

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Growth 2026

SUNDAY 25 JANUARY

CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am All Together Eucharist

Thursday 9.30am Said Eucharist

OPENING HOURS

CHURCH: Monday to Friday 10am-3pm

TEAM OFFICE: Tue, Thu, Fri 10-1pm

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
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 25 January

The Family Choir will be taking part in this morning's All Together Eucharist service, and teaching us a new song.

Next Sunday 1 February, at our 10am Sung Eucharist service, we will be celebrating Candlemas with Christingles. Children (with a parent/carer) are invited to help assemble Christingles on Saturday 31 January, from 10am-12pm in the Lower Vestry.

Candle collection for Ukraine – by Tuesday 27 January

We are collecting new and used unwanted candles to help people in the Ukraine. They will be melted down and reused for light and heat. There is a labelled bin at the back of Church which can be used to deposit them - needed by 27th January at the latest. Thank you.

St Martin's alms giving

The PCC have been discussing our yearly distribution of alms money. Before a final decision is made we would like to hear from you. Are there any local charities/groups which you feel would benefit from a donation? Please let us know by completing a slip at the back of Church, and posting in the labelled box.

Flower Fund

As we now have flowers again in Church each week, donations to the flower fund would be much appreciated. It costs around £20 per arrangement. You can donate in cash to Cairen or Angela, or via the card machine specifically for this fund.

Date for the diary – Pancake Party, Shrove Tuesday 17 February, 4.00pm

The Pancake Party for all ages will be held in Church this year. Tickets: Adults £3, children £2. Please sign up and pay in Church, or in the Team Office.

Family Choir Practice – Friday 20 February, 3.30pm, Lower Vestry

The Family Choir will prepare for the All Together Eucharist with Baptism service on Sunday 22 February. Speak to John Swindells, or contact the Office if you'd like to join the Family Choir.

Forest Church will resume on Sunday 1 March, no meeting in February

Team Office closed Monday 26 January – Rebecca will be working from home.

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**

Piano & Organ **John Swindells & Matt Gardner**

FIRST SONG

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me? (x2)

'Tis mystery all! th'Immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more. (x2)

He left his Father's throne above
so free, so infinite his grace;
Emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me. (x2)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee. (x2)

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own. (x2)

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

See pages 1-2 in the Order of Service

Collect Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;
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 Acts 9.1-22

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

- 1 Saul, still breathing threats and murder
against the disciples of the Lord,
went to the high priest
- 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus,
so that if he found any who belonged to the Way,
men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
- 3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus,
suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.
- 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him,
'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'
- 5 He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?'
The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.'
- 6 But get up and enter the city,
and you will be told what you are to do.'
- 7 The men who were travelling with him stood speechless
because they heard the voice but saw no one.
- 8 Saul got up from the ground,
and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing;
so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.
- 9 For three days he was without sight,
and neither ate nor drank.
- 10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias.
The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.'
He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.'

11 The Lord said to him,
'Get up and go to the street called Straight,
and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul.
At this moment he is praying,

12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in
and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.'

13 But Ananias answered,
'Lord, I have heard from many about this man,
how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;

14 and here he has authority from the chief priests
to bind all who invoke your name.'

15 But the Lord said to him,
'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen
to bring my name before Gentiles and kings
and before the people of Israel;

16 I myself will show him how much he must suffer
for the sake of my name.'

17 So Ananias went and entered the house.
He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul,
the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here,
has sent me so that you may regain your sight
and be filled with the Holy Spirit.'

18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes,
and his sight was restored.
Then he got up and was baptised,

19 and after taking some food,
he regained his strength.
For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,

20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues,
saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

21 All who heard him were amazed and said,
'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem
among those who invoked this name?
And has he not come here
for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?'

22 Saul became increasingly more powerful
and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus
by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND SONG *led by the Family Choir*

Choir only Thank you Lord, (thank you Lord)
For this day, (for this day)
For your love, (for your love)
In all we do!
Thank you now, (thank you now)
For our church, (for our church)
For our friends, (for our friends)
All we can do.

Chorus *We want to say thank you for this day,*
We want to say thank you Lord always.
We want to say thank you God, in everything,
'Cause all you give is good!

All join in from here with the words in brackets, and the Chorus:

Thank you Lord, (thank you Lord)
For our homes, (for our homes)
For our food, (for our food)
All that you give!
Thank you now, (thank you now)
We can laugh, (we can laugh)
We can sing, (we can sing)
Learn as we live. *We want to say thank you...*

Thank you Lord, (thank you Lord)
For this world, (for this world)
All you've made, (all you've made)
All that you do!
Thank you now, (thank you now)
For my life, (for my life)
For your care, (for your care)
All that is You!

