

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Mission 2025

SUNDAY 13 APRIL

PALM SUNDAY

HOLY WEEK SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am	Said Eucharist
10.00am	Sung Eucharist <i>with Procession of Palms</i>
6.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>with Music for Holy Week</i>
Monday 7.00pm	Compline
Tuesday 7.00pm	Stations of the Cross & Compline
Wednesday 7.00pm	Compline
Maunder Thursday 9.30am	Said Eucharist
7.30pm	Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper
Good Friday 12 noon	An hour before the Cross

OPENING HOURS

CHURCH: Monday to Friday 10am - 3pm

TEAM OFFICE: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10am - 1pm

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 (including Stations of the Cross on Tuesdays)

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

Palm Sunday - Sunday 13 April at 10am

Today, we follow our custom of a Palm Sunday Procession, **which will begin in the Undercroft**, then process round the outside of the Church. Please assemble in Church as usual, then move into the Undercroft at 9.55am, either using the main staircase or going outside and entering by the Office door.

Choral Evensong with Music for Holy Week - this evening at 6pm

In addition to settings of the Responses by Ayleward, and Canticles by Noble (in B minor), there are three hymns for congregation, and the anthem is Stainer's *God so loved the world*. The service will close with Amanda Ballard's much-loved setting of The Reproaches. Please do come and support the Choir if you can.

Christian Aid Emergency Appeal for Myanmar - HELP! Please spare £1 to support the people in Myanmar (Burma), who have lost everything in the devastating earthquake. The Big Red Bucket will be out for your donations. Do continue to give to our **Lent Appeal for the Bible Society** - card or cash.

Prayer Walk - Tuesday only this week, at 2pm

Meet at the top of Fort Royal Park to pray for the Fort Royal area.

No Bible Study this week due to the funeral of Canon John Paul Hoskins taking place on Wednesday 16 April, at 11.30am in Worcester Cathedral.

Easter Craft Event - Saturday 19 April, 2-4pm, Church

An afternoon for children and their parent/carers. Come and make Easter crafts to decorate Church and home. Entry by donation, refreshments provided.

Breakfast after the Dawn Service on Easter Day will be organised by Shirley. No need to book, but do let her know of any dietary requirements.

Rob Farmer's last service (and leaving gift) - Sunday 27 April, 10.00am

Rob's last service is in Perry Wood School Hall, St Alban's Close, WR5 1PP, to which all are welcome. Any contributions towards a leaving gift from the Team can be given to the Team Office this week, or to Angela by Easter Day.

A service will still be held at St Martin's on the 27th April, when we will mark Peter & Beverley's Ruby Wedding Anniversary with cake and wine.

VE Celebration Tea Party - Saturday 3 May, 2pm - 4pm, Church

Tickets: adults £5, children £2.50. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church by **Easter Day** if you'd like to come.

Baking needed - please also sign up on the separate list **by Sunday 27 April** if you can bake fairy cakes (in Union Jack cake cases - from Angela) and scones.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Sunday 4 May, 11.15am

Please speak to Fr Peter or Angela if you would like to get involved with the PCC. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church.

Any **Electoral Roll forms** must be given to Julia or Angela today please.

The Team Office is closed from Good Friday, reopening Friday 25 April

10.00AM SUNG EUCHARIST

with procession of Palms

The **Palm Sunday Service Booklet** is a separate booklet, large print copies are available. This **Bulletin** contains the words of the hymns, chorales and anthem, 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 **Revd Peter Hart** Organ **John Swindells**

Today's Eucharist setting is by J S Bach

See pages 3-4 in the Order of Service

Palm Gospel Luke 19.28-40

Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord

- 28 When Jesus had finished saying all this, he went on toward Jerusalem.
29 As he was getting near Bethphage and Bethany
on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples on ahead.
30 He told them, "Go into the next village,
where you will find a young donkey that has never been ridden.
Untie the donkey and bring it here.
31 If anyone asks why you are doing this, just say,
'The Lord needs it.' "
- 32 They went off and found everything just as Jesus had said.
33 While they were untying the donkey, its owners asked,
"Why are you doing that?"
34 They answered, "The Lord needs it."
35 Then they led the donkey to Jesus.
They put some of their clothes on its back and helped Jesus get on.
36 And as he rode along,
the people spread clothes on the road in front of him.
37 When Jesus started down the Mount of Olives,
his large crowd of disciples were happy and praised God
because of all the miracles they had seen.
38 They shouted, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory to God."
39 Some Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus,
"Teacher, make your disciples stop shouting!"
40 But Jesus answered,
"If they keep quiet, these stones will start shouting."

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Processional Hymns

NEH 509 *All glory, laud, and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the king of Israel,
Thou David's royal son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed one. *All glory ...*

The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply. *All glory ...*

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present. *All glory ...*

To thee before thy Passion
They sang their hymns of praise:
To thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise. *All glory ...*

Thou didst accept their praises:
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King. *All glory ...*

*St Theodulph of Orleans (d 821)
tr J M Neale (1818-66)*

NEH 511 *Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,
Thy humble beast pursues his road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.*

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in Majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Henry Milman (1791-1868)

See page 5 in the Order of Service

Chorales sung by the Choir

Here would I stand beside thee;
Lord, bid me not depart!
From thee I will not sever,
though breaks thy loving heart.
When bitter pain shall hold thee
in agony opprest,
Then, then will I enfold thee
within my loving breast.

