

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Growth 2026

SUNDAY 12 JULY

RECOGNITION SUNDAY

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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Sunday 12 July

Junior Church will take place during the 10am service, with children leaving (with a parent/carer) after the Collect Prayer for activities downstairs.

As our organ is undergoing some repair work at present, our worship will be accompanied on the piano.

Join us for Choral Evensong at 6pm, which will include canticles from Weelkes' short service, and Howard Goodall's arrangement of Psalm 23.

Church use today, Sunday 12 July

The Church is being used this afternoon for an end of term concert for students of the Elgar School of Music.

Service at Red Hill Court - Wednesday 15 July at 2.30pm. All welcome.

Organ Appeal – see back page for how to donate

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising event on 4th July. Thanks to your generosity, the event, which included the adopt a pipe campaign, raised £2000 towards the restoration of the organ.

We are also delighted and humbled with the donations made before the event, and which continue to be made. Every contribution, large or small, brings us closer to our target.

Prayer walk – Tuesday 14 July, 2pm, from Church

The prayer walk will be Marlborough Street area, meeting first in Church.

PCC Meeting – Tuesday 14 July, 7.30pm, Lower Vestry

iSingPOP Family Sunday – Sunday 19 July, 3.30pm, Church

Join us for iSingPOP worship, Bible stories & crafts next Sunday afternoon.

Thanksgiving Service for Ruth Kirwan – Monday 20 July, 3pm, Church

All are welcome to this service, which is followed by refreshments in Church.

Summer Stories & Crafts – Thursdays, 10am at Whittington Church

These sessions for children aged 4-11 run from 10-11am on 23rd & 30th July, and 6th & 13th August. See poster or speak to Debra for more information.

Stay and Play – Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10am, St Martin's Church

These sessions are for children and families, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am-12pm, in the summer holiday from Tuesday 21 July for four weeks. There will also be a Board Game café. See poster or speak to Debra for more details.

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 466

Thou whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray
Let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
Let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.

Blessèd and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world far and wide
Let there be light.

John Marriot (1780-1825)

see pages 2-3 in the Order of Service

Collect Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Junior Church recessional

*Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with Love.*

There is only one God,
There is only one King.
There is only one Body,
that is why we sing.

*Bob Gillman
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First Reading Genesis 7.1, 7-16

A reading from the Book of Genesis

- ¹ The Lord said to Noah,
'Go into the ark, you and all your household,
for I have seen that you alone
are righteous before me in this generation.'
- ⁷ And Noah with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives
went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood.
- ⁸ Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean,
and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground,
- ⁹ two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah,
as God had commanded Noah.
- ¹⁰ And after seven days the waters of the flood came on the earth.
- ¹¹ In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life,
in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month,
on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth,
and the windows of the heavens were opened.
- ¹² The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights.

- ¹³ On the very same day Noah
with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth,
and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark,
¹⁴ they and every wild animal of every kind,
and all domestic animals of every kind,
and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth,
and every bird of every kind - every bird, every winged creature.
¹⁵ They went into the ark with Noah,
two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life.
¹⁶ And those that entered, male and female of all flesh,
went in as God had commanded him;
and the Lord shut him in.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Second Reading Romans 8.11

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

- ¹ There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus
has set you free from the law of sin and of death.
³ For God has done what the law,
weakened by the flesh, could not do:
by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh,
and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,
⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us,
who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
⁵ For those who live according to the flesh
set their minds on the things of the flesh,
but those who live according to the Spirit
set their minds on the things of the Spirit.
⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death,
but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.
⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God;
it does not submit to God's law - indeed it cannot,
⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
⁹ But you are not in the flesh;
you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.
Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ
does not belong to him.

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- ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin,
the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
- ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
he who raised Christ from the dead
will give life to your mortal bodies
also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn NEH 482

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,
Spread the kingdom of the Lord,
Wheresoe'er his breath has given
Life to beings meant for heaven.

Tell them how the Father's will
Made the world, and makes it still,
How he sent his Son to save,
How Christ conquered o'er the grave.

Tell of our Redeemer's love,
Who for ever doth remove
By his holy sacrifice
All the guilt that on us lies.

Tell them of the Spirit given
Now to guide us on to heaven,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.

Word of life, most pure and strong,
Lo, for thee the nations long;
Spread, till from its dreary night
All the world awakes to light!

Jonathan Bahnmaier (1774-1841)

Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)

Gospel Matthew 13.1-9, 13-23

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

- 1 Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake.
2 Such great crowds gathered around him
that he got into a boat and sat there,
while the whole crowd stood on the beach.
3 And he told them many things in parables, saying:
'Listen! A sower went out to sow.
4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path,
and the birds came and ate them up.
5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground,
where they did not have much soil,
and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.
6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched;
and since they had no root, they withered away.
7 Other seeds fell among thorns,
and the thorns grew up and choked them.
8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain,
some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.
9 Let anyone with ears listen!
18 Hear then the parable of the sower.
19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom
and does not understand it,
the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart;
this is what was sown on the path.
20 As for what was sown on rocky ground,
this is the one who hears the word
and immediately receives it with joy;
21 yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while,
and when trouble or persecution arises
on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.
22 As for what was sown among thorns,
this is the one who hears the word,
but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth
choke the word, and it yields nothing.
23 But as for what was sown on good soil,
this is the one who hears the word and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit
and yields, in one case a hundredfold,
in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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 SP298 (Tune: NEH 467 Wiltshire)

O changeless Christ, for ever new,
who walked our earthly ways,
still draw our hearts as once you drew
the hearts of other days.

