

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Growth 2026

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY

BAPTISM OF CHRIST

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am	Said Eucharist
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Thursday 9.30am	Said Eucharist

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

Sunday 11 January

Junior Church takes place downstairs during the service. Children leave after the Collect prayer with a parent/carer.

Choral Evensong at 6pm - you are invited to join the Choir in the Lower Vestry after Evensong for a celebratory glass of fizz to welcome in the New Year.

Advent Appeal for YMCA

Thank you for your donations. The total raised will be communicated soon.

Light Club will resume soon, for an update contact Debra Hill on 07424 726597.

Wedding of Alexander and Anika – Saturday 17 January, 12 noon

Please note that the Church car park will be unavailable until after the wedding.

New Bishop of Worcester service of welcome - Saturday 17 January, 2pm

You are warmly invited to attend this service of welcome and installation of the Right Reverend Hugh Nelson, who will become the 114th Bishop of Worcester.

Family Choir Practice – Friday 23 January, 3.30pm, Lower Vestry

The next Family Choir practice will be to prepare for the All Together Worship service on Sunday 25 January. Speak to John Swindells if you would like to join.

Flower Fund

As we now have flowers again in Church each week, donations to the flower fund would be much appreciated. It costs around £20 per arrangement. You can donate in cash to Cairen or Angela, or via the card machine specifically for this fund.

Date for the diary – Pancake Party, Shrove Tuesday 17 February, 4.00pm

Pancake party for all ages. More details and sign up sheet coming soon.

Next week's readings: Isaiah 49.1-7; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

10.00AM SUNG EUCHARIST FOR EPIPHANY

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**

Today's Eucharist setting is by Andrew Millington

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 addrest,
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 addrest,
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 addrest,
God in Man made manifest.

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Sun and moon shall darkened be,
Stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
All will see his glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear,
All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confest,
God in Man made manifest.

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 1-2 in the Order of Service,
then follow these words for the Gloria:**

Gloria Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
 Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
 Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

 Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 receive our prayer, receive our prayer.
 Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
 You alone are the Most High Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
 Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

 Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

Collect Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

Junior Church recessional

*Father welcomes all his children to his family through his Son.
Father giving his salvation, life forever has been won.*

Robin Mann
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First Reading Isaiah 42.1-9

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

- 1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- 2 He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
- 3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- 4 He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
- 5 Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:
- 6 I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,
- 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

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8 I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.
9 See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading Acts 10.34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

34 Peter began to speak
to those assembled in the house of Cornelius.
'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
35 but in every nation anyone who fears him
and does what is right is acceptable to him.
36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all.
37 That message spread throughout Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:
38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and with power;
how he went about doing good
and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him.
39 We are witnesses to all that he did
both in Judea and in Jerusalem.
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;
40 but God raised him on the third day
and allowed him to appear,
41 not to all the people
but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses,
and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
42 He commanded us to preach to the people
and to testify that he is the one ordained by God
as judge of the living and the dead.
43 All the prophets testify about him
that everyone who believes in him
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn NEH 421

O King enthroned on high,
Thou Comforter divine,
Blest Spirit of all truth, be nigh
And make us thine.

Thou art the Source of life,
Thou art our treasure-store;
Give us thy peace, and end our strife
For evermore.

Descend, O heavenly Dove,
Abide with us alway;
And in the fullness of thy love
Cleanse us, we pray.

John Brownlie (1857-1955)

Gospel Matthew 3.13-17

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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- ¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan,
to be baptized by him.
- ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying,
'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?'
- ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now;
for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.'
Then he consented.
- ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized,
just as he came up from the water,
suddenly the heavens were opened to him
and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove
and alighting on him.
- ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said,
'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord

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The Sermon follows, then see pages 5-6 in the Order of Service

Offertory Hymn (Tune: NEH 310 Offertorium)

When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon,
but as his Father's Son.

He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss;
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.

So when the Dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make,
this very day invade us,
and every bondage break.

Come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
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**See pages 6-11 in the Order of Service
and join in singing the opening of the Eucharistic prayer here (*Sursum Corda*)**

Anthem Out of the flowing river – Timothy Redman (b 1943)

Out of the flowing river Jesus ascends
baptized by John waiting the sign.

Out of the open heavens God's Spirit comes down like a dove in peace and power.

Out speaks the voice from heaven:
'You are my Son chosen and loved, my

Out through the life of Jesus God's word of love,

calling in grace, comes to our lives.

calling in grace, comes to our lives.

Out in the world we live in we will make known the love revealed through God in Christ.

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Leith Fisher (b 1941)
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After Communion

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

See page 11 in the Order of Service

Final Hymn (Tune: Amazing Grace)

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
in ev'ry part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
thy being and thy ways.

Not for the lip of praise alone,
nor e'en the praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part:

Praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed,
however small and mean.

So shall no part of day or night
from sacredness be free;
but all my life, in every step,
be fellowship with thee.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

See page 12 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Postlude Cantique – Daniel Dubois (1837-1924)

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6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG

See separate sheet

PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

Sandra Giles	David Dale	Veronica	Stephen Clarke
Eglé Tumanova	Terry Dillingham	Ruth Kirwan	Ann Stallard
Gail Stone	Thelma Bushell	Hannah Cocksworth	

The recently departed

John Daynes	Jan Wheatley
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Anniversary of death

Peter Hill	Jack Hall	Jock Paterson	Clive Richards
Dorothy Bagley	Pam Walker		

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 12 I Samuel 1.1-8

Mark 1.14-20

Dear Lord, bless all who are persecuted for being a Christian, and who continue to love and trust you. Keep them safe and steadfast.

Tue 13 I Samuel 1.9-20

Mark 1.21-28

Dear Lord, give comfort and relief to people in dire poverty, especially those who have fled from danger with nothing.

Wed 14 I Samuel 3.1-20

Mark 1.29-39

Dear Lord, give patience to those who find the going hard, and who may be tempted to give up. Enfold them in your love.

Thu 15 I Samuel 4.1-11

Mark 1.40-end

Dear Lord, support all prisoners, forgive those who repent, help people wrongly imprisoned, and give hope to those who need it.

Fri 16 I Samuel 8.4-end

Mark 2.1-12

Give wisdom, dear Lord, to all preachers and teachers of the faith. May they care for their flock and lead them well.

Sat 17 I Samuel 9.1-19, 10.1

Mark 2.13-17

Lord we give thanks for practical people who see the problems and find appropriate ways to solve them.

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 10 January

No Open Church

Sunday 11 January

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

Monday 12 January

Tuesday 13 January

1.00pm	Diocese C&Y ALM Training Lower Vestry
2.00pm	Prayer Meeting Church
7.30pm	PCC Meeting Lower Vestry

Wednesday 14 January

9.30am	Mainly Music Church
11.15am	Bible Study Lower Vestry
4.30pm	Wedding rehearsal Church

Thursday 15 January

9.30am	Said Eucharist Lower Vestry
10.00am	Poplins Lower Vestry
11.00am	Community Care Meeting Lower Vestry
7.30pm	WSO Rehearsal Church

Friday 16 January

1.00pm	Concerts Committee Team Office
1.00pm	Wedding setup Church
7.00pm	Choir practice Lower Vestry

Saturday 17 January

9.00am	Wedding setup Church
12 noon	Wedding Church

Sunday 18 January

8.00am	Said Eucharist Church
10.00am	Sung Eucharist Church
