

# St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



**SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER**

**CHRIST THE KING**

## **SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 8.00am** Said Eucharist  
**10.00am** Sung Eucharist  
**Thursday 9.30am** Said Eucharist

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## **OPENING HOURS**

**CHURCH:** Monday to Friday 10am - 3pm  
**TEAM OFFICE:** Weekdays, except Wednesdays, 10am - 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

**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

### **Autumn Fair thanks**

We are pleased to say that we raised in excess of £2500 for Church funds at the Autumn Fair. Thank you for all your help, donations and support.

### **Kids Club - Thursday 28 November, 4pm, Church**

Kids Club (for children in years 1-6) continues this week with games, stories and singing. The café is open from 3.30pm where you can wait with your child.

### **Invitation to sing carols at Worcester Victorian Fayre**

As part of strengthening partnerships between churches and the City Council in Worcester, the church leaders group would like to invite churchgoers to take part in singing carols at various points during Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November at the Victorian Fayre. Rehearsal this evening, 24<sup>th</sup> Nov, 7-8pm, at St Paul's Church - no need to sign up, just come along, all welcome!

### **Prayer Meeting - Tuesday 26 November, 1.00pm, Lower Vestry**

### **Mothers' Union - Rise up against domestic abuse campaign**

White paper doves will be on display in Church this week to raise awareness of this campaign. The letters of RISE UP stand for **R**espond, **I**nform, **S**upport, **E**mpower, **U**nite and **P**ray. See MU noticeboard for more information.

**Greenery needed this week** for Advent and Christmas floral decorations. Please speak to Barbara Richards if you can contribute anything.

### **Quiz Night - Friday 29 November, 7.00 for 7.30pm, Ronkswood**

St Matthew's are hosting a Quiz Night at Lincoln Green Communal Room, WR5 1QU. Come as a team of four, or join one on arrival. £3 per head including nibbles. Tea or coffee available, or bring your own drinks. Raffle.

### **Christmas Craft Event - Saturday 30 November, 2.00pm, Church**

An event for children (accompanied by parents/carers please) - come along and join us to make Christmas decorations for church and home! Entry by donation.

### **Choral Evensong for Advent Sunday - Sunday 1 December, 6.00pm**

In a change from our usual custom of holding an Advent Carol Service, this year we start the season with a Choral Evensong, which includes Thomas Weelkes' beautifully austere short service, and one of the Choir's favourite anthems - H G Ley's setting of Come, thou long-expected Jesus.

### **Advent reflections during Compline - Tuesdays at 8.00pm on Zoom**

If you would like to join these special reflections for Advent from 3 December, please contact Mike Bunclark for the Zoom details at [mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk)

### **Advent Appeal for Acorns Children's Hospice**

Acorns have some concern over future funding, we will be hearing more from our guest speaker next Sunday, Rowan Grigg who is from the Hospice. You can make your donations to our appeal from Advent Sunday.

**Orders for mincemeat - by Sunday 8 December.** Elizabeth is taking orders for homemade mincemeat, available to buy at Open Church on 14th December.

## 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, please ask a member of the Welcome Team.

Celebrant & Preacher **Revd Peter Hart**      Organ **Robin Walker**

The Communion setting is by Andrew Millington (available from the Welcome Team)

**Hymn SP 313** (Tune: NEH 186 Woodlands)

The Lord is King! He set the stars in space,  
And fashioned all our varied human race.  
Creator God whose hand sustains us still,  
Your kingdom stands, and all things serve your will.

The Lord is King! He sent his Son to earth,  
His glory laid aside in human birth.  
O Saviour Christ, who died and rose again,  
Your kingdom comes where in our lives you reign.

The Lord is King! He sent his Spirit here  
To heal and save, to banish doubt and fear.  
Spirit of truth, exalt the Living Word,  
Whose kingdom grows till all shall own him Lord.

The Lord is King! From all in earth and heaven  
Be blessing, honour, praise and glory given.  
While earthly kingdoms fade and cease to be,  
God's kingdom lasts for all eternity.

