St Martin's Weekly Bulletin

Prayer & Growth 2026

Sunday 25 October **Bible Sunday**

Services in Church this Week

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist

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
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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Organ works – week beginning 26 October
Please note, Nicholson's will be working in the Church most of this week from Monday 26 October, reinstalling the repaired and restored organ parts.

Prayer Group – Tuesday 27 October, 2pm, meeting in Church
We continue to meet in Church for prayer for the Parish.

All Souls' Memorial Service - Sunday 1 November, 6.00pm, Church
All are welcome to our annual memorial service next week for all those in the Parish who have been bereaved in recent months. Also, please add names of loved ones, whom you would like to be remembered at this service, to the list at the back of Church.

Illustrated talk - Saturday 7 November, 10.30am, Whittington Church
Dr Richard Churchley will give an illustrated talk entitled *Droughts, Disaster and Destruction* - extreme weather events in England's past', in aid of church funds. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Elizabethan Room.

WSO Concert - Saturday 7 November, 3pm, St Martin's
WSO, with conductor Keith Slade, give a concert of music by English composers: *Four Sea Interludes* from *Peter Grimes* by Britten, *Cello Concerto* by Walton, with soloist Richard Jenkinson *cello,* and the famous *Enigma Variations* by Elgar. Tickets £15, under 18s free from *www.ticketsource.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.

Autumn Fair – Saturday 21 November, 11-2pm, Church
Raffle tickets are now available for the Grand Prize Draw at the Autumn Fair. Books available from Sheila Major to sell to friends and family. Spread the word, and put the date in your diaries.

Team News - Sadly, Rebecca will be leaving us at the end of December, as the time is now right for her to move to work alongside her husband for their company, Nicholson's organ builders. She has kindly offered to stay beyond her notice period on reduced hours, so we need to reduce her workload to reflect this. The office support provided now by Rebecca will be different, at least until we review and recruit to the role. She will also be working more flexibly with immediate effect, meaning the office will now only be open on Mon/Thu/Fri 10-1pm. *Fr Peter*

RIP Michael Glanville-Smith It is with great sadness that we report the death on 16 October of Canon Michael Glanville-Smith. Michael was our Team Rector in the 1980s, and moved from here to be Residentiary Canon at Ripon Cathedral. He and his wife Dai continued to live in Ripon after retirement, and he remained active until very recently. We send our love and prayers to Dai and the family.

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, 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**
Piano **John Swindells**

The communion setting is the Mass of St Thomas Eucharist by David Thorne.

Hymn *(Tune NEH 357, Sussex)*

Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking,
as the gospel words unfold;
we, in all our agelong seeking,
find no firmer truth to hold.

Word of goodness, truth, and beauty,
heard by simple folk and wise,
word of freedom, word of duty,
word of life beyond our eyes.

Word of God's forgiveness granted
to the wild or guilty soul,
word of love that works undaunted,
changes, heals, and makes us whole.

Speak to us, O Lord, believing,
as we hear, the sower sows;
may our hearts, your word receiving,
be the good ground where it grows.

Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983)
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See pages 1-2 in the Order of Service, and follow the words of the Gloria

Gloria Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Continued…

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Collect Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Nehemiah

1 All the people gathered together into the square
before the Water Gate.
They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses,
which the Lord had given to Israel.

2 Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly,
both men and women and all who could hear with understanding.
This was on the first day of the seventh month.

3 He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate
from early morning until midday,
in the presence of the men and the women
and those who could understand;
and the ears of all the people were attentive
to the book of the law.

4 The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform
that had been made for the purpose;

8 So they read from the book, from the law of God,
with interpretation.
They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor,
and Ezra the priest and scribe,

and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people,
'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.'
For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.
10 Then he said to them,
'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine
and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared,
for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved,
for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'
11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying,
'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.'
12 And all the people went their way to eat and drink
and to send portions and to make great rejoicing,
because they had understood the words
that were declared to them.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Second Reading Colossians 3.12-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,
humility, meekness, and patience.
13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against
another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you,
so you also must forgive.
14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in the one body.
And be thankful.
16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;
and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns,
and spiritual songs to God.
17 And whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn *NEH 407*

Lord, thy word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth,
Light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
Then thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,
And dark clouds before us,
Then its light directeth,
And our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,
Who recount the treasure
By thy word imparted
To the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
Succour to the living;
Word of life, supplying
Comfort to the dying.

