

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Mission 2025

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER

ADVENT SUNDAY

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am	Said Eucharist
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
12.30pm	Baptism
6.00pm	Advent Carol Service

Thursday 9.30am	Said Eucharist
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OPENING HOURS

CHURCH: Monday to Friday 10am-3pm

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

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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NOTICES

Advent Appeal for YMCA – from today, Sunday 30 November

Please donate to our Advent Appeal using the labelled donation envelopes. There are Gift Aid forms if you are a tax payer, please place in envelope with your donation.

Advent Carol Service - Sunday 30 November, 6.00pm, Church

We will mark the start of the time of preparation with our Advent Carol Service which will be based around the Antiphons of the season, with bible readings, poetry, choir items, and carols for all.

Light Club – Thursday 4 December, 3.45pm, Lower Vestry

Light Club (for youth, year 6 and up) will now run weekly every Thursday after school from 3.45pm, and from the new time of 5.30 – 7pm from January. New plans for the new year for primary school children are in discussion.

Prayer Group and Intercessions training – Tuesday 2 December, 2pm

Anyone who would like to explore leading the intercessions on a Sunday morning, please come to the prayer group in the Lower Vestry for discussion and training.

Family Choir – Selected Fridays, 3.30pm, Lower Vestry

This term, the new 'Family Choir' are preparing for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals are on Friday 28 November and 12 December, 3.30pm - 4.30pm, in the Lower Vestry. The choir will continue to meet once a month from January.

WYCB Coffee Concert - Saturday 6 December, 10.30am, Church

Worcestershire Youth Concert Band plays some festive favourites while you enjoy refreshments. Tea, coffee and homemade cake available to purchase. Entry is free, with all proceeds and donations to Severn Arts.

Forest Church – Sunday 7 December, 3.30pm, Whittington Churchyard

Come and help construct a Grotto under the Yew Tree, lit by paper lanterns. We'll retell Advent stories (The Angel, Mary and Joseph) and sing some carols by lantern light. Forest Church is suitable for children and their families. We meet outdoors, worship God, learn from nature and explore creative activities together, followed by refreshments. For details, contact Richard Wood at revrichwood@gmail.com

Christmas Craft Event – Saturday 13 December, 2pm, Church

Join us for a creative day of reusing and recycling materials to make Christmas decorations for church and home. Entry by donation, refreshments provided.

Worcester Street Pastors - opportunity to serve this ministry

Worcester Street Pastors are looking for someone to replace their current Fundraiser, who is stepping down in 2026. Previous fundraising experience is NOT essential. If interested, please contact Rebecca for further details.

Advent challenge in The Churchmouse - During December there will be some small numbered Christmas/Advent images put up around St Martin's. These are for the Advent Challenge in our junior monthly newsletter. Please do not remove any of these pictures until Christmas!

Sr Joan Hudspeth – those who remember Sr Joan will be interested to know that she would have celebrated her 100th birthday on the 25th November.

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** Organ **John Swindells**

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

Hymn NEH 11

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Redeem thy captive Israel,

That into exile drear is gone

Far from the face of God's dear Son.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!

Who madest all in earth and sky,

Creating man from dust and clay:

To us reveal salvation's way. *Rejoice! ...*

O come, O come, Adonai,

Who in thy glorious majesty

From Sinai's mountain, clothed in awe,

Gavest thy folk the ancient law. *Rejoice! ...*

O come, thou branch of Jesse! draw

The quarry from the lion's claw;

From those dread caverns of the grave,

From nether hell, thy people save. *Rejoice! ...*

O come, thou Lord of David's key!

The royal door fling wide and free;

Safeguard for us the heavenward road,

And bar the way to death's abode. *Rejoice! ...*

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!

Pour on our souls thy healing light;

Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,

And pierce the shadows of the tomb. *Rejoice! ...*

O come, Desire of nations! show,

Thy kingly reign on earth below:

thou Corner-stone, uniting all,

Restore the ruin of our fall. *Rejoice! ...*

*Based on the ancient Advent Antiphons
tr T A Lacey & Editors NEH*

See pages 2-4 in the Order of Service,

Collect Almighty God,
 give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
 and put on the armour of light,
 to win the time of this mortal life,
 in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
 that on the last day,
 when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
 to judge the living and the dead,
 we may rise to the life immortal;
 through him who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Isaiah 2.1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

- 1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw
 concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
- 2 In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house
 shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
 and shall be raised above the hills;
 all the nations shall stream to it.
- 3 Many peoples shall come and say,
 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
 to the house of the God of Jacob;
 that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'
 For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
 and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
- 4 He shall judge between the nations,
 and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
 they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
 and their spears into pruning-hooks;
 nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
 neither shall they learn war any more.
- 5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Second Reading Romans 13.11-14

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

- ¹¹ Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is,
how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.
For salvation is nearer to us now
than when we became believers;
¹² the night is far gone, the day is near.
Let us then lay aside the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light;
¹³ let us live honourably as in the day,
not in revelling and drunkenness,
not in debauchery and licentiousness,
not in quarrelling and jealousy.
¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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Gradual Hymn SP 14

O Child of promise, come!
O come, Emmanuel!
Come, Prince of Peace, to David's throne;
come, God with us to dwell.

