclamation after the words

This is the Gospel of the Lord

ORGAN

Praise to you O Christ

The Sermon follows, then see pages 5-6 in the Order of Service

Offertory Hymn NEH 36

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

They lookèd up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far:
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night: *Nowell...*

And by the light of that same star,
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wheresoever it went: *Nowell...*

This star drew nigh to the north-west;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay: *Nowell...*

Then entered in those Wise Men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Both gold and myrrh and frankincense: *Nowell...*

Then let us all with one accord
 Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
 That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
 And with his blood mankind hath bought: *Nowell...*

Traditional

See pages 6-11 in the Order of Service

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

President PEOPLE President PEOPLE

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

President PEOPLE

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

And then after the words:

Great is the mystery of faith

ORGAN

Christ - has died, Christ - is ri - sen Christ will come a - gain.

Choir Anthem: Trés Magi - C S Lang (1891-1971)

Eastern Monarchs, Sages three, come with gifts in great plenty;
 Worship Christ on bended knee, cum Virgine Maria.

Gold, in honour of the King, incense to the Priest they bring,
 Myrrh, for time of burying, cum Virgine Maria.

On that dreadful day, the last, he forgives our sinful past,
 To his mercy cling we fast, cum Virgine Maria.

His the praise and glory be, laud and honour, victory,
 Power supreme, and so sing we, cum Virgine Maria.

On the feast day of his birth, set on thrones above the earth,
 Angels chant in holy mirth, cum Virgine Maria.

Thus to bless the One in Three, let the present company,
 Raise the voice of melody, cum Virgine Maria.

Latin XV Century

After Communion

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

See page 11 in the Order of Service

Final Hymn

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star:

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign: *O star of wonder...*

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship Him God most High. *O star of wonder...*

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in a stone-cold tomb. *O star of wonder...*

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice,
Heaven sings 'Alleluia'
'Alleluia' the earth replies. *O star of wonder...*

John Henry Hopkins 1820-91

See page 12 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Mary had a baby - Andrew Gant (b 1963)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

Michael Wood	Roderick Dovey	Sandra Giles	Sheila Sergeant
Mark Farthing	Veronica	Peter Fisher	Meg Melvin
David Dale	Chris Dale	Marilyn Daly	Colin Groves
Valerie Castle	Dai Glanville-Smith		

The recently departed

Anniversary of death

Pat Hodgson	Rita Lee	Dorothy Robinson	Peter Hill
Samantha Currie	Margaret Benson		

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 6 I John 3.22 - 4.6

Matthew 4.12-end

Pray for those who, like the wise men, come to look, to wonder, perhaps to worship - then go away by another road.

Tue 7 I John 4.7-10

Mark 6.34-44

Pray for all who love learning. Pray for all the schools and colleges in our parish - for their pupils, students and teachers. Remember Red Hill C of E Primary School and Jolanda Simmonds, Head Teacher.

Wed 8 I John 4.11-18

Mark 6.45-52

Pray for all strangers, that we make them welcome. Pray especially for all refugees, and immigrants, and for those who cannot easily communicate with people. Pray for all who teach them English.

Thu 9 I John 4.19 - 5.4

Luke 4.14-22

Pray for all the places where there is open war. Pray too for countries where there is oppression, violence, corruption and injustice. Pray especially for Ukraine, the Middle East and Sudan.

Fri 10 I John 5.5-13

Luke 5.12-16

In an increasingly unsettled world, pray for our armed forces, that they may be peace-keepers, as well as our defence. Pray that they may be well equipped to do both.

Sat 11 I John 5.14-end

John 3.22-30

Pray for all who are sick in body, mind and spirit, that they may have healing and hope. Pray for their families, and for all medical staff and for all the caring professions who help them.

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 4 January

Sunday 5 January

- 8.00am Said Eucharist Church
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist for Epiphany Church

Monday 6 January

- 2.00pm Leadership Meeting Lower Vestry

Tuesday 7 January

- 9.00am Organ Inspection Church
- 3.00pm Autumn Lectures Lower Vestry
- 7.30pm Finance & Management Meeting Lower Vestry

Wednesday 8 January

- 9.30am Mainly Music Church
- 11.15am Bible Study Group Lower Vestry

Thursday 9 January

- 9.30am Said Eucharist Church
- 10.00am PopIns Lower Vestry
- 2.30pm Kids Club Setup Church
- 3.30pm Kids Club Café Church
- 4.00pm Kids Club Church
- 7.30pm WSO Rehearsal Church

Friday 10 January

- 6.00pm Organ Practice Church
- 7.00pm Choir Practice Lower Vestry

Saturday 11 January

- 10.00am Open Church Lower Vestry

Sunday 12 January

- 8.00am Said Eucharist Church
 - 10.00am Sung Eucharist Church
 - 6.00pm Choral Evensong Church
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