

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Growth 2026

SUNDAY 18 JANUARY

2ND SUNDAY OF 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) 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 18 January

Junior Church takes place downstairs during the service. Children leave after the Collect prayer with a parent/carer.

Advent Appeal for YMCA

Thank you for your donations. The total raised was £678.

Service at Redhill Court - Wednesday 21 January, 2.30 pm

Children and Families meeting – Wednesday 21 January, 7.30pm

The meeting will take place in the Lower Vestry.

Light Club will resume soon, for an update contact Debra Hill on 07424 726597.

Free Panto tickets available – Thursday 22 January, 7.15pm

We have two unclaimed free tickets available following the Autumn Fair for *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* showing at the Swan Theatre this Thursday evening. Let Dave Hall or Angela know if you'd like them!

Family Choir Practice – Friday 23 January, 3.30pm, Lower Vestry

The Family Choir will prepare for the All Together Worship service on Sunday, 25th January. Speak to John Swindells if you would like to join.

Coffee Concert – Saturday 24 January, 10.30am, Church

Tony Fowler, David Bryce, John Barber and Leanna Knivett return to St Martin's to play an entertaining mix of piano music by popular composers including Mendelssohn, Chopin, Debussy and Liszt. Relax and enjoy with good coffee or tea and delicious homemade cake. FREE entry, with donations to Worcester Snoezelen.

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.

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.

Celebrant	Revd Mike Bunclark
Preacher	Revd Peter Hart
Organ	Robin Walker

Today's Eucharist setting is by Andrew Millington

Hymn NEH 52

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

J S B Monsell (1811-75)

**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

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

Junior Church recessional

*Father welcomes all his children
to his family through his Son.
Father giving his salvation,
life forever has been won.*

Robin Mann
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First Reading Isaiah 49.1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

- ¹ Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
- ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
- ³ And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I will be glorified.'
- ⁴ But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
and my reward with my God.'
- ⁵ And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength.
- ⁶ The Lord says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'
- ⁷ Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 40.1-6 – see insert to join the Choir in singing the Psalm

***All sing the response after the Choir has sung it once,
then after each section of verses.***

Response

Let all who seek you re-joice in you and be glad.



All Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad.

- 1 I waited patiently | for the Lord;
he inclined to me and | heard my cry.
- 2 He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the | mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a rock and made my | footing sure.

All Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad.

- 3 He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;
many shall see and fear and put their trust | in the Lord.
- 4 Blessed is the one who trusts | in the Lord,
who does not turn to the proud that fol|low a lie.

All Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad.

- 5 Great are the wonders you have done, O | Lord my God.
How great | your designs for us!
There is none that can | be compared with you.
- 6 If I were to proclaim them and tell of them
they would be more than I am able | to express.

All Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad.

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Second Reading | Corinthians 1.1-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

- ¹ From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus
by the will of God,
and our brother Sosthenes,
- ² To the church of God that is in Corinth,
to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus,
called to be saints,
together with all those who in every place
call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
both their Lord and ours:
- ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God
that has been given you in Christ Jesus,
- ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him,
in speech and knowledge of every kind -
- ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ
has been strengthened among you
- ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift
as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end,
so that you may be blameless
on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁹ God is faithful;
by him you were called
into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn NEH 349

Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.

‘Worthy the Lamb that died,’ they cry,
‘To be exalted thus;’
‘Worthy the Lamb,’ our lips reply,
‘For He was slain for us.’

Jesus is worthy to receive
Honour and pow’r divine;
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, for ever thine.

Let all creation join in one
To bless the sacred name
Of him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Gospel John 1.29-42

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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- 29 John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared,
‘Here is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world!’
- 30 This is he of whom I said,
“After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me
because he was before me.”
- 31 I myself did not know him;
but I came baptising with water for this reason,
that he might be revealed to Israel.’
- 32 And John testified,
‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove,
and it remained on him.
- 33 I myself did not know him,
but the one who sent me to baptise with water said to me,
“He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain
is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit.

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- 34 And I myself have seen and have testified
that this is the Son of God.'
- 35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,
36 and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed,
'Look, here is the Lamb of God!'
- 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.
38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them,
'What are you looking for?'
They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher),
'where are you staying?'
- 39 He said to them, 'Come and see.'
They came and saw where he was staying,
and they remained with him that day.
It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.
- 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him
was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.
- 41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him,
'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed).
- 42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said,
'You are Simon son of John.
You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord



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

Offertory Hymn NEH 353

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

John Whittier (1807-92)

See pages 6-11 in the Order of Service

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

9 President PEOPLE President PEOPLE

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

14 President PEOPLE

Let us give thanks to the Lord-our God It is right to give - 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.

Anthem O for a closer walk – Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

See *NEH 4/14* to follow the words by William Cowper (1731-1800)

After Communion

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

See page 11 in the Order of Service

Final Hymn (*Tune: Woodlands*)

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take:
Proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
That all the world His worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
He will in grace respond to all who call:
How shall they call if they have never heard
The gracious invitation of His word?

Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies,
In wealth or want, the sinner surely dies;
Give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
A love like yours, which cares for humankind.

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
Share God's good gifts - let no one be denied;
Live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
Your ransomed powers for His sole glory use.

James E. Seddon
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See page 12 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Imperial March - Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

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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	Ann Stallard
Gail Stone	Thelma Bushell	Hannah Cocksworth	Chris Dale

The recently departed

Anniversary of death

Beryl Haste	Ida Thompson
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DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

- Mon 19** **1 Samuel 15.16-23** **Mark 2.18-22**
We pray for the unemployed, and those on shortened hours, as employers face trading problems. We pray for small business owners, and food producers as their costs go up.
- Tue 20** **1 Samuel 16.1-13** **Mark 2.23-end**
We pray for all carers, paid and unpaid, providing necessary stimulation and encouragement, and we pray for their physical and mental health.
- Wed 21** **1 Samuel 17.32-51** **Mark 3.1-6**
We pray for those in strained relationships, and children who are mistreated, and that patience and love will break down barriers.
- Thu 22** **1 Samuel 18.6 – 19.1-7** **Mark 3.7-12**
In weather-related incidents, we give thanks for the personnel who work tirelessly to bring help and comfort to those in need.
- Fri 23** **1 Samuel 24.3-22a** **Mark 2.1-12**
We pray for the homeless, all refugees and those supplying relief.
- Sat 24** **1 Samuel 9.1-19, 10.1** **Mark 3.13-19**
We pray for freedom from oppression and harassment by religious intolerance, and different culture or appearance.

Next week's readings: Acts 9.1-22; Matthew 19.27-end

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 17 January

9.00am	Wedding Setup Church
12 noon	Wedding Church

Sunday 18 January

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church
12 noon	Coffee Concert rehearsal Church

Monday 19 January

1.30pm	CCTV installation Church
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Tuesday 20 January

1.00pm	Diocese CYF ALM Training Lower Vestry
2.00pm	Prayer Meeting Church

Wednesday 21 January

9.30am	Mainly Music Church
11.15am	Bible Study Lower Vestry
7.30pm	Children & Families Meeting Lower Vestry

Thursday 22 January

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

Friday 23 January

3.30pm	Family Choir Practice Lower Vestry
5.30pm	Organ practice Church

Saturday 24 January

10.30am	Coffee Concert Church
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Sunday 25 January

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Altogether Eucharist Church
