

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Growth 2026

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER

HARVEST FESTIVAL

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am All Together Eucharist
for Harvest Festival
6.00pm Festal Choral Evensong

OPENING HOURS

CHURCH: Monday - Friday 10am-3pm

TEAM OFFICE: Monday, Thursday and Friday 10am-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

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Prayers for Peace & Justice on Saturdays at 4pm



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Harvest Festival – Sunday 11 October

We welcome the Family Choir, and Alistair on Horn, who are helping to lead the service today. During the communion, any congregation member who knows 'Cauliflowers fluffy' is welcome to join the choir in the choir stalls area to sing it. Please come up after you have had communion/ blessing and wait in the choir stalls while they are singing their first communion song.

Festal Choral Evensong this evening at 6pm will feature Walmisley in D minor, responses by Piers Maxim, and Greene's *Thou visitest the earth*, and some great hymns to sing. We are also pleased that Sarah Burgess will play a voluntary on the piano.

Harvest Lunch – The lunch will take place from around 12.15pm in the Church, so we are sorry not be able to offer teas/coffees after the service today. Tables and chairs are available in the Lady Chapel where you may wait and have conversation after the service, until lunch is set up and ready to be served.

Flower Club – Monday 12 October, 10am, Lower Vestry

Week of Hope – Mon 12th – Sun 18th October, Worcester Guildhall

To mark *Hate Crime Awareness Week*, the Jewish Living Experience Exhibition is coming to Worcester. Featuring 18 illustrated display panels, it teaches visitors about Judaism as a living faith, its traditions and customs, and everyday lives of British Jews. It aims to promote understanding and challenge prejudice. Open daily 10-4pm.

Prayer Group – Tuesday 13 October, 2pm, meeting in Church

We continue to meet in Church for prayer for the Parish.

Commissioning and Celebration service – Sunday 18 October, 3pm

The Bishop is leading a special service in the Cathedral for those leading children's ministry in the Diocese. All welcome. There will be no iSingPOP that Sunday.

Save the date - Saturday 7 November, 10.30am, Whittington Church

Dr Richard Churchley will give an illustrated talk at 10.30am entitled *Droughts, Disaster and Destruction* - extreme weather events in England's past', in aid of church funds.

Parish Centre bookings

Joan has decided, after 18yrs, to step down from the role of Parish Centre Booking Administrator. We are so very grateful to her for everything she has done. Sophie Kelleher will now take on this role, and all booking enquiries can be made via parishbookings.stmartins@gmail.com

Join the Story – Explore Bishop Hugh's vision for the Diocese

This autumn, come and meet Bishop Hugh, hear something of what he has discovered about our diocese, and explore with him what it means to be Kingdom People today. There will be a chance to ask questions and pray together. These are not specifically deanery events – there is a choice of dates in October and November, come to whichever is most convenient. See poster for dates/venues.

10.00AM ALL TOGETHER EUCHARIST

FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL

The **Order of Service** is in a separate booklet, large print copies are available. This **Bulletin** contains the words of the hymns, readings, and special prayers for the day, as well as notices and prayers for the week. You are welcome to take it home. If you would like a kneeler, please ask a member of the Welcome Team. The communion setting music for the service is also available from the Welcome Team.

Celebrant **Revd Peter Hart**
Organ **John Swindells**

FIRST SONG NEH 262

We plough the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain:

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*

He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far,
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread: *All good gifts around us...*

We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good;
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
For all thy love imparts,
But that which thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts: *All good gifts around us...*

*Author: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)
Translator: Jane Campbell (1817-78)*

See pages 1-2 in the Order of Service

Collect Eternal God,
 you crown the year with your goodness
 and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
 grant that we may use them to your glory,
 for the relief of those in need
 and for our own well-being;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading 2 Corinthians 9.6-end

- 6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.
- 7 Each of you should give
what you have decided in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.
- 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly,
so that in all things at all times,
having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
- 9 As it is written:
“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever.”
- 10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food
will also supply and increase your store of seed
and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.
- 11 You will be enriched in every way
so that you can be generous on every occasion,
and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.
- 12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of
the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of
thanks to God.
- 13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves,
others will praise God for the obedience
that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ,
and for your generosity in sharing with them
and with everyone else.
- 14 And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you,
because of the surpassing grace God has given you.
- 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

SECOND SONG (Sung to the Tune 'Country Gardens')

We eat the plants that grow from the seed,
But it's God who gives the harvest.
Cures can be made from herbs and from weeds,
But it's God who gives the harvest.
Ev'rything beneath the sun,
All the things we claim we've done,
All are part of God's creation:
We can meet people's needs
With things we grow from seed,
But it's God who gives the harvest.

We find the iron and turn it to steel,
But it's God who gives the harvest.
We pull the levers, we turn the wheels,
But it's God who gives the harvest.
Ev'rything we say we've made,
Wooden toys to metal spades,
All are part of God's creation:
We can make lots of things
From microchips to springs,
But it's God who gives the harvest.

Susan Mee

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Gospel Luke 17.11-19

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John



All

Glo-ry to you O Lord

- 11 Now on his way to Jerusalem,
Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.
- 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him.
They stood at a distance
- 13 and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"
- 14 When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests."
And as they went, they were cleansed.

