

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Mission 2025

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

FEAST OF ST MATTHEW

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 21 September - Apologies, there will be no Junior Church today.

World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel: Mon 22 - Sat 27 Sept
Daily prayer all week in St Andrew's Pump Street from 12–1pm. All welcome.

Weekly Prayer Walk - Tuesday 23 September, 2pm - Diglis
Please meet at Diglis Basin.

Kids Club - Thursday 25 September, 4pm, Lower Vestry
Speak to Debra for more details, 07424 726597.

Coffee Concert - Saturday 27 September, 10.30am, Church
Rebecca Watson (*piano*) will be accompanied by a string quintet formed from members of the Worcestershire Symphony Orchestra to perform Beethoven's 5th piano concerto 'Emperor' in a rarely-heard chamber arrangement by Vinzenz Lachner, alongside Dvorak's famous 'American' string quartet. FREE entry, with donations to the Kimichi School. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes available.

St Martin's Christmas Cards - orders by Monday 29 September
Please give your order (in an envelope with payment, please) to Will Jupe by Monday 29 September. Collect your cards in church from Sunday 26 October.

Harvest Craft Event - Saturday 11 October, 2pm, Church
All ages are welcome to join us to make harvest decorations for home and Church. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Harvest Festival - Sunday 12 October
We shall celebrate **Harvest Festival** at the All Together Eucharist at 10am, and then at Festal Choral Evensong at 6.00pm.

Please bring **Harvest food donations** of tinned and dry foods for Maggs Day Centre, St Paul's Hostel, and the Foodbank. Also, please bring fresh fruit and vegetables for smaller local charities, and St Richard's Hospice.

The service is followed by our **Harvest Produce Sale** for our missionary causes. Donate jams, preserves, pickles & chutney, cakes & buns, and garden vegetables.

Join us after that at 12.15pm for our customary **Harvest Lunch** over at the Parish Centre. Please sign-up on the list at the back of Church: Adults £7.50, children £2.50. Donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated.

Whist Drive (with a twist!) - Saturday 25 October, 7pm, Church
A social event over a game of cards. Don't worry if you've never played before - our volunteers will gladly assist. All welcome, from card sharps to beginners (including children old enough to play). Bring a team of four or come alone, and we will find you a team. £5 (includes refreshments). Sign up from next week.

Autumn Fair - Saturday 15 November, 11-2pm
Please sell raffle tickets (available from Angela) to friends, neighbours and family.

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

The Communion setting is by Noel Rawsthorne (available from the Welcome Team).

Hymn NEH 189 (Tune: NEH 512 Gonfalon Royal)

He sat to watch o'er customs paid,
A man of scorned and hardening trade,
Alike the symbol and the tool
Of foreign masters' hated rule.

But grace within his breast had stirred;
There needed but the timely word:
It came, true Lord of souls, from thee,
That royal summons, 'Follow me.'

Enough, when thou wast passing by,
To hear thy voice, to meet thine eye:
He rose, responsive to the call,
And left his task, his gains, his all.

O wise exchange! with these to part,
And lay up treasure in the heart -
Who now with crown of light doth shine
Among the apostolic line.

Come, Saviour, as in days of old;
Pass where the world has strongest hold,
And faithless care and selfish greed
Are thorns that choke the holy seed.

Who keep thy gifts, O bid them claim
The steward's, not the owner's name;
Who yield up all for thy dear sake,
Let them of Matthew's wealth partake.

William Bright (1824-1901)

See pages 2-3 in the Order of Service

Collect O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain
and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading Proverbs 3.13-18

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

- ¹³ Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
¹⁴ for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
¹⁵ She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.
¹⁷ Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Please join with the choir in singing the Psalm

Psalm 119.65-72

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

Response

Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your com-mand-ments.

Richard Lloyd



All **Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments**

65 You have dealt graciously | with your servant,
according to your | word, O Lord.

66 O teach me true understand | ing and knowledge,
for I have trusted in | your commandments.

All **Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments**

67 Before I was afflicted I | went astray,
but now I | keep your word.

68 You are gracious | and do good;
O Lord, teach | me your statutes.

All **Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments**

69 The proud have smeared | me with lies,
but I will keep your commandments with | my whole heart.

70 Their heart has become | gross with fat,
but my delight is | in your law.

All **Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments**

71 It is good for me that I have | been afflicted,
that I may | learn your statutes.

72 The law of your mouth is dear | er to me
than a hoard of | gold and silver.

All **Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments**

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Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4.1-6

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

- ¹ Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry,
we do not lose heart.
- ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides;
we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word;
but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves
to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.
- ³ And even if our gospel is veiled,
it is veiled to those who are perishing.
- ⁴ In their case the god of this world
has blinded the minds of the unbelievers,
to keep them from seeing the light
of the gospel of the glory of Christ,
who is the image of God.
- ⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves;
we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord
and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.
- ⁶ For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,'
who has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn NEH 34/1

Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God,
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul
He doth himself impart,
And for his dwelling and his throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
May ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for thee.

