

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Mission 2025

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

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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

Autumn Fair thanks

A big thank you to everyone who made the Autumn Fair such a great success. We raised over £2600 pounds, a very large number of visitors attended, and people of all ages appreciated everything that was on offer. Well done everybody.

Kids Club and Light Club update

Light Club (for youth year 6 and up) will now run weekly every Thursday after school from 3.45pm. Kids Club will no longer run on a Thursday after school in its current form. New plans for primary school children are in discussion.

Bishop's Certificate - Fridays, 10am-12pm

A course studying the Bible and themes of the Christian faith. Please contact Junia Willson for more details if you are interested in joining the course, at juniawillson@aol.com

Family Choir – beginning Friday 28 November, 3.30pm, Lower Vestry

John Swindells is starting a new singing group for children and their parents/guardians/grandparents. This term, the 'Family Choir' will prepare for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm, meeting on Friday 28 November and 12th December, 3.30pm - 4.30pm, in the Lower Vestry. Let John know if you'd like to be involved. The choir will continue to meet once a month from January.

Churchmouse competition

There is still time to enter the competition for young readers of The Churchmouse! Please get your entries to Father Peter by the end of November

Advent Carol Service - Sunday 30 November, 6.00pm, Church

We will mark the start of the time of preparation with our Advent Carol Service which will be based around the Antiphons of the season, with bible readings, poetry, choir items, and carols for all.

Advent Appeal for YMCA – from Sunday 30 November

You will have an opportunity to donate to our Advent Appeal from next Sunday.

Christmas Craft Event – Saturday 13 December, 2pm, Church

Old greetings cards, copies of magazines, catalogues or fliers with colour images, and coloured or patterned envelopes needed to re-use for this event. We would also be very grateful for baking of cakes and biscuits. See Angela or Peter.

Service for the new Bishop - Saturday 17 January, 2pm, Cathedral

Date for the diary - the service of welcome for Hugh Nelson as our next Bishop of Worcester will be on Saturday 17 January, 2pm Worcester Cathedral. It is hoped it will be a celebration of the Diocese. More details in due course.

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 & Preacher **Revd Mike Bunclark**
Organ **Matt Gardner**

The Communion setting is by Andrew Millington (available from the Welcome Team).

Hymn NEH 332

All hail the power of Jesu's name;
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
To crown him, crown him, crown him,
Crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him, crown him, crown him,
Crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call;
The God incarnate, Man divine,
And crown him, crown him, crown him,
Crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him, crown him, crown him,
Crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
To him their hearts enthal,
Lift high the universal song,
And crown him, crown him, crown him,
Crown him Lord of all.

Perronet, Edward (1721-1792)

**See pages 2-3 in the Order of Service,
then follow the words overleaf 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 Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King;
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Jeremiah 23.1-6

A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah

- ¹ Woe to the shepherds
who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!
says the Lord.
- ² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel,
concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people:
It is you who have scattered my flock,
and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them.
So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord.
- ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock
out of all the lands where I have driven them,
and I will bring them back to their fold,
and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

- 4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them,
and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed,
nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.
- 5 The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
and he shall reign as king and deal wisely,
and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- 6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.
And this is the name by which he will be called:
'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading Colossians 1.11-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters:

- 11 May you be made strong
with all the strength that comes from his glorious power,
and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience,
- 12 while joyfully giving thanks to the Father,
who has enabled you
to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.
- 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness
and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,
14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- 15 He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
- 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers -
all things have been created through him and for him.
- 17 He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.

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- 18 He is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
20 and through him
God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn NEH 394

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

George Herbert 1593-1632

Gospel Luke 23.33-43

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke



- 33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull,
they crucified Jesus there with the criminals,
one on his right and one on his left.
- 34 Then Jesus said,
‘Father, forgive them;
for they do not know what they are doing.’
And they cast lots to divide his clothing.
- 35 And the people stood by, watching;
but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,
‘He saved others; let him save himself
if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’
- 36 The soldiers also mocked him,
coming up and offering him sour wine,
37 and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’
- 38 There was also an inscription over him,
‘This is the King of the Jews.’
- 39 One of the criminals who were hanged there
kept deriding him and saying,
‘Are you not the Messiah?
Save yourself and us!’
- 40 But the other rebuked him, saying,
‘Do you not fear God,
since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?’
- 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly,
for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds,
but this man has done nothing wrong.’
- 42 Then he said,
‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’
- 43 Jesus replied,
‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’
| This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

