

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Growth 2026

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

HOLY CROSS DAY

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist
6.00pm Choral Evensong

OPENING HOURS

CHURCH: Monday - Friday 10am-3pm

TEAM OFFICE: Weekdays (except Wednesday) 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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Junior Church – Sunday 13 September

Junior Church returns after the summer break, meeting during the service on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month for activities downstairs. Children leave the service (with a parent/carer) after the Collect prayer.

Prayer Gathering – Tuesday 15 September, 2pm, meeting in Church

We continue to meet in Church for prayer for the Parish.

Service at Red Hill Court – Wednesday 16 September, 2.30pm

Worcester Deanery Prayer Evening – Wed 16 September, 6.30-8pm

Spend an evening in the peaceful surroundings of St Martin's Church, Holt (4 Castle Holt Barns, WR6 6NJ) joining together in prayer and fellowship with Christians from across the Deanery in *Praying Through Change*. Open to all – see poster for further details. (Car park just beyond the church on the left)

iSingPOP Family Sunday – Sunday 20 September, 3.30pm, Church

Join us for more iSingPOP worship, Bible stories and activities. All welcome.

Green Investment Roadshow, Thu 24 Sep, 9.30am, Cathedral Undercroft

How can our money help build a better world and support the transition to a more sustainable economy? Come and explore how Christians and churches can champion support for renewables, low-carbon technology, and nature-based solutions through investments and greener banking, and learn how to best use our voice to advocate for political change. Register here: tickettailor.com/events/operationnoah/2186578

Family Barn Dance – Saturday 26 September, 5-8pm, Church

Tickets adults £12, children £5, family ticket £25 - includes a Ploughman's supper. Please sign up at the back of Church, with payment to Angela or Barbara (cash/card).

Order your Christmas cards from Will Jupe - by Monday 28 September

Samples and order forms are now available at the back of church. Please give your order (with payment and in an envelope, please) to Will Jupe. Cards will be available for collection from church from Sunday 25 October.

Funeral for Rosemary Chase – Monday 5 October, 1pm, Bedford

Rosemary's funeral takes place at Bedford Crematorium. Donations in memory of Rosemary can be made to Bedford's 'Tibbs Dementia' charity see tibbsdementia.co.uk/donate/

Harvest Lunch – Sunday 11 October, 12.15pm in Church

Join us for lunch to celebrate Harvest Festival, with good food, entertainment and good company. Please sign up at the back of Church, with payment (card or cash) from today. Adults £7.50, Children £2.50.

Service for Prayer and Healing

We are looking to re-introduce a dedicated service for prayer and healing once a month, and would like to hear whether this would be of interest, and consider which days/times would be best. Please complete one of the slips at the back of Church, and return it to Angela, Marian or Barbara. Thank you.

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 NEH 393

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
All our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Self denying, death defying,
Thou to Calvary didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791-1867)

See pages 2-3 in the Order of Service

Collect Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed Son
made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Junior Church song

Let the mountains dance and sing!
Let the trees all sway and swing!
All creation praise its King! Alleluia!

Susan Sayers (b 1946)
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First Reading Numbers 21.4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers

4. From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea,
to go around the land of Edom;
but the people became impatient on the way.
5. The people spoke against God and against Moses,
“Why have you brought us up out of Egypt
to die in the wilderness?
For there is no food and no water,
and we detest this miserable food.”
6. Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people,
and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.
7. The people came to Moses and said,
“We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you;
pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.”
So Moses prayed for the people.
8. And the Lord said to Moses,
“Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole;
and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.”
9. So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole;
and whenever a serpent bit someone,
that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Second Reading Philippians 2.6-11

A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Christ Jesus,

6. though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
7. but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
8. he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death -
even death on a cross.
9. Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10. so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11. and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn NEH 379

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the Cross forsake me:
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the Cross the radiance streaming,
Adds more lustre to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the Cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

John Bowring (1792-1872)

Gospel John 3.13-17

Jesus spoke to his disciples.

- ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven
except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.
- ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
- ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life.
- ¹⁷ Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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 98 (Tune NEH 358ii, Rievaulx)

O come and stand beneath the cross,
Come, and be at the Saviour's side,
With sword-pierced Mary and with John,
Jesus, our love, is crucified.

'Could ye not watch with me one hour?'
Peter, his Lord had thrice denied;
The rest have fled in frightened grief;
Jesus, their Lord, is crucified.

'If thou be Christ, then save us now';
Blame not the pain-racked thief who cried:
He saves us all, this Lamb of God,
Who for our sins was crucified.

Pierced by the spear, from thence there flow
Water and blood from out his side:
Baptise me in that cleansing stream,
Jesus, my Lord, the crucified.

