

# St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



## Prayer & Mission 2025

**SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER**

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**

### SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

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| <b>Sunday 8.00am</b> | <b>Said Eucharist</b>              |
| <b>10.00am</b>       | <b>Sung Eucharist</b>              |
| <b>6.00pm</b>        | <b>All Souls' Memorial Service</b> |

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| <b>Thursday 9.30am</b> | <b>Said Eucharist</b> |
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### OPENING HOURS

**CHURCH:** Monday to Friday 10am-3pm

**TEAM OFFICE:** Weekdays (except Wednesday) 10-1pm

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### 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](mailto:mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk)*

**Compline** Monday to Friday at 8.30pm

*Hosted by Mike Bunclark [mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk)*

**Prayers for Peace & Justice** on Saturdays at 4pm

*Hosted by Joan Hazzard [joanhazz@gmail.com](mailto:joanhazz@gmail.com)*



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## NOTICES

### **Forest Church - Sunday 2 November, 3.30pm, Whittington Churchyard**

As the days grow shorter and the nights draw in, we are thinking this month about light and dark, falling leaves, changes in nature, and celebrating Jesus, the light of the world. Join us for outdoor worship, activities and refreshments.

Contact [revrichwood@gmail.com](mailto:revrichwood@gmail.com) for details.

### **All Souls' Memorial Service - Sunday 2 November, 6pm, Church**

All are welcome to our annual memorial service for all those in the Parish who have been bereaved in recent months. Please add names of loved ones whom you would like also to be remembered at this service, to the list at the back of Church.

*Please note that there will be no Choral Evensong on Sunday 9 November.*

### **Weekly prayer meeting - Tuesday 4 November, 2pm, Church**

The prayer walk group are now meeting on Tuesdays each week in Church to pray for our Parish. All welcome.

### **Mothers' Union - Wednesday 5 November, 2.30pm, Lower Vestry**

This week we welcome Gwen Clifford as our speaker. All welcome.

### **Light Club (Year 6 and up) - Thursday 6 November, 3.45pm, Lower Vestry**

### **Open Church - Saturday 8 November, 10.00am, Church**

### **Autumn Fair - Saturday 15 November, 11-2pm, Church**

Donations of good quality second-hand books and jigsaws needed, new items for the tombola, and homemade cakes & preserves. Donations can be brought to the Office during office hours, and bring cakes to Church on the afternoon of Friday 14th. For large donations, please phone first, or speak to Angela. Donations of items for the Waitrose hamper prize will also be welcome - speak to Shirley.

**Raffle Tickets** are available from Dave Hall, please sell to friends and neighbours.

**Please pass any outstanding payments for tickets to Dave as soon as possible**

### **Requiem Mass for Julia Lewis - Saturday 22 November, 2pm**

Please email or phone the office if you are planning to attend. We shall be providing refreshments afterwards, so an idea of numbers would be useful.

### **Christian Aid @80 - The Old Palace, Saturday 22 November, 2-4pm**

Worcester Cathedral invites the CEO of Christian Aid, Patrick Watt, to give an address, and participate in a Q&A session at The Old Palace. Live music and refreshments. Contact Rebecca by Sunday 9 November to book your free ticket.

### **Quiz Night - Sat 22 November, 7 for 7.30pm, St Mark's Church Hall**

Come as a team, or join one on arrival. BYO nibbles and drinks. Donations of £3pp appreciated, accompanied U16s free, in aid of the Defibrillator Appeal.

### **Job opportunity - Worcester City Council**

There is an opportunity for a 4-day-a-week job with the city council to support asylum seekers and Ukrainians. Also, if you support, or have supported, a refugee family, see if they might be interested; there is no substitute for lived experience.

Apply here [www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/245919/resettlement-support-officer](http://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/245919/resettlement-support-officer)

## 10.00AM SUNG EUCHARIST FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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 Mike Bunclark**  
Organ                      **John Swindells**

The Communion setting is by Noel Rawsthorne (available from the Welcome Team).

