

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Mission 2025

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER

HARVEST FESTIVAL

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

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

Thursday 9.30am	Said Eucharist
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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

Harvest Festival - Sunday 12 October

We celebrate **Harvest Festival** at the All Together Eucharist service this morning at 10am, and then at a Festal Choral Evensong at 6.00pm.

Thank you for your **Harvest food donations** which will be added to the donations from Red Hill CE Primary School, and distributed to local charities.

Please buy from our **Harvest Produce Sale** after the service for our missionary causes. Thank you for all your donations for the sale.

For those who have signed up, join us for the **Harvest Lunch** at 12.15pm over at the Parish Centre.

Red Hill CE School Award Presentation - Monday 13 October, 11am

We look forward to welcoming Archdeacon Mark tomorrow to a special Assembly in Church, when the Silver Award for the Church and School Partnership will be presented. We are delighted to be one of the first church/school partnerships presented with this award, and are proud of the relationship we have with our local school community. Please note, attendance at this event is by invitation only, for safeguarding reasons, and due to the large numbers attending.

Nicaea 1700 - reading group starting Tuesday 14 October, 7.30pm

Meeting at the Cathedral undercroft, over five Tuesday evenings (from 14 Oct until 18 Nov), a reading and discussion group will explore some aspects of this legacy through primary texts. For more information, or to reserve your place, speak to Junia after the service, or visit www.worcestercathedral.org.uk/nicaea1700

PCC Meeting - Tuesday 14 October, 7.30pm, Lower Vestry

Light Club - Thursday 16 October, 3.45pm, Lower Vestry

Our group for youth (yr 6 and up) meets this Thursday.

The Women of Worcester Cathedral - Saturday 18 October, 10.30am

Janet Pearson will give an illustrated talk at Whittington Church. Refreshments available afterwards in the Elizabethan Room. Donations to Church funds.

Ministry Vocations Marketplace (online) - Tuesday 21 October, 7pm

This event, run by the Diocese, allows people who are interested to begin exploring various forms of ministry. Along with a general introduction to vocation/ministry, there will be an opportunity to hear details around Ordained ministry, Licensed Lay Ministry / Reader ministry, Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) and Youth & Children's ministry. Contact Rebecca in the Office for more details.

Whist Drive (with a twist!) - Saturday 25 October, 7pm, Church

A social event over a game of cards. Come early from 6.30pm to learn the game. All welcome, (including children old enough to play). Sign up at the back of Church, £5 (including refreshments). See posters for details.

Autumn Fair - Saturday 15 November, 11-2pm

Please sell raffle tickets (available from Dave) to friends, neighbours and family.

10.00AM ALL TOGETHER EUCHARIST

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
Preacher	Debra Hill
Piano & 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 Philippians 4.4-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

4. Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.
5. Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
The Lord is near.
6. Do not worry about anything,
but in everything by prayer
and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.
7. And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
8. Finally, beloved,
whatever is true, whatever is honourable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.
9. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me,
and the God of peace will be with you.

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 John 6.25-35

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

/Continued....

- 25 When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake,
they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'
- 26 Jesus answered them,
'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me,
not because you saw signs,
but because you ate your fill of the loaves.
- 27 Do not work for the food that perishes,
but for the food that endures for eternal life,
which the Son of Man will give you.
For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.'
- 28 Then they said to him,
'What must we do to perform the works of God?'
- 29 Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God,
that you believe in him whom he has sent.'
- 30 So they said to him,
'What sign are you going to give us then,
so that we may see it and believe you?
What work are you performing?'
- 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written,
"He gave them bread from heaven to eat."
- 32 Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you,
it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven,
but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.
- 33 For the bread of God is that which comes down
from heaven and gives life to the world.'
- 34 They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'
- 35 Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'
- This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Sermon follows, then see pages 4-5 in the Order of Service

THIRD SONG NEH 264

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings. *All things bright...*

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky; *All things bright...*

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,--
He made them every one; *All things bright...*

The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows for our play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day; *All things bright...*

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well. *All things bright...*

Mrs C F Alexander (1818-95)

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

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

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

*Stand up clap hands, shout thank you Lord
Thank you for the world I'm in.
Stand up clap hands, shout thank you Lord
For happiness and peace within.*