The Lord's true Servant, come,
in whom is his delight,
on whom his Holy Spirit rests,
the Gentiles' promised light.

O come, Anointed One,
to show blind eyes your face!
Good tidings to the poor announce;
proclaim God's year of grace!

O come, Messiah King,
to reign in endless light,
when heavenly peace at last goes forth
from Sion's holy height.

James Quinn, SJ (1919-2010)
Continuum International Publishing Group Ltd

Gospel Matthew 24.36-44

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

- 36 'About that day and hour no one knows,
neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
37 For as the days of Noah were,
so will be the coming of the Son of Man.
38 For as in those days before the flood
they were eating and drinking,
marrying and giving in marriage,
until the day Noah entered the ark,
39 and they knew nothing
until the flood came and swept them all away,
so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.
40 Then two will be in the field;
one will be taken and one will be left.
41 Two women will be grinding meal together;
one will be taken and one will be left.
42 Keep awake, therefore,
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known
in what part of the night the thief was coming,
he would have stayed awake
and would not have let his house be broken into.
44 Therefore you also must be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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

All 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 14 (Tune: Franconia NEH 341)

The advent of our God
With eager prayers we greet,
And singing haste upon the road
His glorious gift to meet.

The everlasting Son
Scorns not the Virgin's womb;
That we from bondage may be won
He bears a bondsman's doom.

Daughter of Sion, rise
To meet thy lowly King;
Let not thy stubborn heart despise
The peace he comes to bring.

On clouds of dazzling light,
As judge he comes again,
His scattered people to unite,
With him in heaven to reign.

Let evil flee away,
Ere that great hour shall dawn,
Let this old Adam day by day
The new Man all put on.

Praise to the incarnate Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father and with Spirit One,
To all eternity. Amen.

Charles Coffin (1676-1749)

See pages 7-12 in the Order of Service

Then sing the acclamations after the words:

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en Christ will come a - gain

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both in 4/4 time. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes: 'Christ has died, Christ is ris - en Christ will come a - gain'. The music ends with a double bar line.

Anthem People look East - arr. Harry Bramma (b 1936)

People, look East. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look East and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Tho' earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look East and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast,
Him who cometh from the East,
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.
People look East. The time is near.

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

After Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we wait the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

See page 13 in the Order of Service

Final Hymn

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Christ be our light...*

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come. *Christ be our light...*

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

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Voluntary Wachet Auf - J S Bach (1685-1750)

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Next week's readings: *Isaiah 11.1-10; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12*

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 30 November at 6.00pm

A reflective service based around the
Antiphons of the season, with Bible readings,
poetry, choir items and carols for all.





CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENT

at St Martin's Church

for children

(accompanied by a parent or carer)

Saturday 13 December 2-4 pm

Join us for a creative day of
reusing & recycling materials
to make Christmas decorations
for church and home!

Entry by donation

Refreshments provided



PRAY FORTHOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

Sandra Giles	David Dale	Veronica	Stephen Clarke
Michael Campbell	Zena Hart	Eglé Tumanova	Ruth Kirwan
Terry Dillingham	Jolanda Simmonds	Hannah Cocksworth	

The recently departed

Toni Pelz Rita Hands Dorothy Jones John Daynes

Anniversary of death

Reg Hadley	Mary Ward	Betty Godfrey	Frank Beach
David Darling	George Thompson		

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon I Daniel 1.1-20 Luke 21.1-4
We pray for all prisoners and staff at prisons, and their families.

Tue 2 Daniel 2.31-45 Luke 21.5-11
 We pray for all involved in peace processes in places of war.
 We pray for compromise among those of different opinion.

Wed 3 Daniel 5.1-28 Luke 21.12-19
We pray for the NHS in all its forms, and that the staff are given encouragement and pride in their job, and a sensible workload.

Thu 4 Daniel 6.12-end Luke 21.20-28
We pray for all with health issues, both medical and mental,
and for their carers. We pray for all lonely people, and those
with financial difficulties.

Fri 5 Daniel 7.2-14 Luke 21.29-33
We pray for all who are impacted by strikes, and we pray for unbiased negotiators.

Sat 6 Daniel 7.15-27 Luke 21.34-36
We pray for both victims and aid workers where there are problems caused by weather.

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 29 November

Sunday 30 November

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church
12.30pm	Baptism Church
5.00pm	Choir Practice Church
6.00pm	Advent Carol Service Church

Monday 1 December

9.30am	Safeguarding Meeting Lower Vestry
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Tuesday 2 December

9.15am	Playgroup Nativity rehearsal Church
2.00pm	Weekly Prayer Meeting Church

Wednesday 3 December

9.30am	Mainly Music Church
11.15am	Bible Study Lower Vestry
12 noon	Chapter Christmas Lunch Lower Vestry

Thursday 4 December

9.30am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Poplns Lower Vestry
3.45pm	Light Club Lower Vestry
7.30pm	WSO rehearsal Church

Friday 5 December

10.00am	Advent wreath making Lower Vestry
5.30pm	Organ practice Church
7.00pm	Choir Practice Lower Vestry

Saturday 6 December

10.30am	Severn Arts Coffee Concert Church
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Sunday 7 December

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church
3.30pm	Forest Church Whittington Churchyard