Offertory Hymn SP 267

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
 Saviour, Master, King!
 Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
 hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
 the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
 Son of Man on earth!
 Power and majesty concealing
 by your humble birth: *Yours the glory...*

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
 victim crucified!
 Death is through the cross defeated,
 sinners justified: *Yours the glory...*

Priestly King, enthroned for ever
 high in heaven above!
 Sin and death and hell shall never
 stifle hymns of love: *Yours the glory...*

So, our hearts and voices raising
 through the ages long,
 ceaselessly upon you gazing,
 this shall be our song: *Yours the glory...*

Michael Saward (b1932)
 © Jubilate Hymns

See pages 7-11 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 - thanks - and praise

And then after the words:

Great is the mystery of faith



Anthem Above all praise - F B Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Above all praise and all majesty,
Lord thou reignest evermore.
Hallelujah.

After Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

See page 11 in the Order of Service

Final Hymn SP294

Meekness and majesty,
Manhood and deity,
In perfect harmony the man who is God:
Lord of eternity
Dwells in humanity,
Kneels in humility and washes our feet.
*Oh, what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship,
For this is your God,
This is your God!*

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Father's pure radiance,
Perfect in innocence,
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
Conquering through sacrifice,
And as they crucify prays: 'Father, forgive.'

*Oh, what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship,
For this is your God,
This is your God!*

Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
Love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity,
Stooping so tenderly,
Lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

*Oh, what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship,
For this is your God,
This is your God!*

Graham Kendrick (b 1950)
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See page 12 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Grand Choeur - Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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Next week's readings: Isaiah 2.1-5; Romans 13.11-end; Matthew 24.36-44

PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

Sandra Giles	David Dale	Veronica	Stephen Clarke
Michael Campbell	Zena Hart	Eglé Tumanova	Ruth Kirwan
Terry Dillingham	Hannah Cocksworth		

For those in continued trouble

Marilyn Daly	Adam	Chris Dale	Donna Vickers
Valerie Castle	Sheila Sergeant	Roderick Dovey	Peter Fisher

The recently departed

Julia Lewis	Toni Pelz	Rita Hands
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Anniversary of death

Beryl Lankester	Peter Scott	Sheila Treacher
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DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 24 Daniel 1.1-20

Luke 21.1-4

Pray for Christian Aid, working to prevent poverty and illness in many places, and campaigning to end injustice.

Tue 25 Daniel 2.31-45

Luke 21.5-11

Pray for Embrace the Middle East and the many initiatives they finance to improve lives in their war-torn area – promoting health, well-being, support for people with disabilities and many others.

Wed 26 Daniel 5.1-28

Luke 21.12-19

Remember Mission Aviation Fellowship making things happen in areas desperately difficult to reach, taking materials and church needs out, returning with sick patients for treatment.

Thu 27 Daniel 6.12-end

Luke 21.20-28

Pray for the Bible Society, patiently translating scripture in minority languages, and teaching people to read it.

Fri 28 Daniel 7.2-14

Luke 21.29-33

At home we pray for Mothers' Union and their quiet support for so many projects for people who need help.

Sat 29 Daniel 7.15-27

Luke 21.34-36

At home we pray for Maggs Day Centre, St Paul's Hostel, the Foodbank, and our Advent Appeal for YMCA – Young Men's Christian Association.

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 22 November

10.30am	Coffee Concert Church
11.30am	Service setup Church
1.00pm	Choir Practice Lower Vestry
2.00pm	Requiem Mass for Julia Lewis Church

Sunday 23 November

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church

Monday 24 November

Tuesday 25 November

9.00am	Funeral set up Church
11.00am	Funeral Church
2.00pm	Weekly Prayer Meeting Church

Wednesday 26 November

9.30am	Mainly Music Church
11.15am	Bible Study Lower Vestry

Thursday 27 November

9.30am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Poplns Lower Vestry
3.45pm	Light Club Lower Vestry
7.30pm	WSO rehearsal Church

Friday 28 November

10.00am	Advent wreath making Lower Vestry
3.30pm	Family Choir practice Lower Vestry
5.30pm	Organ practice Church
7.00pm	Choir Practice Lower Vestry

Saturday 29 November

Sunday 30 November

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church
12.30pm	Baptism Church
5.00pm	Choir Practice Church
6.00pm	Advent Carol Service Church
