

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Growth 2026

SUNDAY 28 JUNE

FEAST OF ST PETER & ST PAUL

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am All Together Eucharist

OPENING HOURS

CHURCH: Monday - Friday 10am-3pm

TEAM OFFICE: Tuesday, Thursday, 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

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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Prayer walk – Tuesday 30 June, 2pm, from Church

The prayer walk will be in the Chase End Close area, meeting first in Church.

Mothers' Union – Wednesday 1 July, 2.30pm, Lower Vestry

Our speaker will be Ivor Pond talking about his life and music – all welcome.

Stories from the West Bank – Thursday 2 July, 7.30pm - see poster

An invitation to hear Revd Fadi Abdi, (Rector of St Andrew's Ramallah & St Peter's, Birzeit) sharing stories from the West Bank at St Andrew's Methodist Church, Pump Street. This event is being run in conjunction with the Worcester Palestine Solidarity Group.

Forest Church Day Trip to Skenfrith Castle – Saturday 4 July, 11-3pm

Families will need to self-drive (about 50mins) meeting there at 11am for a fun day of activities around the castle (free entry) and nearby river Monnow. Let us know if you plan to come, and if you need a lift (there may be a few spare seats in cars). Contact Richard Wood at revrichwood@gmail.com or 07572 178775.

Please note, this is in place of Forest Church on Sunday 5 July.

Organ Appeal – see back page for how to donate

Repairs to the organ will begin on Monday 6 July. The main work is to repair the water damage suffered during storms earlier this year, and most of it will be covered by insurance. During these repairs, it makes sense to have other remedial work done, which has become necessary to keep the instrument fully operational. Details are on the **Exhibition** in the north aisle.

The **Organ Gift Day on Saturday 4 July** will be like an extended Coffee Concert, with all day refreshments from 10am. We have a stellar team of local organists, including Samuel Hudson, Nicholas Freestone and Benedict Braddock from the Cathedral, Piers Maxim from Malvern, James MacDowell-Scott from Pershore, and ending with our own John Swindells at (approx.) 3.30pm.

Adopt a pipe - to raise funds for the Millennium Tuba pipework, we are proposing an *adopt a pipe* scheme. 61 pipes, of various sizes, need repairs at a total cost of £3675. If you would like to adopt a pipe, or two, or part of a pipe, any donation is welcome. Please talk to Angela, Robin or Cairen about the many ways you can donate.

Free non-emergency patient transport service (EMED Patient Care)

Free patient transport is available for non-emergency medical appointments for eligible patients living in Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Patients and carers may book transport by phoning 0300 011 0017 between 8am–4pm every day. For more details, pick up a leaflet at the back of Church, or visit emedgroup.co.uk/haw-nhs/

Team Office closed Monday 29 June – apologies for any inconvenience.

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 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 & Piano **John Swindells & Matt Gardner**

FIRST SONG NEH 172 (Tune: NEH 443 Rejoice the Lord is King)

'Thou art the Christ, O Lord,
The Son of God, most high!'
For ever be adored
That name in earth and sky,
In which, though mortal strength may fail,
The saints of God at last prevail.

O surely he was blest
With blessedness unpriced,
Who, taught of God, confessed
The Godhead in the Christ;
For of thy Church, Lord, thou didst own
Thy saint a true foundation-stone.

Thrice fallen, thrice restored,
The bitter lesson learnt,
That heart for thee, O Lord,
With triple ardour burnt.
The cross he took he laid not down
Until he grasped the martyr's crown.

O bright triumphant faith,
O courage void of fears,
O love most strong in death,
O penitential tears!
By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,
And make us go where thou shalt call.

W Walsham How (1823-97)

See pages 1-3 in the Order of Service

Collect Almighty God,
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in their life:
grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading Acts 12.1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

- 1 King Herod laid violent hands upon some
who belonged to the church.
- 2 He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.
- 3 After he saw that it pleased the Jews,
he proceeded to arrest Peter also.
(This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.)
- 4 When he had seized him, he put him in prison
and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him,
intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover.
- 5 While Peter was kept in prison,
the church prayed fervently to God for him.
- 6 The very night before Herod was going to bring him out,
Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers,
while guards in front of the door
were keeping watch over the prison.
- 7 Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared
and a light shone in the cell.
He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying,
'Get up quickly.'
And the chains fell off his wrists.
- 8 The angel said to him,
'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.'
He did so. Then he said to him,
'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.'

- 9 Peter went out and followed him;
he did not realize
that what was happening with the angel's help was real;
he thought he was seeing a vision.
- 10 After they had passed the first and the second guard,
they came before the iron gate leading into the city.
It opened for them of its own accord,
and they went outside and walked along a lane,
when suddenly the angel left him.
- 11 Then Peter came to himself and said,
'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel
and rescued me from the hands of Herod
and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND SONG

Family Choir O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in;
O Lord, I want to be among the number
When the saints go marching in!

All O when they crown him Lord of all,
O when they crown him Lord of all;
O Lord, I want to be among the number
When they crown him Lord of all.

O when all knees bow at his name,
O when all knees bow at his name;
O Lord, I want to be among the number
When all knees bow at his name.

O when they sing the Saviour's praise,
O when they sing the Saviour's praise;
O Lord, I want to be among the number
when they sing the Saviour's praise.

Traditional

Gospel Matthew 16.13-19

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

- 13 When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi,
he asked his disciples,
‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’
- 14 And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah,
and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’
- 15 He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’
- 16 Simon Peter answered,
‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’
- 17 And Jesus answered him,
‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!
For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you,
but my Father in heaven.
- 18 And I tell you, you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.
- 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,
and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’

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

Anthem (*Tune: Repton, NEH 353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind*)

Give thanks for those whose faith is firm
When all around seems bleak:
On God's good promise they rely,
So while they live and when they die
How forcefully they speak -
The strong who once were weak!