O that we discerning
Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
Evermore be near thee!

H W Baker (1821-1877)

Gospel Matthew 24.30-35

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

30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven,
and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn,
and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of
heaven" with power and great glory.
31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call,
and they will gather his elect from the four winds,
from one end of heaven to the other.
32 'From the fig tree learn its lesson:
as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves,
you know that summer is near.
33 So also, when you see all these things,
you know that he is near, at the very gates.
34 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away
until all these things have taken place.
35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

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 *(Tune: NEH 335 Engelberg)*

When, in our music, God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!

So has the Church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue,
Alleluia!

/Continued…

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the Light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
and may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

See pages 7-12 in the Order of Service,
joining in the sung sections from the card (Acclamation 1)

Anthem If ye love me – Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And he shall give you another comforter,
That he may 'bide with you forever,
E'en the spirit of truth.

Words based on John 14.15-17

After Communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:~
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

See page 12 in the Order of Service

Final Hymn *(Tune: Londonderry Air)*

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
Should stoop to love the peoples of the earth,
Or why, as shepherd, he should seek the wanderer,
With his mysterious promise of new birth.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
When Bethlehem's manger was his only home,
And that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
How he will claim his earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
And he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
And some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour,
When he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When ev'ry heart with perfect love is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
'At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

William Young Fullerton (1857-1932)
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See page 13 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Sonatina no 4 in F (first movement) – Muzio Clementi *(1752-1832)*

Hymn words published under CCLI 1145602

***Next Week's Readings**:* Revelation 7.9-end; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

St Martin's Church

Sunday 1 November

10.00am

Sung Eucharist for All Saints' Sunday

6.00pm

All Souls' Memorial Service

With commemoration of the faithful departed
and prayer for all who have been bereaved during the year

Sunday 8 November
Remembrance Sunday

10.00am

Sung Eucharist
and Act of Remembrance

PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

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

The recently departed

Bryan Pitt Canon Michael Glanville-Smith

Anniversary of death

Daphne Boreham	Sheila Harmes	Canon John Davies	Eddie Winkler
Pete Walls	Tony Hazzard	Sheila Stobie	

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DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 26 **Ephesians 4.32 – 5.8** **Luke 13.10-17**
Today is the 59th Anniversary of the 1967 Abortion Act. We pray for all young women who choose abortion. May they find peace in their heart, and the courage to seek guidance from professionals.

Tue 27 **Ephesians 5.21-end** **Luke 13.18-21**
We pray for all physicians, palliative care teams working in the community. May they feel your strength, and your healing touch in their work.

Wed 28 ***Simon and Jude, Apostles***
Isaiah 28.14-16 **Ephesians 2.19-end** **John 15.17-end**
We pray for our own commitment to supporting the young families who come to Mainly Music on Wednesdays, and all our church youngsters who take part with joyful hearts.

Thu 29 **Ephesians 6.10-20** **Luke 13.31-end**
We pray for children who are living with abusive parents, and those who are helping parents who are disabled.

Fri 30 **Philippians 1.1-11** **Luke 14.1-6**
God of compassion, we pray for all who are in care and hospice homes, or at home alone, and for those in physical pain. We pray for those in mental distress, or fear of their relationships. May they hear your comforting words.

Sat 31 **Philippians 1.18-26** **Luke 14.1, 7-11**
Pray for all warring nations to repent of their ways, and may God bring a peaceful end to conflicts throughout the world.

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 24 October		
10.30am	Coffee Concert *Church*	
Sunday 25 October		
8.00am	Said Eucharist *Church*	
10.00am	Sung Eucharist *Church*	
Monday 26 October		
Tuesday 27 October		
2.00pm	Prayer Group *Church*	
Wednesday 28 October		
9.30am	Mainly Music *Church*	
11.15am	Bible Study *Lower Vestry*	
Thursday 29 October		
9.30am	Said Eucharist *Church*	
10.00am	PopIns *Lower Vestry*	
Friday 30 October		
7.00pm	Choir Practice *Lower Vestry*	
Saturday 31 October		
Sunday 1 November		
8.00am	Said Eucharist *Church*	
10.00am	Sung Eucharist for All Saints' Day	
6.00pm	All Souls' Memorial Service *Church*	