We want to say thank you for this day,
We want to say thank you Lord always.
We want to say thank you God, in everything,
'Cause all you give is good!
'Cause all you give is good!
'Cause all you give is good!

Gospel Matthew 19.27-30

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

²⁷ Peter said to Jesus:

‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.
What then will we have?’

²⁸ Jesus said to them,

‘Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things,
when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory,
you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones,
judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers
or sisters or father or mother or children or fields,
for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold,
and will inherit eternal life.

³⁰ But many who are first will be last,
and the last will be first.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord



All Praise to you O Christ

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

THIRD SONG

○ when the saints go marching in,
○ when the saints go marching in;
○ Lord, I want to be among the number
When the saints go marching in!

O when they crown him Lord of all,
O when they crown him Lord of all,
O Lord, I want to be among the number
When they crown him Lord of all.

O when all knees bow at his name,
O when all knees bow at his name,
O Lord, I want to be among the number
When all knees bow at his name.

O when they sing the Saviour's praise,
O when they sing the Saviour's praise,
O Lord, I want to be among the number
When they sing the Saviour's praise.

Traditional

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

See pages 8-11 in the Order of Service

After Communion

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

See page 9 in the Order of Service

FOURTH SONG *Sing through twice*

Thanks for the fellowship found at this meal,
Thanks for a day refreshed;
Thanks to the Lord for His presence we feel,
Thanks for the food He blessed.

Joyfully sing praise to the Lord,
Praise to the risen Son,
Alleluia, ever adored,
Pray that His will be done.

As He was known in the breaking of bread,
Now is He known again,
And by His hand have the hungry been fed,
Thanks be to Christ. Amen.

Jean Holloway (b. 1939)
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See page 9 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Postlude in G, Op 105 no 2 – C V Stanford (1852-1924)

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Next week's readings: Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40

Sung Eucharist for Candlemas *with Christingles*

**Sunday 1 February
at 10.00am**



Children (with a parent/carer) are invited to help assemble Christingles on Saturday 31 January, from 10am-12pm in the Lower Vestry

PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

Sandra Giles	David Dale	Veronica	Stephen Clarke
Eglé Tumanova	Terry Dillingham	Ruth Kirwan	Gail Stone
Thelma Bushell	Chris Dale	Hannah Cocksworth	

For those in continued trouble

Marilyn Daly	Adam	Donna Vickers	Sheila Sergeant
Roderick Dovey			

The recently departed

Ian Davies

Anniversary of death

Vera Hinton	Charles Waters	Jackie Wood	Douglas Groves
Brian Mayoss	Michael Wood		

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 26 **2 Samuel 5.1-10**

Mark 3.22-30

Pray for our local schools, for staff, pupils and parents, as they start a new week.

Tue 27 **2 Samuel 6.12-19**

Mark 3.31-end

As the bins are emptied around our parish today and tomorrow, give thanks for all those who work to keep our city clean and functioning properly.

Wed 28 **2 Samuel 7.4-17**

Mark 4.1-20

Pray for our city councillors, as they take decisions this week about the day to day running of our city.

Thu 29 **2 Samuel 7.18-end**

Mark 4.21-25

Pray for our County Councillors, as they debate and decide the future shape of local government in our county.

Fri 30 **2 Samuel 11.1-17**

Mark 4.26-34

Pray for those for whom this week has been long and painful.

Sat 31 **2 Samuel 12.1-17**

Mark 4.35-end

Give thanks to God for all that has been done to share his glory and his love this week.

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 24 January

10.30am	Coffee Concert Church
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Sunday 25 January

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
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10.00am	Altogether Eucharist Church
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Monday 26 January

Tuesday 27 January

2.00pm	Prayer Meeting Lower Vestry
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Wednesday 28 January

9.30am	Mainly Music Church
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11.15am	Bible Study Lower Vestry
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1.00pm	Faithful Alarms system check Church
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Thursday 29 January

9.30am	Said Eucharist Lower Vestry
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10.00am	Poplins Lower Vestry
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7.30pm	WSO Rehearsal Church
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Friday 30 January

5.30pm	Organ practice Church
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7.00pm	Choir Practice Lower Vestry
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Saturday 31 January

10.00am	Christingle preparation Lower Vestry
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Sunday 1 February

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
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10.00am	Sung Eucharist for Candlemas Church
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