Give thanks for those whose hope is clear,
Beyond mere mortal sight:
Who seek the city God has planned,
The true, eternal promised land,
And steer towards that light,
A beacon ever bright.

Give thanks for those whose love is pure,
A sparking, precious stone:
They show by what they say and do
An inward beauty, warm and true,
For God's concerns they own -
His love through them is known.

Give thanks for saints of ages past
And saints alive today:
Though often by this world despised,
Their hearts by God are richly prized -
Give thanks that we may say
We share their pilgrim way.

Martin E Leckebusch (b1962)
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After Communion

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

See page 9 in the Order of Service

FOURTH SONG

Thank you for the summer morning,
misting into heat;
thank you for the diamonds
of dew beneath my feet;
thank you for the silver
where a snail has wandered by;

*Oh, we praise the name
of him who made the earth and sea and sky.*

Thank you for the yellow fields
of corn like waving hair;
thank you for the red surprise
of poppies here and there;
thank you for the blue of an electric dragonfly;

Oh, we praise ...

Thank you for the splintered light
among the brooding trees;
thank you for the leaves that rustle
in a sudden breeze;
thank you for the branches
and the fun of climbing high;

Oh, we praise ...

Thank you for the evening
as the light begins to fade;
clouds so red and purple
that the setting sun has made;
thank you for the shadows
as the owls come gliding by;

*Oh, we praise the name
of him who made the earth and sea and sky.*

Susan Sayers (b 1946)
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See page 9 in the Order of Service

Voluntary

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Next week's readings:

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-29, 58-end; Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

FOREST CHURCH

JULY 2026

Skenfrith Castle Day Trip

Saturday July 4th - 11am - 3pm

In a change to the published beach trip this year (no minibus ☹️), we're planning a closer trip to **Skenfrith Castle**. The castle (entry free) is one of three in the area, and is a hidden gem with the beautiful River Monnow flowing alongside, marking the border between England and Wales. It is a fabulous place to explore, but do mind the safety notes.

See: <https://cadw.gov.wales/visit/places-to-visit/skenfrith-castle>

Families will **self-drive** (44miles / 50mins). Several cars are going so there may be spaces for parents/families who can't drive themselves. Let us know if you plan to join us, and whether you need a lift. Activities:

- 11am Castle - meet and explore.
- 11.30am River Monnow – paddling, fishing nets and aquatic life.
- 12.30am Castle – family picnic (**bring own picnic**).
- 1.30pm Family fun and free time (gather to end at 3pm).

Notes: no facilities in castle, but pub and church hall in walking distance.



SAFETY NOTE – children must be supervised at all times.

Deep water – The river has sections of deep and fast water.

Steep walls – Mind your footing. Do not climb Castle walls.

**Bring water shoes, picnics and sun screen
and have fun exploring!**



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PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

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|------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| David Dale | Veronica | Stephen Clarke | Eglé Tumanova |
| Gail Stone | Thelma Bushell | Shirley Scott | Jackie |
| Geoff | Alison Houghton | Elizabeth Robertson | Marcus Lintzgy |
| Erin | Rosemary Dillingham | Elizabeth Yarker | Charlie Bentley |
| Andy Stand | | | |

The recently departed

Ruth Kirwan

Anniversary of death

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| Cyril Smith | Phyllis Currie | Tony Ballard | Richard Bayliss |
| Edna Smith | Victor Harrison | Gaynor Smallman | Joseph Ogden |
| Enid Jones | | | |

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 29 *Peter and Paul*

Zechariah 4.1-end 2 Timothy 4.6-18 Matthew 16.13-19

We pray for release from the 'chains' of mental health issues, addiction, abuse, and oppression of every kind. May Christ bring freedom.

Tue 30 **Amos 3.1-12**

Matthew 8.23-27

We pray for all receiving palliative care, all in mourning, and all who support the grieving. Lord bring peace, comfort and strength.

Wed 1 **Amos 5.14-24**

Matthew 8.28-end

We pray for stability in our nation. We pray that you bring wisdom and balance. Subdue those whose voices disrupt, those who create social media storms, and those who are determined to cause unrest.

Thu 2 **Amos 7.10-end**

Matthew 9.1-8

We pray for the elderly and housebound in our parish. We pray for good neighbours, and responsive health and support services.

Fri 3 *Thomas the Apostle*

Habbakkuk 2.1-4 Ephesians 2.19-end John 20.24-29

We pray for all who struggle to have faith. Bring them true assurance of your goodness, and love, and draw them close to you.

Sat 4 **Amos 9.11-end**

Matthew 9.14-17

We pray for mission agencies facing rising costs, and needing more volunteers. We pray that obstacles to their good work may be removed.

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 27 June

10.30am Coffee Concert Church

Sunday 28 June

8.00am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am All Together Eucharist Church

Monday 29 June

Team Office closed

Tuesday 30 June

2.00pm Prayer Group Church

Wednesday 1 July

9.30am Mainly Music Church

11.15am Bible Study Lower Vestry

2.30pm Mothers' Union Lower Vestry

Thursday 2 July

9.30am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am Poplins Lower Vestry

Friday 3 July

5.30pm Organ Practice Church

7.00pm Choir Practice Lower Vestry

Saturday 4 July

10.00am Organ Gift Day Church (until 4pm)

Sunday 5 July

8.00am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist for Patronal Festival Church

Donations to our Organ Repair Appeal

You may use this QR code to donate to our Appeal.

Or donate direct to our Bank Account:

Ref: 'Organ Repair'
Name: St Martin with St Peter PCC
Sort: 40-52-40
Account: 00017149



Please if you can *giftaid it* Thank you for your support.