St Martin's Weekly Bulletin

Prayer & Growth 2026

SUNDAY 5 APRIL **EASTER DAY**

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 6.00am	**Service of Light and Dawn Eucharist**
8.00am	**Said Eucharist**
10.00am	**Sung Eucharist for Easter Day**

OPENING HOURS

CHURCH: *Wednesday to Friday 10am-3pm*

TEAM OFFICE: *Closed this week*

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

Easter Day – Sunday 5 April
Welcome to our Easter Day services. Those joining the Dawn Service are welcome to stay for a light breakfast, which will be served in the Lower Vestry.
There will be an Easter egg hunt for the children after the 10am service.

Forest Church – Easter Day, Sunday 5 April, 3.30pm, Whittington Churchyard
Celebrate the hope of Easter and new beginnings as we listen to birdsong and spot signs of God's love all around us. Join us for outdoor worship, activities and refreshments, including chocolate eggs! Contact: revrichwood@gmail.com

Lent Appeal for USPG Donations can be made via envelopes, or card payment.

APCM *(Sunday 19 April)* - Annual Report and Electoral Roll in Church
The Electoral Roll has now been updated and is on display (names only) from today for checking. Copies of the Annual Report and Agenda are available at the back of Church, with nomination forms for Churchwarden, Deputy Churchwarden, PCC members and Deanery Synod Reps – please return completed forms to the labelled box prior to the APCM on Sunday 19 April at 11.15am, after the morning service.

Powick Community Choir *Requiem and Revolution* – Sat 11 April, 7pm
Conducted by Tom Wells, and accompanied by a string quintet, the choir will perform a concert at St Martin's in aid of their chosen charities. The programme features selections from Requiems by Mozart, Rutter and Fauré, and a medley from Les Misérables. Tickets (£12 adult, £6 under 16s) from the choir website: *powickcommunitychoir.info/tickets*

iSingPOP Family Sunday – Sunday 12 April, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Our new monthly event for families and children takes place next Sunday, with crafts, Bible stories and iSingPOP songs. All welcome.

There will be no Prayer Group, Mainly Music, Bible Study or Choir Practice this week. Normal weekly routines resume from Monday 13 April.

Oakville Singers concert – Saturday 18 April, 7pm, Christ Church, Malvern
Concert celebrating 150 years of Mothers' Union given by the Oakville Singers with the choir of Great Malvern Primary School. Tickets adults, £10, children £5 from *www.worcestermu.org.uk*

The Sophia Course – beginning Saturday 18 April, Worcester Cathedral
A seven-month spiritual-formation course run by Revd Dr Robin Parry, with an environmental and ecological twist. See poster for dates and QR code/contact.

Next Family Choir Practice – Friday 24 April – cancelled
Unfortunately, the April Family Choir practice has had to be cancelled. Family Choir will next meet on Friday 22 May, at 3.30pm, to prepare for the service on Sunday 24 May.

The Team Office is closed this week, and reopens on Monday 13 April. Church will also be closed on Monday and Tuesday, open 10-3pm Wednesday - Friday.

10.00AM SUNG EUCHARIST FOR EASTER DAY

*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**
Organ **John Swindells**

The Communion setting is The Mass of St Thomas by David Thorne (available from the Welcome Team).

The service starts with the Easter Procession – see separate yellow sheet

Hymn *NEH 110*

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluya!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!
Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluya!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluya!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluya!
Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluya!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluya!

But the pains that he endured Alleluya!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluya!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluya!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluya!

Lyra Davidica (1708)

See pages 1-3 in the Order of Service

Collect Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.
Amen

First Reading Acts 10.34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

34 Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius.
'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
35 but in every nation anyone who fears him
and does what is right is acceptable to him.

36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all.

37 That message spread throughout Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and with power;
how he went about doing good
and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him.

39 We are witnesses to all that he did
both in Judea and in Jerusalem.
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;

40 but God raised him on the third day
and allowed him to appear,
41 not to all the people
but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses,
and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

42 He commanded us to preach to the people
and to testify that he is the one ordained by God
as judge of the living and the dead.

43 All the prophets testify about him
that everyone who believes in him
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Second Reading Colossians 3.1-4

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians

1 If you have been raised with Christ,
seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
2 Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on earth,
3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
4 When Christ who is your life is revealed,
then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn *NEH 117*

The Day of Resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection-light;
And, listening to his accents,
May hear so calm and plain
His own 'All hail,' and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
And earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen,
Our joy that hath no end.

St John of Damascus (c 750)
Translated by J M Neale (1818-1866)

Gospel John 20.1-18

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you O Lord

1 Early on the first day of the week,
while it was still dark,
Mary Magdalene came to the tomb
and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple,
the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them,
'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,
and we do not know where they have laid him.'

3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out
and went towards the tomb.

4 The two were running together,
but the other disciple outran Peter
and reached the tomb first.

5 He bent down to look in
and saw the linen wrappings lying there,
but he did not go in.

6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb.
He saw the linen wrappings lying there,

7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head,
not lying with the linen wrappings
but rolled up in a place by itself.

8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in,
and he saw and believed;

9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture,
that he must rise from the dead.