### **Hymn NEH 197 (vs 3 & 5 omitted)**

For all the Saints who from their labours rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confest.  
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.  
Alleluya! Alleluya!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.  
Alleluya! Alleluya!

O blest communion! fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluya! Alleluya!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest:  
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.  
Alleluya! Alleluya!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array:  
The King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluya! Alleluya!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluya! Alleluya!

*W Walsham How (1823-97)*

**See pages 2-3 in the Order of Service**

**Collect** Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

### **First Reading Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18**

A reading from the Book of Daniel

- <sup>1</sup> In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon,  
Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed.  
Then he wrote down the dream:
- <sup>2</sup> I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night  
the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea,  
<sup>3</sup> and four great beasts came up out of the sea,  
different from one another.
- <sup>15</sup> As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me,  
and the visions of my head terrified me.
- <sup>16</sup> I approached one of the attendants  
to ask him the truth concerning all this.  
So he said that he would disclose to me  
the interpretation of the matter:
- <sup>17</sup> 'As for these four great beasts,  
four kings shall arise out of the earth.
- <sup>18</sup> But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom  
and possess the kingdom forever – forever and ever.'

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## Second Reading Ephesians 1.11-23

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

- <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance,  
having been destined according to the purpose of him  
who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,  
<sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ,  
might live for the praise of his glory.
- <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth,  
the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him,  
were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;  
<sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption  
as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.
- <sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus  
and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason  
<sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you  
as I remember you in my prayers.
- <sup>17</sup> I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,  
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation  
as you come to know him,  
<sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened,  
you may know what is the hope to which he has called you,  
what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,  
<sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power  
for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.
- <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ  
when he raised him from the dead  
and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,  
<sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion,  
and above every name that is named,  
not only in this age but also in the age to come.
- <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet  
and has made him the head over all things for the church,  
<sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Gradual Hymn NEH 432 (vs 3 & 5 omitted)

O what their joy and their glory must be,  
Those endless sabbaths the blessed ones see!  
Crown for the valiant; to weary ones rest;  
God shall be all, and in all ever blest.

What are the Monarch, his court, and his throne?  
What are the peace and the joy that they own?  
Tell us, ye blest ones, that in it have share,  
If what ye feel ye can fully declare.

We, where no trouble distraction can bring,  
Safely the anthems of Sion shall sing;  
While for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise  
Thy blessed people shall evermore raise.

Now in the meanwhile, with hearts raised on high,  
We for that country must yearn and must sigh,  
Seeking Jerusalem, dear native land,  
Through our long exile on Babylon's strand.

Low before him with our praises we fall,  
Of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all;  
Of whom, the Father; and through whom, the Son;  
In whom, the Spirit, with these ever One.  
Amen.

*Peter Abelard (1079-1142)*

## Gospel Luke 6.20-31

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke



All

Glo-ry to you - O Lord

- <sup>20</sup> Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:  
'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

- 21 Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.  
Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.
- 22 Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you  
on account of the Son of Man.
- 23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy,  
for surely your reward is great in heaven;  
for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.
- 24 But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.
- 25 Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.  
Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.
- 26 Woe to you when all speak well of you,  
for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.
- 27 But I say to you that listen,  
Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,  
28 bless those who curse you,  
pray for those who abuse you.
- 29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also;  
and from anyone who takes away your coat  
do not withhold even your shirt.
- 30 Give to everyone who begs from you;  
and if anyone takes away your goods,  
do not ask for them again.
- 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



All

Praise to you-O Christ

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

## **Offertory Hymn SPI 17 (Tune: Lobe den Herren NEH 440)**

Thanks be to God for his saints of each past generation,  
One with us still in one body, one great congregation;  
With them proclaim  
Jesus for ever the same,  
Author of life and salvation.

Thanks be to God for his blessings which daily surround us;  
Glory to Christ the Redeemer who sought us and found us,  
Who from the grave  
Rose, the almighty to save,  
Breaking the fetters that bound us.

Thanks be to God for the years that are yet in his keeping,  
Trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping,  
On to the end,  
Christ our companion and friend,  
Joy at the last for our weeping.