As once you spoke by plain and hill
or taught by shore and sea,
so be today our teacher still,
O Christ of Galilee.

As wind and storm their Master heard
and his command fulfilled
may troubled hearts receive your word,
the tempest-tossed be stilled.

And as of old to all who prayed
your healing hand was shown,
so be your touch upon us laid,
unseen but not unknown.

In broken bread, in wine outpoured,
your new and living way
proclaim to us, O risen Lord,
O Christ of this our day.

O changeless Christ, till life is past
your blessing still be given;
then bring us home, to taste at last
the timeless joys of heaven.

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Then sing the acclamations after the words:

Great is the mystery of faith



The musical notation is written on a single staff in 3/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note C5. There is a whole rest for the next measure. The melody continues with a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5. This is followed by a half note G5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter note D5. The final measure contains a half note C5 and a quarter note B-flat4. Dynamics markings include *mp* (mezzo-piano) at the start, *mf* (mezzo-forte) under the first whole rest, *f* (forte) under the first G5, and *p* (piano) at the end. A crescendo hairpin is placed over the final two measures.

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

Anthem Lead me Lord – Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness,
make Thy way plain before my face.

For it is Thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

S S Wesley

After Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Final Hymn

I lift my eyes to the quiet hills
in the press of a busy day;
as green hills stand in a dusty land
so God is my strength and stay.

I lift my eyes to the quiet hills,
to a calm that is mine to share;
secure and still in the Father's will
and kept by the Father's care.

I lift my eyes to the quiet hills
with a prayer as I turn to sleep;
by day, by night, thro' the dark and light
my Shepherd will guard his sheep.

I lift my eyes to the quiet hills
and my heart to the Father's throne;
in all my ways to the end of days
the Lord will preserve his own.

Timothy Dudley Smith (1926-2024)
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Voluntary Etude in D – Stephen Heller (1815-1888)

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6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Leader & Preacher **Revd Mike Bunclark**
Director of Music **John Swindells** *Piano* **Robin Walker**

Hymn 398	Lift up your hearts (<i>Tune: NEH 395 Woodlands</i>)
Psalm 60	<i>Chant: James Turle</i>
Readings	2 Samuel 7.18-end; Luke 19.41-20.8
Canticles	Weelkes Short Service
Anthem	The Lord is my shepherd – Howard Goodall (b 1958) <i>Words from Psalm 23</i>
Hymn 324	Thine arm, O Lord
Hymn 248	O strength and stay (<i>second tune</i>)
Voluntary	Danse Español No 5 – Enrique Granados (1867-1916)

Next week's readings: *Genesis 28.10-19a; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43*

PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

David Dale	Veronica	Stephen Clarke	Eglé Tumanova
Gail Stone	Thelma Bushell	Shirley Scott	Jackie
Geoff	Alison Houghton	Elizabeth Robertson	Erin
Andy Stand	Rosemary Dillingham	Elizabeth Yarker	Charlie Bentley

The recently departed

Ruth Kirwan

Rachel Grubb

Anniversary of death

Les Heath

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 13	Isaiah 1.11-17	Matthew 10.34 -11.1
	Pray for those who are finding the summer heat oppressive, that good neighbours will provide support, and that cooling solutions may be found.	
Tue 14	Isaiah 7.1-9	Matthew 11.20-24
	Pray for those on the prayer walk today, that good contacts will be made and effective prayer offered.	
Wed 15	Isaiah 10.5-16	Matthew 11.25-27
	Pray for all those attending Mainly Music and the Bible Study, that we may support each other spiritually as well as emotionally, and grow in our faith.	
Thu 16	Isaiah 26.7-19	Matthew 11.28-end
	Pray for those involved in repairing the organ, that their skills will return our instrument to its full force.	
Fri 17	Isaiah 38.1-22	Matthew 12.1-8
	Pray for the work of the Team Office, for Rebecca our Administrator, and those who support her.	
Sat 18	Micah 2.1-5	Matthew 12.14-21
	Pray for those preparing the iSingPop service on Sunday, that invitations will be responded to and God encountered in song and story.	

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 11 July

2.00pm WSO Rehearsal Church

7.30pm WSO Concert Church

Sunday 12 July

8.00am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist Church

1.45pm ESM Concert setup Church

2.00pm ESM Concert Church

6.00pm Choral Evensong Church

Monday 13 July

Tuesday 14 July

2.00pm Prayer Walk Meet in Church

7.30pm PCC Meeting Lower Vestry

Wednesday 15 July

9.30am Mainly Music Church

11.15am Bible Study Lower Vestry

Thursday 16 July

9.30am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am Poplms Lower Vestry

11.00am Community Care Meeting Lower Vestry

1.30pm Fort Royal Leavers' service Church

Friday 17 July

7.00pm Choir Practice Lower Vestry

Saturday 18 July

Sunday 19 July

8.00am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist Church

3.30pm iSingPOP Family Sunday Church

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