© Brian Hoare (b 1935) *Jubilate Hymns*

See pages 2-3 in the Order of Service  
then follow the words for the Gloria here:

**Gloria** (Millington setting)

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

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Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
receive our prayer, receive our prayer.  
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
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 in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

**Collect** Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**First Reading** Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

A reading from the Book of Daniel

- <sup>9</sup> As I watched, thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne,  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.
- <sup>10</sup> A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousand served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.
- <sup>13</sup> As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.
- <sup>14</sup> To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**


Please join with the Choir in singing the Psalm

**Psalm 93** All sing the response after the Choir has sung it once,  
then after each section.

**Response: The Lord is King, and his apparel is glorious.**

Response John McCann

The Lord is King, and his ap - par - el is glo - ri - ous.



1 The Lord is king and has put on glori | ous apparel;  
the Lord has put | on his glory  
and girded him | self with strength.

**All The Lord is King, and his apparel is glorious.**

2 He has made the whole world so sure  
that it can | not be moved.  
3 Your throne has been established | from of old;  
you are from | everlasting.

**All The Lord is King, and his apparel is glorious.**

4 The floods have lifted | up, O Lord,  
the floods have lifted | up their voice;  
the floods lift up their | pounding waves.

**All The Lord is King, and his apparel is glorious.**

5 Mightier than the thunder of | many waters,  
mightier than the breakers | of the sea,  
the Lord on | high is mightier.

**All The Lord is King, and his apparel is glorious.**

6 Your testimonies are | very sure;  
holiness a | dorns your house,  
O | Lord, for ever.

**All The Lord is King, and his apparel is glorious.**

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## Second Reading Revelation 1.4b-8

A reading from the Book of Revelation

- <sup>4</sup> Grace to you and peace from God  
who is and who was and who is to come,  
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,  
<sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead,  
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.  
To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,  
<sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom,  
priests serving his God and Father,  
to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
- <sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.
- <sup>8</sup> 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God,  
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Gradual Hymn NEH 394

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!  
The heavens are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly;  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!  
The church with psalms must shout,  
No door can keep them out;  
But above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!

*George Herbert (1593-1632)*

**Gospel** John 18.33-37

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

*Please join the Choir in the sung Gospel Acclamation after the words*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John



- 33 Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?'
- 34 Jesus answered,  
'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?'
- 35 Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I?  
Your own nation and the chief priests  
have handed you over to me. What have you done?'
- 36 Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world.  
If my kingdom were from this world,  
my followers would be fighting to keep me  
from being handed over to the Jews.  
But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.'
- 37 Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?'  
Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king.  
For this I was born, and for this I came into the world,  
to testify to the truth.  
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

*Please join the Choir in the sung Gospel Acclamation after the words*

This is the Gospel of the Lord



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

## Offertory Hymn NEH 336

Angel-voices ever singing  
Round thy throne of light,  
Angel-harps, for ever ringing,  
Rest not day nor night;  
Thousands only live to bless thee  
And confess thee Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest  
Mortal eye can scan,  
Can it be that thou regardest  
Songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us,  
And wilt hear us? Yes, we can.

For we know that thou rejoicest  
O'er each work of thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices  
For thy praise design;  
Craftsman's art and music's measure  
For thy pleasure all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer  
Of thine own to thee;  
And for thine acceptance proffer  
All unworthily  
Hearts and minds and hands and voices  
In our choicest psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit  
Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Blessed Trinity.  
Of the best that thou hast given  
Earth and heaven render thee.

*Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

*See pages 7-11 in the Order of Service  
and join in singing the opening of the Eucharistic prayer here (Sursum Corda)*



President PEOPLE President PEOPLE

The Lord is here His Spi-rit is with us. Lift up - your hearts. We lift - them to - the Lord

President PEOPLE

Let us give thanks to the Lord-our God It is right to give - him thanks-and praise

*And then after the words:*

Great is the mystery of faith

ORGAN

Christ - has died, Christ - is ri-sen Christ will come a - gain.

