

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Growth 2026

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST

10TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

OPENING HOURS

CHURCH: Monday - 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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in the Worcester South East Team**

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Funeral for Elizabeth Yarker – Tuesday 11 August, 2pm, in Church

All are welcome to the service, which is followed by refreshments in Church. The family would like the service to be a celebration of her life, and invite you to wear colourful attire if you wish. There will be no parking available in the Church car parks on Tuesday, to leave space available for the family.

No Prayer walk this week, due to the funeral.

Stay and Play – Wednesday 12 August, 10am, St Martin's Church

Please note, there will be no session on Tuesday, due to the funeral, but our final session will be on Wednesday 12th. Join us for activities for children and families, from 10am-1pm. There will also be a Board Game café. Free, donations welcome.

The Bible Study group takes a break during August.

Summer Stories & Crafts – Thursday 13 August, 10am, Whittington Church

Final session on Thursday 13 August, for children aged 4-11, from 10-11am.

Baptism - Sunday 16 August, 11.45am, St Nicholas' Church, Warndon

Samuel Swindells will be baptized by Revd Richard at 11:45am, at St Nicholas' Church, Warndon, in a short service. All are welcome to attend.

iSingPOP Family Sunday – Sunday 16 August, 3.30pm, Church

Join us for iSingPOP worship, Bible stories, and activities for all the family.

Worcester Festival: Friday 21st– Monday 31st August

The free Event Guide is available at the back of church, do pick up a copy for details of exhibitions, events, concerts, tours and family fun in our city this summer.

St Martin's is hosting two events during the festival – our usual free Coffee Concert on **Saturday 22 August, at 10.30am**, with Les Filles Sauvages ladies choir, and a visiting vocal ensemble, Phoenix Consort, giving a concert entitled *The Road Home*, on **Sunday 30 August, at 5.30pm**. Details are on the concerts noticeboard.

Worcestershire Open Studios Art Week: Sat 22 – Mon 31 August

Venues across Worcester, including the Elizabethan Room, Whittington Church. Pick up a leaflet in Church, or visit worcestershiresopenstudios.org

Organ Appeal – see back page for how to donate

We continue to appeal for donations towards the restoration of the organ, including the adopt a pipe campaign. Please see back page for how to donate.

Church Wifi access

We have recently updated our Church Wifi access protocols. If you would like to use the Church Wifi, you will now need to connect to the network named **Parish Office Guest**, using the same password as before **MartIn1911** (you may need to delete the network *Parish Office* to avoid any confusion on your device).

Please note: The Team Office is closed this week, reopening Mon 17 Aug.

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 Peter Hart**
Piano **John Swindells**

The Communion setting is by Hall-Johnson, (available from the Welcome Team).

Hymn Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The Universe declares it:
Sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord.

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
Yet gave his life as ransom thus setting us free.
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord.

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death he rose and all his foes shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord.

David J. Mansell (b 1936)
©1982 Word's spirit of praise music

See pages 2-3 in the Order of Service

Collect Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen

First Reading Genesis 37.1-4,12-14a,17b-24,28

A reading from the Book of Genesis

- ¹ Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan.
- ² This is the story of the family of Jacob.
Joseph, being seventeen years old,
was shepherding the flock with his brothers;
he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives;
and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.
- ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age;
and he had made him a long robe with sleeves.
- ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.
- ¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem.
- ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph,
'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem?
Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.'
- ¹⁴ So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.'
- ^{17b} So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem,
- ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him.
- ¹⁹ They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer.
- ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.'
- ²¹ But when Reuben heard it,
he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.'
- ²² Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood;
throw him into this pit here in the wilderness,
but lay no hand on him' - that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.
- ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore;
- ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit.
The pit was empty; there was no water in it.
- ²⁵ Then they sat down to eat; and looking up
they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead,
with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin,
on their way to carry it down to Egypt.