John Keble (1792-1866)

Gospel Matthew 9.9-13

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

- ⁹ As Jesus was walking along,
he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth;
and he said to him, 'Follow me.'
And he got up and followed him.
- ¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house,
many tax-collectors and sinners came
and were sitting with him and his disciples.
- ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples,
'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?'
- ¹² But when he heard this, he said,
'Those who are well have no need of a physician,
but those who are sick.
- ¹³ Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."
For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord



All

Praise to you-O Christ

The Sermon follows, then see pages 5-7 in the Order of Service

Offertory Hymn NEH 374

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding-place,
My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

John Newton (1725-1807)

See pages 7-11 in the Order of Service

Anthem Justorum animae - Antonio Salieri (1750-1825)

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt,
Et non tanget illos tormentum malitiae
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori,
Illi autem sunt in pace.

*Translation: The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and the torment of death shall not touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die;
but they are in peace.*

The book of Wisdom, chapter 3

After Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

See page 11 in the Order of Service

Final Hymn SP 116 (Tune: NEH 476 Paderborn)

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own;
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

See pages 12 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Toccata - Eugène Gigout (1844 - 1925)

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Next Week's Readings: *Genesis 28.10-17; Revelations 12.7-12; John 1.47-end*

Harvest Festival

Sunday 12 October

10.00am

All Together Eucharist

Bring food donations for local charities

followed by

Harvest Produce Sale

for our missionary causes

12.15pm

Harvest Lunch in the Parish Centre

Adults £7.50 Children £2.50

Good food - entertainment - good company

Sign up (with payment) in Church, or in the Team Office

6.00pm

Festal Choral Evensong



PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

Sandra Giles
Steve Whittaker
Michael Campbell

Peter Fisher
Stephen Clarke

David Dale
Hannah Cocksworth
Veronica

For those in continued trouble

Marilyn Daly
Valerie Castle
Adam
Sheila Sergeant

Chris Dale
Donna Vickers
Roderick Dovey

The recently departed

Malcolm Kent
Carey Leonard

Anniversary of death

Joan Parry
Ted Duckett
Mark Heritage

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 22 Ezra 1.1-6

Luke 8.16-18

Jesus, Lord of the Church, bless parish communities in Worcester - clergy, lay ministers, and congregations - that they may live out the Gospel in local schools, streets, homes and workplaces.

Tue 23 Ezra 6.7-20

Luke 8.19-21

God of all authority, we pray for the UK parliament, local councils, and agencies making policy decisions - that integrity, foresight, and the common good may guide them. Inspire our MP, Tom Collins, and our Councillors.

Wed 24 Ezra 9.5-9

Luke 9.1-6

Creator God, we pray for our leaders as the UK continues to find ways to balance environmental and economic targets. May wisdom guide decisions. Bless Forest Churches and conservation groups such as WWT and WEG; may their work deepen our stewardship of nature.

Thu 25 Haggai 1.1-8

Luke 9.7-9

Lord of humanity, bring relief support, and hope to victims of humanitarian crises everywhere. May global leaders act responsibly. For those displaced or suffering due to conflicts globally, we pray that aid may reach them, and justice bring restoration.

Fri 26 Haggai 1.15b - 2.9

Luke 9.18-22

Jesus, bring help to those in vulnerable situations (homelessness, mental health, poverty), so that social services, charities, and communities find necessary resources and compassion.

Sat 27 Zechariah 2.1-11

Luke 9.43b-45

We pray for Worcester's community events and recreational gatherings that they bring joy, connection, and a sense of belonging. Give thanks for volunteers, and pray for encouragement and wellbeing.

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 20 September

10.00am	Barn Dance Setup Church
5.00pm	Barn Dance Church

Sunday 21 September

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church

Monday 22 September

Tuesday 23 September

2.00pm	Prayer Walk Diglis
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Wednesday 24 September

9.30am	Mainly Music Church
11.15am	Bible Study Lower Vestry
7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Church

Thursday 25 September

9.30am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Poplns Lower Vestry
3.45pm	Kids Club Lower Vestry
7.30pm	WSO Rehearsal Church

Friday 26 September

7.00pm	Choir Practice Lower Vestry
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Saturday 27 September

10.30am	Coffee Concert Church
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Sunday 28 September

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	All Together Eucharist Church