**Anthem** Christ whose glory fills the skies - Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
 Christ, the true, the only light,  
 Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
 Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
 Dayspring from on high, be near;  
 Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
 Unaccompanied by thee;  
 Joyless is the day's return,  
 Till thy mercy's beams I see;  
 Till they inward light impart,  
 Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
 Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
 Fill me, radiance divine,  
 Scatter all my unbelief;  
 More and more thyself display,  
 Shining to the perfect day.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## **After Communion**

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*See page 11 in the Order of Service*

## **Final Hymn SP280**

How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing ye heavenly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God, most high;  
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears, while I thy footsteps trace;  
A sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face:  
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light;  
Yet when thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire,  
Then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir.  
They sing, because thou art their sun; Lord, send a beam on me;  
For where heaven is but once begun, there alleluias be.

How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep;  
Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;  
Thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.

*John Mason (c.1645-1694)*

*See page 12 in the Order of Service*

## **Voluntary Crown Imperial - William Walton (1902-1983)**

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**Next Week's Readings:** Jeremiah 33.14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3.19-end; Luke 21.25-36

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# PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH

## People in sickness or need

Michael Wood	Roderick Dovey	Sandra Giles	Sheila Sergeant
Mark Farthing	Veronica	Sophie Kelleher	Peter Fisher
Donna Vickers	Meg Melvin	Sheila Treacher	David Dale
Chris Dale	Joan Hazzard	Marilyn Daly	

## The recently departed

### Anniversary of death

Beryl Lankester      Peter Scott

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## DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

### Mon 25 Revelation 14.1-5

### Luke 21.1-4

Lord, we pray for all who are finding new ways to worship. We pray for Revd Richard and the Eco church group. We pray for all walking groups who meet to have fellowship. May they be strengthened with your love as they walk together.

### Tue 26 Revelation 14.14-19

### Luke 21.5-11

We pray for all physicians and palliative care teams working in the community. May they feel your strength and your healing touch in their work. Pray about the Assisted Dying Bill as the voting takes place on the 29th November.

### Wed 27 Revelation 15.1-4

### Luke 21.12-19

God of compassion, we pray for all who are in care and hospice homes, or at home alone, those in physical pain, mental distress or fear in their relationships. May they hear your comforting words.

### Thu 28 Revelation 18.1-23

### Luke 21.20-28

As we may consider our own vocation, we pray for all Lay Ministers who do so much to support the vicars in their benefices.

### Fri 29 Revelation 20.1 - 21.2

### Luke 21.29-33

We pray for all who have a listening ear, all who approach people who may find communicating a problem. Thank you, Lord, for friendly faces.

### Sat 30 St Andrew the Apostle

### Isaiah 52.7-10

### Romans 10.12-18

### Matthew 4.18-22

Let us pray for justice to bring peace throughout the world. May everyone be given the right to pray and live freely. We pray for all parents, students and school staff to find strength for the Christmas activities, and moments of rest amidst the busyness.

## 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 23 November

10.30am Coffee Concert Church

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### Sunday 24 November

8.00am Said Eucharist Lady Chapel

10.00am Sung Eucharist Church

3.00pm Music rehearsal Lower Vestry

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### Monday 25 November

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### Tuesday 26 November

10.00am Meeting Lower Vestry

1.00pm Prayer Meeting Lower Vestry

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### Wednesday 27 November

9.30am Mainly Music Church

11.15am Bible Study Lower Vestry

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### Thursday 28 November

9.30am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am Poplns Lower Vestry

2.30pm Kids Club Setup Church

4.00pm Kids Club Church

7.30pm WSO Rehearsal Church

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### Friday 29 November

6.00pm Organ Practice Church

7.00pm Choir Practice Lower Vestry

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### Saturday 30 November

2.00pm Christmas Craft Event Church

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### Sunday 1 December

8.00am Said Eucharist Lady Chapel

10.00am Sung Eucharist Church

3.00pm Music rehearsal Lower Vestry

6.00pm Choral Evensong for Advent Sunday Church

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