10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb.
As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;

12 and she saw two angels in white,
sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying,
one at the head and the other at the feet.

13 They said to her,
'Woman, why are you weeping?'
She said to them,
'They have taken away my Lord,
and I do not know where they have laid him.'

14 When she had said this,
she turned around and saw Jesus standing there,
but she did not know that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus said to her,
'Woman, why are you weeping?
For whom are you looking?'
Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him,
'Sir, if you have carried him away,
tell me where you have laid him,
and I will take him away.'

16 Jesus said to her, 'Mary!'
She turned and said to him in Hebrew,
'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher.

17 Jesus said to her,
'Do not hold on to me,
because I have not yet ascended to the Father.
But go to my brothers and say to them,
"I am ascending to my Father and your Father,
to my God and your God."'

18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,
'I have seen the Lord';
and she told them that he had said these things to her.
the Saviour of the world.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

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

Offertory Hymn *NEH 103*

Alleluya! Alleluya!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the Cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
Of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance
At his second coming yield;
Then the golden ears of harvest
Will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine
From the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
From the brightness of thy face;
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven
Here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel-hands be gathered,
And be ever safe with thee.

Alleluya! Alleluya!
Glory be to God on high;
To the Father, and the Saviour,
Who has gained the victory;
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluya! Alleluya!
To the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)

See pages 7-12 in the Order of Service

During Communion, an Anthem will be sung by the Choir

After Communion

God of life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of the enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life:
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Final Hymn *NEH 120*

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

Thine be the glory . . .

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

Thine be the glory . . .

Edmund Budry (1854-1932)
Translated by Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)

See page 13 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Toccata from Plymouth Suite - Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

FOREST CHURCH

WORCESTER SOUTH EAST TEAM OF CHURCHES

Sunday 5 April
3.30pm - 4.30pm
Whittington Churchyard

Celebrate the hope of Easter and new beginnings as we listen to birdsong and spot signs of God's love all around us.
Join us for outdoor worship, activities and refreshments, including chocolate eggs!
Contact: revrichwood@gmail.com

YOU'RE INVITED TO

iSingPOP Family Sunday

A NEW FAMILY EVENT IN WORCESTER

Sing iSingPOP songs
Explore Bible stories
Create awesome crafts
Make new friends

3:30-4:30PM
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SUNDAY 12 APRIL
SUNDAY 17 MAY
SUNDAY 21 JUNE

Pray for those in St Martin's Parish

People in sickness or need

David Dale	Veronica	Stephen Clarke	Eglé Tumanova
Terry Dillingham	Ruth Kirwan	Gail Stone	Thelma Bushell
Phyllis Dillingham	Shirley Scott	Hannah Cocksworth	Robert Crean
Alison Houghton	Roderick Dovey		

The recently departed

Anniversary of death

John Wilson	Pam Dale	Jean Hadley	Roy Dyson
Eva-Mary Greaves	Tim Shirley		

Daily Readings and Prayers

Mon 6 **Acts 2.14, 22-32** **Matthew 28.8-15**
'Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son …' Keep us praising you through this second day of Easter, gloriously risen Christ Jesus.

Tue 7 **Acts 2.36-41** **John 20.11-18**
'Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb …' May we continue to meet the risen Jesus today in our family, our neighbours and the people we talk to.

Wed 8 **Acts 3.1-10** **Luke 24.13-35**
'… let the Church with gladness songs of triumph sing …' Give us, risen Lord, hearts and souls that sing of your salvation. Give those songs to all Church leaders across the world.

Thu 9 **Acts 3.11-end** **Luke 24.35-48**
'No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life …' Sometimes doubts and suspicions do creep into our minds, even during this Easter week. Keep us, risen Lord, firm in our resurrection faith.

Fri 10 **Acts 4.1-12** **John 21.1-14**
'… life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife …' Come to us, risen Christ Jesus, to give us strength to persevere, to hold true to you and to grow in faith and love.

Sat 11 **Acts 4.12-21** **Mark 16.9-15**
'… make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love …' Surround us, risen Christ, with your resurrection love throughout today, that we may walk safely with you in all we undertake.

Next week's readings: Acts 2.14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-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 4 April		
	2.00pm	Easter Craft Event *Church*
Sunday 5 April		
	6.00am	Service of Light and Dawn Eucharist *Church*
	8.00am	Said Eucharist *Church*
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist for Easter Day *Church*
	3.30pm	Forest Church *Whittington Churchyard*
Monday 6 April		*Church & Office closed today*
Tuesday 7 April		*Church & Office closed today*
Wednesday 8 April		*Office closed today*
Thursday 9 April		*Office closed today*
	9.30am	Said Eucharist *Church*
	10.00am	PopIns *Lower Vestry*
Friday 10 April		*Office closed today*
Saturday 11 April		
	10.00am	Open Church *Church*
	12 noon	Concert setup and rehearsal *Church*
	7.00pm	Powick Community Choir Concert *Church*
Sunday 12 April		
	8.00am	Said Eucharist *Church*
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist *Church*
	3.30pm	iSingPOP Family Sunday *Church*
	5.10pm	Choir Practice *Lower Vestry*
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong *Church*