

# St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



**SUNDAY 28 JANUARY**

**CANDLEMAS**

## **SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist**  
**10.00am All Together Eucharist**  
***with Christingles***

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

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

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



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## NOTICES

### **Archbishop of Canterbury visits to the Diocese - Saturday 3 February**

The Most Revd Justin Welby will be visiting the Diocese on Saturday 3 February for interviews, and an opportunity to join him in prayer, at these locations:

10am Dudley, 12.30pm Pershore, or 2.15pm Worcester - see page 9 for details.

### **WSO Concert - Saturday 3 February, 7.30pm, Church**

Internationally-acclaimed pianist Mark Bebbington joins Worcestershire Symphony Orchestra for a celebration of British classics. Conducted by Keith Slade, the programme includes *Bliss* - Piano Concerto, and *Vaughan Williams* – Symphony no. 2 'London'. Adults £15, Concessions £12, Children Free, from *Ticketsource*

### **Forest Church - Sunday 4 February, 3.30pm, Whittington Churchyard**

Our first Forest Church of 2024 explores the goodness of God's creation, from Genesis 1, and the stirring of life in nature as winter turns toward spring. Aimed at children 3-11 and their parents, families are invited to Whittington Churchyard on Sunday 4 February at 3.30pm. This outdoor service with activities lasts approximately 45 minutes, followed by refreshments. Free, donations welcome.

### **Licensing of the Revd Lindsey Coulthard - Sunday 4 February, 4pm**

Friends from St Martin's are welcome to attend Lindsey's Service of Licensing as Priest in charge of the Parish of Barbourne, St Stephen. The service takes place at St Stephen's Church at 4pm, with refreshments served afterwards. Please let Rebecca know if you are going, to give them an idea of numbers.

### **A Choral pilgrimage to Pershore Abbey - Sunday 4 February, 5pm**

Members of St Martin's Choir are glad to be joining with Pershore Abbey Choir on Sunday 4 February for Choral Evensong. The service starts at 5pm, with the evening canticles, and anthem by John Ireland. Paul Trepte will direct the choirs, and John Swindells will accompany on the new Ruffati pipe organ. It would be lovely to see some familiar faces in the congregation.

### **Pancake Party - Tuesday 13 February, 4pm - 5.30pm**

Come and have some fun at St Martin's pancake party for all ages, to be held in the Parish Centre. There will be pancake tossing, games, and prizes. Pancakes will be provided with a choice of toppings, served with tea, coffee and juice. Adults £3, Children £2. Please sign the sheet at the back of Church, with payment to Barbara

### **Season of Lent at St Martin's**

#### ***Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist service with imposition of ashes***

Wednesday 14 February, 7.30pm, Church

#### ***Stations of the Cross***

Mondays from 19 February, 7.30pm, Church

#### ***Eco Church Study Sessions***

Wednesdays from 21 February, 11.00am, Lower Vestry

*See posters for Team Lent Groups and services*

# 10.00AM SUNG EUCHARIST

## The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

The **Order of Service** is in a separate booklet, which contains the special liturgy of the day and texts of the readings. This **Bulletin** contains the words of the sung items, as well as notices and prayers for the week. You are welcome to take it home.

Celebrant	<b>Revd Peter Hart</b>
Preacher	<b>Revd Mike Bunclark</b>
Organist	<b>Matt Gardner</b>

The service starts with *The Gathering in the Order of Service*  
Please stand at the entry of the ministers

**Hymn NEH 56**    Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In thy birth at Bethlehem;  
Anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding-guest  
In thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in power divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.

*/Continued...*

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
Mirrored in thy holy word;  
May we imitate thee now,  
And be pure, as pure art thou;  
That we like to thee may be  
At thy great Epiphany,  
And may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in Man made manifest.

*Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)*

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

### **Gloria in Excelsis** (*Peruvian Gloria*)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest:  
**All      Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest**

To God be glory for ever:  
**All      To God be glory for ever:**

Hallelujah, Amen  
**All      Hallelujah, Amen**

Hallelujah, Amen  
**All      Hallelujah, Amen. Hallelujah, Amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father:  
**All      Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father**

To him be glory for ever:  
**All      To him be glory for ever:**

Hallelujah, Amen  
**All      Hallelujah, Amen**

Hallelujah, Amen  
**All      Hallelujah, Amen. Hallelujah, Amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit  
**All      Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit**

To him be glory for ever:  
**All      To him be glory for ever:**

Hallelujah, Amen  
**All      Hallelujah, Amen**

Hallelujah, Amen  
**All      Hallelujah, Amen. Hallelujah, Amen.**

See pages 3-5 in the Order of Service

## **Gradual Hymn NEH 157**

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
give me oil in my lamp, I pray;  
give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
keep me burning till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the King!*

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
give me joy in my heart, I pray;  
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
keep me praising till the break of day. *Sing hosanna...*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
give me peace in my heart, I pray;  
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
keep me loving till the break of day. *Sing hosanna...*

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
give me love in my heart, I pray;  
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
keep me serving till the break of day. *Sing hosanna...*

*Traditional*

See pages 5-9 in the Order of Service

## **Offertory Hymn** *(A collection is taken during the hymn)*

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!*

*/Continued...*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine...*

*Graham Kendrick (b 1950)  
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*See pages 9-10 in the Order of Service*

*Then join with the choir in singing the Sanctus after these words:  
....to their unveiling hymn of praise.*

**Sanctus** *(sung to the tune of The Ash Grove)*

*All*      **O holy, most holy, the God of creation,  
For ever exalted in pow'r and great might.  
The earth and the heavens are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna and praise in the height!**  
**How blessed is he who is sent to redeem us,  
Who puts ev'ry fear and injustice to flight;  
Who comes in the name of the Lord as our Saviour.  
Hosanna, hosanna and praise in the height!**

*Michael Forster (b 1946)  
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*See pages 11-13 in the Order of Service*

**Choir anthem** Light beyond shadow - John Dankworth (1927-2010)

Light beyond shadow, joy beyond tears,  
love that is greater when darkest our fears;  
deeper the peace when the storm is around,  
dearer the Christ to the lost who is found.