Thanks be to God who has called us and daily defends us,  
Who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriends us;  
Now in that name,  
Jesus for ever the same,  
Forth to his service he sends us.

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)*  
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## **See pages 7-11 in the Order of Service**

*An anthem will be sung by the Choir*

## **After Communion**

God, the source of all holiness  
and giver of all good things:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**See page 11 in the Order of Service**

**Final Hymn** SP 299 (*Tune: Thaxted - I vow to thee my country*)

O God beyond all praising we worship you today,  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
We honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favour may serve you as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise!

*Michael Perry (1942-1996)*  
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**See page 12 in the Order of Service**

**Voluntary** Processional - William Matthias (1934-1992)

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**Next Week's Readings:** Micah 4.1-5; Matthew 13.31-35

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**6.00PM ALL SOULS' MEMORIAL SERVICE**

*See separate booklet*



# **St Martin's Church**



**Sunday 2 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 9 November**  
**Remembrance Sunday**

**10.00am**

**All Together Eucharist  
and Act of Remembrance**

## 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

|                  |             |                |
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| Gladys Treadwell | Julia Lewis | Daphne Boreham |
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### Anniversary of death

|                 |                |                    |             |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Leonard Green   | Wilfred Dyson  | Shirley Day        | Peggy Jones |
| Nora Jones      | Gilbert Bagley | Gerardo Stramiello |             |
| Maria Mrozowski | Earnest Meek   |                    |             |

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## DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

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| <b>Mon 3</b> | <b>Romans 11.29-end</b>                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Luke 14.12-14</b> |
|              | Let us pray for the schools entering the season of external mock exams, and Christmas shows and parties. May the Holy Spirit bring students and teachers patience, wisdom and perseverance. |                      |
| <b>Tue 4</b> | <b>Romans 12.5-16</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Luke 14.15-24</b> |
|              | Farming families are facing the heavy burden of inheritance taxes. Lord grant wisdom, good counsel and peace to them. May those in authority act with fairness and compassion.              |                      |
| <b>Wed 5</b> | <b>Romans 13.8-10</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Luke 14.25-33</b> |
|              | Pray for those we know who are ill, with mental health difficulties, physical disabilities and waiting for therapy. Pray for all carers and health workers.                                 |                      |
| <b>Thu 6</b> | <b>Romans 14.7-12</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Luke 15.1-10</b>  |
|              | Pray for all small businesses, the self employed, and private shop owners facing the winter Christmas surge and colder weather.                                                             |                      |
| <b>Fri 7</b> | <b>Romans 15.14-21</b>                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Luke 16.1-8</b>   |
|              | Pray for hospital workers, porters and cleaning staff, who often take time to give a friendly word to those in the bed.                                                                     |                      |
| <b>Sat 8</b> | <b>Romans 16.3-end</b>                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Luke 16.9-15</b>  |
|              | Pray for all friendship groups who may be unaware of God's grace and love. May we show a measure of God's spiritual fruit to all. Pray for peace and justice in 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.

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### Saturday 1 November

10.00am Mainly Music Church

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### Sunday 2 November

8.00am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist for All Saints' Sunday Church

3.30pm Forest Church Whittington Churchyard

6.00pm All Souls' Memorial Service Church

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### Monday 3 November

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### Tuesday 4 November

9.30am Leadership Meeting Lower Vestry

2.00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting Church

7.30pm Finance & Management Committee Lower Vestry

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### Wednesday 5 November

9.30am Mainly Music Church

11.15am Bible Study Lower Vestry

2.30pm Mothers' Union Lower Vestry

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### Thursday 6 November

9.30am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am Poplins Lower Vestry

3.45pm Light Club Lower Vestry

7.30pm WSO rehearsal Church

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### Friday 7 November

5.30pm Organ practice Church

7.00pm Choir Practice Lower Vestry

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### Saturday 8 November

10.00am Open Church Church

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### Sunday 9 November

8.00am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am All Together Eucharist & Act of Remembrance  
No Choral Evensong

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