Peter in forgetfulness
thrice denied his Master:
One look moved him to confess,
weeping, his disaster.
Jesu, turn to look on me,
who persist in sinning;
Set my fettered conscience free,
free for new beginning.

Christ who knew no sin or wrong,
like a thief was taken,
led before a godless throng,
by his friends forsaken.
He who our salvation won,
falsely was convicted,
scoffed at, scorned and spat upon,
as the Word predicted.

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Offertory Hymn *NEH 86*

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O, who am I, that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,
Salvation to bestow:
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend, my Friend indeed,
Who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,
And for his death they thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,
That he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman (1684-83)

See pages 6-10 in the Order of Service

Choir Anthem Praise to the holiest in the height

Arthur Somervell (1863-1937)

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
And essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he who smote
In Man for us the foe,
The double agony in Man
For man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman (1801-90)

See page 10 in the Order of Service

Final Hymn

Make way, make way, for Christ the King
In splendour arrives
Fling wide the gates and welcome him
Into your lives.

*Make way! Make way for the King of kings!
Make way! Make way and let his kingdom in!*

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
The prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance
The blind shall see. *Make way...*

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
Who weep and sigh
With laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify. *Make way...*

We call you now to worship him
As Lord of all,
To have no gods but him:
Their thrones must fall! *Make way...*

Graham Kendrick (b1950) © 1986 Thank you Music

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Voluntary Fanfare on Valet will ich dir geben - Pietro Cattaneo (b1998)
Valet will ich dir geben - GF Kauffmann (1679-1735)

Hymns published under CCLI 1145602

Next Week's Readings: Acts 10. 34-43, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20: 1-18

Holy Week and Easter Services



Palm Sunday 13 April

- 8.00am Said Eucharist
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist with Procession of Palms
- 6.00pm Choral Evensong with music for Holy Week
for choir and congregation

Monday 14 April

- 7.00pm Compline *

Tuesday 15 April

- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross *followed by Compline **

Wednesday 16 April

- 7.00pm Compline *

Maundy Thursday 17 April

- 9.30am Said Eucharist
- 7.30pm Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper
with Stripping of the Altars and Watch until 11pm

Good Friday 18 April

- 12 noon An Hour before the Cross

Easter Day - Sunday 20 April

- 5.30am Service of Light & Dawn Eucharist *followed by breakfast*
- 8.00am Said Eucharist
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist with Procession
followed by refreshments and Easter eggs for all!

* Also on Zoom at 8.30pm - contact Parish Office for login details



EASTER CRAFT EVENT

at St Martin's Church

for children

(accompanied by a parent or carer)

Saturday 19 April 2-4 pm

Come and join us to make
Easter decorations
for church and home!

Entry by donation

Refreshments provided



PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

Roderick Dovey	Sandra Giles	Sheila Sergeant	Veronica
Peter Fisher	David Dale	Marilyn Daly	Gillian Miles
Hannah Cocksworth	Phil Welling	Sophie Kelleher	Janet Willis

The recently departed

Jeanette Summer	Canon John Paul Hoskins	Barry Freeman
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Anniversary of death

Grenville Wood	John Kirwan	Joan Palfrey	William Dey
Eve Johnson			

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

- Mon 14** **Isaiah 42.1-9** **Hebrews 9.11-15** **John 12.1-11**
Lord Jesus, as you entered Jerusalem in humility, prepare our hearts to welcome you with faith and love. Inspire us to welcome you with joy, as living stones, in all we think, say, and do.
- Tue 15** **Isaiah 49.1-7** **I Corinthians 1.18-31** **John 12.20-36**
Lord, as we remember your teaching in the temple courts, teach us to trust in your wisdom, even in tumultuous times. Cleanse our hearts as Jesus cleansed the temple, removing all that distracts us from you.
- Wed 16** **Isaiah 50.4-9a** **Hebrews 12.1-3** **John 13.21-32**
Jesus, in your betrayal you showed unwavering love and steadfastness - help us to love even when it is difficult. Strengthen our hearts, and help our faith, that we may remain steadfast in the face of trials.
- Thu 17** ***Maundy Thursday***
Exodus 12.1-14 **I Corinthians 11.23-26** **John 13.1-35**
Lord, just as you knelt to wash your disciples' feet, draw us to your servant heart, and enable us to serve those you call us to. May we learn from your humility, and love as you have loved us.
- Fri 18** ***Good Friday***
Isaiah 52.13 - 53 **Hebrews 10.16-25** **John 18.1 - 19**
Jesus, you bore our sins on the cross - may we never forget the depth of your sacrifice. Help us to bear our own crosses with courage, and to follow you with grateful hearts, that those around us may see and understand your great love toward us.
- Sat 19** **Job 14.1-14** **John 19.38-end**
Lord, as the whole of Creation waited in silence, still our hearts and minds and help us to rest and trust in your timing. Even in darkness, may our hope rest in the great light and promise of your resurrection.

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 April

10.00am Open Church Lower Vestry
12 noon Passion Gospel rehearsal Church

Sunday 13 April

8.00am Said Eucharist Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist with Procession of Palms Church
6.00pm Choral Evensong with Music for Holy Week Church

Monday 14 April

11.15am Site Meeting (Concerts) Church
7.00pm Compline Church

Tuesday 15 April

2.00pm Prayer Walk from Fort Royal Park
7.00pm Stations of the Cross & Compline Church

Wednesday 16 April

No Bible Study Group
7.00pm Compline Church

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Saturday 19 April

2.00pm Easter Craft Afternoon Church

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