Light of the world, Jesus shining, shining!  
Sins of the world, see him dying, dying!  
In our darkness, he is light,  
in our crying, he is love,  
in the noise of life imparting  
peace that passes understanding:

Light beyond shadow, joy beyond tears,  
love that is greater when darkest our fears;  
deeper the peace when the storm is around,  
dearer the Christ to the lost who is found.

*Paul Wigmore (b 1925)*

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**Candlemas Procession** - See page 14

The **Final Hymn** overleaf is sung while the Christingle candles are lit



## Final Hymn

When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day  
the dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.  
*A glory dawns in every dark place,  
the light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,  
the child and his parents are left on their own.  
*A glory dawns...*

They go to the temple, obeying the law,  
and offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor.  
*A glory dawns...*

But Anna and Simeon recognize there  
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.  
*A glory dawns...*

The old who have suffered and waited so long  
see hope for the world as they welcome the young.  
*A glory dawns...*

They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,  
the joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.  
*A glory dawns...*

The candles invite us to praise and to pray  
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.  
*A glory dawns...*

*Elizabeth Consett (b1936)  
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*See pages 14 - 16 in the Order of Service*

## Voluntary

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**Next Week's Readings:** Proverbs 8.1, 22-31; Colossians 1.15-20; John 1.1-14

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# **Prayer Pilgrimage led by the Archbishop of Canterbury Saturday 3 February 2024**

All welcome - join us as we pray for our diocese as well as peace and justice throughout the world in 2024 and beyond.

## **10am: Top Church, Dudley**

An interview with the Archbishop followed by worship and prayer.

## **12.30pm: Pershore Abbey**

Prayer lunch - bring your own picnic lunch

## **2.15pm: Worcester Cathedral**

An interview with the Archbishop followed by worship and prayer in various prayer stations.

**MARK BEBBINGTON**

BLISS Piano Concerto

**VAUGHAN WILLIAMS**

A London Symphony

Saturday February 3rd 2024

7.30pm

St Martin's Church

London Road

Worcester WR5 2ED

**TICKETS:**

**ADULTS £15**

**CONCESSIONS £12**

**CHILDREN FREE**

**WSO**

WORCESTERSHIRE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

conductor:

**KEITH SLADE**

## PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH

### People in sickness or need

Michael Wood	Brian Cory	Roderick Dovey	Donna Vickers
Sandra Giles	Andy Horne	Nancy Dyson	Phil Clayton
Shirley Scott	Simonne Lebrun	Jennie Furnival	Sheila Ledbury

### For those in continued trouble

Jo Menagh	Chris Dale	Adam	Jan Bayliss
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### The recently departed

James Haly	David Stringer
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### Anniversary of death

Douglas Groves	Brian Mayoss	Michael Newman
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## DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

### Mon 29 2 Samuel 15.13 - 16.13

### Mark 5.1-120

Pray for those working in the UK steel industry, who are threatened with massive job losses as their sector modernises. Remember the communities affected and pray that, as we switch to greener technologies, new opportunities will be created for those left uncertain about the future.

### Tue 30 2 Samuel 18.9 - 19.3

### Mark 5.21-end

Remember in your prayers all those who struggle to get through these winter months. Pray for everyone inadequately housed, troubled by damp and mould, and for those impacted by unaffordable energy bills, especially the very old, very young, and people with disabilities.

### Wed 31 2 Samuel 24.2-17

### Mark 6.1-6a

On this day in 1915 the writer, theologian, mystic, and monk Thomas Merton was born. Pray for peace today in his words: 'Grant light, grant strength and patience to all who work for peace ... grant us prudence in proportion to our power, wisdom in proportion to our science, humaneness in proportion to our wealth and might. And bless our earnest will to help all races and peoples to travel, in friendship with us, along the road to justice, liberty and lasting peace'.

### Thu 1 1 Kings 2.1-12

### Mark 6.7-13

At the start of the United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week, pray for understanding between all people regardless of their faith.

### Fri 2 Ecclesiasticus 47.2-11

### Mark 6.14-29

At Candlemas, when the infant Christ was presented in the Temple, light a candle and pray that we too may shine brightly as Christians in the darkness of this world.

### Sat 3 1 Kings 3.4-13

### Mark 6.30-34

As we welcome Archbishop Justin on his Prayer Pilgrimage to the Worcester Diocese, join him as he prays for the work of the Church here, and for peace and justice throughout God's Kingdom.

## 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 27 January

10.30am	Coffee Concert Church
12 noon	Christingle assembling Lower Vestry

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### Sunday 28 January

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	All Together Eucharist for Candlemas Church

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### Monday 29 January

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### Tuesday 30 January

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### Wednesday 31 January

9.30am	Mainly Music Lower Vestry
11.00am	Bible Study Lower Vestry

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### Thursday 1 February

9.30am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Poplns Lower Vestry
10.15am	Clergy Team Meeting Church
7.30pm	WSO Rehearsal Church

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### Friday 2 February

6.00pm	Organ Practice Church
7.00pm	Choir Practice Lower Vestry

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### Saturday 3 February

1.00pm	WSO Rehearsal Church
5.30pm	Piano Tuning Church
7.30pm	WSO Concert Church

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### Sunday 4 February

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church
3.00pm	Music rehearsal Lower Vestry
3.30pm	Forest Church Whittington Churchyard

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