'All is accomplished' - hear the word
Who on that wondrous cross has died:
The travail of his soul is done;
Victor, he reigns, the crucified.

Rent is the veil, the way revealed,
Where heaven's gate he opens wide
Through death to life his own shall rise,
Through him, their Lord, once crucified.

Editors of the New English Hymnal 1986
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See pages 7-11 in the Order of Service

Then sing the acclamations after the words:

Great is the mystery of faith



Anthem Jesus remember me/Laudate Omnes (*Taizé chant*)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.
Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum.
(All peoples, praise the Lord.)

After Communion

Faithful God,
whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree
and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes:
give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for he is our salvation, our life and our hope,
who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

See page 11 in the Order of Service

Final Hymn

Such love, pure as the whitest snow;
Such love, weeps for the shame I know;
Such love, paying the debt I owe;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, stilling my restlessness;
Such love, filling my emptiness;
Such love, showing me holiness;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, springs from eternity;
Such love, streaming through history;
Such love, fountain of life to me;
O Jesus, such love.

Graham Kendrick (b 1950)
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See page 12 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Sonatina in G – L V Beethoven (1770-1827)

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Next Week's Readings: Proverbs 3.13-18; 2 Corinthians 4.1-6; Matthew 9.9-13

6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG

for the 15th Sunday after Trinity

Leader

Revd Mike Bunclark

Preacher

Revd Richard Wood

Director of Music

John Swindells

Piano **Robin Walker**

Hymn 254

Come let us with our Lord arise

Responses

Ayleward

Psalms 119.41-48

Chant: J Jones

Readings

Ezekiel 20.1-8; 33-44; Acts 20.17-end

Canticles

Wilson in C

Anthem

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake - John Hilton (*d 1608*)

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake
lay not our sins to our charge;
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in an upright heart
before thee this day and evermore.
that we may walk in an upright heart
before thee this night and evermore.

Hymn 472

When all thy mercies, O my God (*second tune*)

Hymn 392

Lead kindly light

Voluntary

Für Elise – L V Beethoven (1770-1827)

St Martin's Church, London Road



FAMILY BARN DANCE

SATURDAY

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SEPTEMBER

5PM - 8PM

with The Orchard Band

£12 Adult | £5 Child

£25 Family

Tickets must be booked in advance - from the Church Office or Eventbrite, or using QR Code (small booking fee applies).

Ploughman's meal included
Licensed Bar & Raffle



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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	Marcus Lintzgy
Otto Lintzgy	Erin	Chris Dale	Ray Harbourne

The recently departed

Rosemary Chase	Susan Prosser	Tony Briscoe
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Anniversary of death

Rus Morgan	Joan Barton	Pam Parker	Jim Currie
Dot Cory	David Harmes	Chris East	Beryl Wood
Alan Higgins			

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 14 *Holy Cross Day*

Numbers 21.4-9 Philippians 2.6-11 John 3.13-17

Pray for young adults at university for their first year,
and those coming to study in Worcester.

May they find friendships and good support groups.

Tue 15 **I Corinthians 12.12-end**

Luke 7.11-17

Pray for the Deanery as it meets tomorrow evening at Holt
for 'Praying through change'.

Wed 16 **I Corinthians 12.31 – end 13**

Luke 7.31-35

It's Mainly Music today. Pray for all new mums and babies,
and for Debra and her team. Pray for the Bible Study afterwards.

Thu 17 **I Corinthians 15.1-11**

Luke 7.36-end

Pray for all in the midst of natural disasters, losing homes and livelihoods
in Nepal, Tibet, Venezuela and Colombia, as well as closer to home in
Stourbridge and Pershore.

Fri 18 **I Corinthians 15.12-20**

Luke 8.1-3

Pray for all asking for prayer, and for those supported by carers
and their families. Pray for all those on your heart.

Sat 19 **I Corinthians 15.35-49**

Luke 8.4-15

Pray for peace and justice around the world, in our homes,
and in our hearts.

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 12 September

Sunday 13 September

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church
6.00pm	Choral Evensong Church

Monday 14 September

2.30pm	Concert Site Visit Church
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Tuesday 15 September

11.00am	Funeral of Susan Prosser
2.00pm	Prayer Group Church

Wednesday 16 September

9.30am	Mainly Music Church
11.15am	Bible Study Lower Vestry

Thursday 17 September

9.30am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Poplns Lower Vestry
7.30pm	WSO Rehearsal Church

Friday 18 September

7.00pm	Choir Practice Lower Vestry
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Saturday 19 September

Sunday 20 September

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church
3.30pm	iSingPOP Family Sunday Church