I look around and the sun's in the sky.
I look around and then I think, oh my!
The world is such a wonderful place,
and all because of the good Lord's grace: *Stand up clap hands...*

I look around and the creatures I see,
I look around and it amazes me
That every fox and bird and hare
Must fit in a special place somewhere. *Stand up clap hands...*

I look around at all the joy I've had,
I look around, and then it makes me glad,
That I can offer thanks and praise
To him who guides me through my days. *Stand up clap hands...*

Roger Dyer

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See page 9 in the Order of Service

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Whist Drive



Saturday 25 October

7.00pm

Or come early from 6.30pm for some practice and guidance

St Martin's Church

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 per person (includes light refreshments)

Sign up in Church or in the Team Office

Plus licensed bar

6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Led by **Revd Richard Wood** *Preacher* **Revd Mike Bunclark**
Director of Music **John Swindells**

- Hymn 259** Come, ye thankful people, come
- Responses** Richard Ayleward
- Psalm 144** *Chant: Percy Buck (1871-1847)*
- Readings** Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Revelation 14.14-18
- Canticles** Stanford in Bb
- Anthem** Fear not O Land - Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice,
for the Lord will do great things.

Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field:
for the pastures of the wilderness do spring
for the tree beareth her fruit,
the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

Be glad, then be glad, ye children of Zion,
and rejoice in the Lord your God.

The floors shall be full of wheat.
And ye shall eat in plenty,
and praise the Name of the Lord your God,
that hath dealt wondrously with you.

Amen, amen.
- Hymn 260** Fair waved the golden corn
- Hymn 263** All creatures of our God and King (*omit vs 5&6*)

Next Week's Readings: *Genesis 32.22-31; 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5; Luke 18.1-8*

PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

Sandra Giles	Peter Fisher	David Dale	Veronica
Stephen Clarke	Michael Campbell	Hannah Cocksworth	
Terry Dillingham	Zena Hart		

The recently departed

Gladys Treadwell	Margaret Chivers
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Anniversary of death

Dollie Legg	George Goode	Fred Allan	Glenys Blackham
Stephen Rees			

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

- Mon 13** **Romans 1.1-7** **Luke 11.29-32**
We pray for those involved in food production across the world.
May their innovation help to feed everyone.
- Tue 14** **Romans 1.16-25** **Luke 11.37-41**
We pray for weather conditions to be moderate, and we pray
for those who have suffered loss.
- Wed 15** **Romans 2.1-11** **Luke 11.42-46**
We pray for all with health problems, and also those who have
been bereaved. May they find the strength to carry on.
- Thu 16** **Romans 3.21-30** **Luke 11.47-end**
We pray for negotiators at this difficult time.
May they be able to suggest a compromise between the
opposing sides for a just solution.
- Fri 17** **Romans 4.1-8** **Luke 12.1-7**
We pray for an end to hate crime and division, and facilities for
safe co-existence.
- Sat 18** **Luke the Evangelist**
Isaiah 35.3-6 **2 Timothy 4.5-17** **Luke 10.1-9**
We pray for aid agencies in all areas of need. May they find the
necessary support and funding.

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 11 October

10.00am	Open Church Church
12 noon	Craft Event setup Church
2.00pm	Harvest Craft Event Church
4.00pm	Concert setup & rehearsal Church
7.30pm	Volante Strings Concert Church

Sunday 12 October

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist for Harvest Festival Church
11.00am	Harvest Produce Sale Church
12.15pm	Harvest Lunch Parish Centre
6.00pm	Choral Evensong Church

Monday 13 October

8.30am	Harvest distribution Church
9.30am	Assembly setup Church
11.00am	RH School Award Presentation Assembly Church
1.30pm	Red Hill Reception class visit Church

Tuesday 14 October

12 noon	Boiler Service
7.30pm	PCC Meeting Lower Vestry

Wednesday 15 October

9.30am	Mainly Music Church
11.15am	Bible Study Lower Vestry

Thursday 16 October

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

Friday 17 October

7.00pm	Choir Practice Lower Vestry
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Saturday 18 October

Sunday 19 October

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church