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- 15 One of them, when he saw he was healed,
came back, praising God in a loud voice.
16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him -
and he was a Samaritan.
17 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed?
Where are the other nine?
18 Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?"
19 Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

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 *NEH 285*

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

For thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
This pure sacrifice of love:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

*F S Pierpoint
(1835-1917)*

See pages 6-8 in the Order of Service

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

PRIEST PEOPLE PRIEST PEOPLE

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

PRIEST PEOPLE

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God - It is right to give him thanks and praise

Family Choir Songs

Choir The valleys stand so thick with corn
 That they shall laugh and sing with the dawn.
 We share the good things that he has made,
 The fruits of the sun, the rain and the shade.

John Swindells (Ps 65.8, 12, 13)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Thomas Ken (1637-1710)

Choir
(and all) Cauliflowers fluffy and cabbages green,
 Strawberries are sweeter than any I've seen.
 Beetroots purple and onions white,
 All grow steadily day and night.

 The apples are ripe, and the plums are red,
 The broad beans are sleeping in a blankety bed.

 Blackberries are juicy, and rhubarbs sour -
 Marrows fat'ning hour by hour.

 Gooseberries hairy and lettuces fat,
 Radishes round and runner beans flat.

 The apples are ripe, and the plums are red,
 The broadbeans are sleeping in a blankety bed.

 Orangey carrots and turnips cream -
 Reddening tomatoes that used to be green.
 Brown potatoes in little heaps,
 Down in the darkness where the celery sleeps.

 The apples are ripe, and the plums are red,
 The broadbeans are sleeping in a blankety bed.

V P Mitchell and Hugh Mitchell

After Communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

See page 9 in the Order of Service

FOURTH SONG (*Tune: NEH 259 St George's Windsor*)

Now we sing a harvest song,
clear and joyful, loud and strong;
think of bread and think of meat,
think of all we have to eat;
all God's gifts to us in love,
earth and rain and sun above,
thank you, God, for all you give,
thank you, God, by whom we live.

Now we sing a sadder song
of injustice, hunger, wrong;
those with not enough to eat,
suffering every sort of need.
they've no home, no work, no pay,
scraping through from day to day.
Do they thank you that they live?
Thank you, God, that we can give.

As we sing our harvest song,
clear and joyful, loud and strong,
help us, Father, now to see
how to set those people free;
how to share the gifts you give
so that they may also live,
so the harvest song may sound
to your praise the earth around.

Alex Mitchell

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See page 9 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Barwick Green – Arthur Wood (1875-1953)

Hymn words published under CCLI 1145602

Next Week's Readings: *Isaiah 35.3-6; 2 Timothy 4.5-17; Luke 10.1-9*

6.00pm FESTAL CHORAL EVENSONG for HARVEST

Leader **Revd Richard Wood** Preacher **Revd Mike Bunclark**
Director of Music **John Swindells** Piano **Robin Walker**

Hymn 260	Fair waved the golden corn
Responses	Maxim
Psalms 65	<i>Chant:</i> E J Hopkins
Readings	Joel 2.21-27; Matthew 6.25-33
Canticles	Walmisley in D minor
Anthem	Thou visitest the earth - Maurice Greene (1696-1755) Thou visitest the earth and blessest it, And crownest the year, The year with thy goodness.

Text based on Psalm 65.9,12

Hymn SP 110

For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God; for his gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God; for the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.	In the just reward of labour, God's will is done; in the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done; in our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
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For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Fred Pratt-Green
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Hymn 261	To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
Voluntary	Trumpet Voluntary - Simon Stubleby (d 1754)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

David Dale	Veronica Cooper	Stephen Clarke	Eglé Tumanova
Gail Stone	Thelma Bushell	Shirley Scott	Jackie
Geoff	Alison Houghton	Elizabeth Robertson	Marcus Lintzgy
Otto Lintzgy	Erin	Chris Dale	Ray Harbourne

The recently departed

Anniversary of death

Dollie Legg	George Goode	Dennis Boreham
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DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 12 Galatians 4.21 – 5.1

Luke 11.29-32

On this day in 1915 Nurse Edith Cavell was executed during World War I. As you pray recall her words: "Patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone".

Tue 13 Galatians 5.1-6

Luke 11.37-41

As the PCC meets tonight, pray that their deliberations take us forward as a parish.

Wed 14 Galatians 5.18-end

Luke 11.42-46

Give thanks for the beauty and colours of the season.

Thu 15 Ephesians 1.1-10

Luke 11.47-end

Today we celebrate St. Teresa of Ávila. Pray her prayer: "Lord, you are closer to me than my own breath, nearer to me than my hands and feet. Amen".

Fri 16 Ephesians 1.11-14

Luke 12.1-7

Pray for St. Richard's Hospice and Acorns Children's Hospice.

Sat 17 Ephesians 1.15-end

Luke 12.8-12

Pray for Father Peter as he is licensed as Priest-in-Charge of St. Martin's in the Cornmarket tomorrow.

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 10 October

12 noon	Craft Event setup Church
2.00pm	Harvest Craft Event Church

Sunday 11 October

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	All Together Eucharist Church
12.15pm	Harvest Lunch Church
6.00pm	Festal Choral Evensong Church

Monday 12 October

9.30am	Boxing Harvest donations Church
10.00am	Flower Club Church

Tuesday 13 October

2.00pm	Prayer Group Church
7.30pm	PCC Meeting Lower Vestry

Wednesday 14 October

9.30am	Mainly Music Church
11.15am	Bible Study Lower Vestry

Thursday 15 October

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

Friday 16 October

7.00pm	Choir Practice Lower Vestry
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Saturday 17 October

Sunday 18 October

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church