- 26 Then Judah said to his brothers,
 'What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?
 27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites,
 and not lay our hands on him,
 for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed.
 28 When some Midianite traders passed by,
 they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit,
 and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver.
 And they took Joseph to Egypt.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading Romans 10.5-15

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

- 5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law,
 that 'the person who does these things will live by them.'
 6 But the righteousness that comes from faith says,
 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"'
 (that is, to bring Christ down)
 7 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"'
 (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).
 8 But what does it say?
 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart'
 (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);
 9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord
 and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
 you will be saved.
 10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified,
 and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.
 11 The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'
 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;
 the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.
 13 For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'
 14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed?
 And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?
 And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?
 15 And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?
 As it is written,
 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn NEH 353

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

John Whittier (1807-92)

Gospel Matthew 14.22-33

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

- Immediately after feeding the crowd
with the five loaves and two fish,
- 22 Jesus made the disciples get into the boat
and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.
- 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds,
he went up the mountain by himself to pray.
When evening came, he was there alone,
- 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves,
was far from the land, for the wind was against them.
- 25 And early in the morning
he came walking towards them on the lake.
- 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake,
they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!'
And they cried out in fear.
- 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said,
'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'
- 28 Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you,
command me to come to you on the water.'
- 29 He said, 'Come.'
So Peter got out of the boat,
started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus.
- 30 But when he noticed the strong wind,
he became frightened, and beginning to sink,
he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'
- 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him,
saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'
- 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
- 33 And those in the boat worshipped him, saying,
'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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

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

Offertory Hymn NEH 498

Son of God, eternal Saviour,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
Thou, our Head, who, throned in glory,
For thine own dost ever plead,
Fill us with thy love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As thou, Lord, hast lived for others,
So may we for others live;
Freely have thy gifts been granted,
Freely may thy servants give.
Thine the gold and thine the silver,
Thine the wealth of land and sea,
We but stewards of thy bounty,
Held in solemn trust for thee.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love, and Prince of peace,
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease;
By thy patient years of toiling,
By thy silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
shame our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Saviour,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race.
Thou who prayedst, thou who wilt
That thy people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth thy will be done.

Somerset Lowry (1855-1932)

See pages 7-11 in the Order of Service

Then sing the acclamations after the words:

Great is the mystery of faith



The Choir may sing an anthem

After Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Final Hymn *NEH 338*

At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation
Sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces,
All the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations,
Stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders,
In their great array.

Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
When from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true:
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Trusted, and adored.

Caroline Noel (1817-77)

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Voluntary Miserere - William Byrd (1540-1623)

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Next week's readings: *Genesis 45.1-15; Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15.10-28*

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	

The recently departed

Rachel Grubb	Elizabeth Yarker	Jean Farmer
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Anniversary of death

Mary Webb	Wendy East	Christina Wood	Ina Hawley
Tilly Lee	Malcolm Lee	Peggy Taylor	Malcolm Kent

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 10 Ezekiel 1.2-end

Matthew 17.22-end

Pray for all who are on holiday at this time, that they should have safe journeys and find rest and relaxation and return refreshed and renewed. Pray also for those who, for whatever reason, are not able to have a holiday but would dearly love one.

Tue 11 Ezekiel 2.8 – 3.4

Matthew 18.1-14

On the day that the church remembers St Clare of Assisi, founder of the religious order which carries her name, who in her life took a vow of poverty, pray for all those who live in poverty today but not from choice. Pray for those who struggle to cope with life in today's economic conditions.

Wed 12 Ezekiel 9.1-22

Matthew 18.15-20

Pray for our farmers struggling with the effects of the prolonged drought, for crops lost and lack of grass for livestock. Pray for much needed rain.

Thu 13 Ezekiel 12.1-12

Matthew 18.21 – 19.1

On this day, the anniversary of the death of Florence Nightingale, social reformer and founder of modern nursing, give thanks and pray for all nurses, midwives and all those who devote their lives to the care of others.

Fri 14 Ezekiel 16.1-15, 60-end

Matthew 19.3-12

Pray for our emergency services: the Police, the Fire Brigade, and the Ambulance Service, all of whose members daily put their own lives at risk to serve us and keep us safe.

Sat 15 *The Blessed Virgin Mary*

Isaiah 61.10-end

Galatians 4.4-7

Luke 1.46-55

Pray for peacemakers throughout the world, for those who strive to resolve conflicts at all levels - community, local, national and international.

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 8 August

10.00am Piano Practice Church

Sunday 9 August

8.00am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist Church

No Choral Evensong

Monday 10 August

Office closed

Tuesday 11 August

Office closed

No Stay & Play or Prayer Walk

2.00pm Funeral of Elizabeth Yarker Church

Wednesday 12 August

Office closed

10.00am Stay & Play and Board Games Café Church

No Bible Study

Thursday 13 August

Office closed

9.30am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am PopIns Lower Vestry

Friday 14 August

Office closed

Saturday 15 August

Office closed

Sunday 16 August

Office closed

8.00am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist Church

3.30pm iSingPOP Family Sunday Church

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