

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



SUNDAY 12 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) 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

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 12 January

Junior Church takes place today, with children leaving with a parent/carer after the Collect prayer, to go downstairs for activities.

Choral Evensong at 6.00pm All welcome to our first Choral Evensong of 2025 (see page 10 for music details). Please join the choir after the service in the Lower Vestry for a glass of wine or fruit juice and nibbles. *John Swindells*

Rescheduled Autumn Lectures - Tuesday 14 January, 3pm

This week's lecture is entitled *Living with the Gods* with speaker Neil Macgregor, showing in the Lower Vestry. Please speak to Joan Hazzard for more information.

PCC Meeting - Tuesday 14 January, 7.30pm, Lower Vestry

Parish Magazine copy date - Wednesday 15 January

Just a reminder that the copy date for the February Parish Magazine is Wednesday of this week. The magazine will be published on Friday 31 January.

If you would like to subscribe to the magazine (£10/yr) and have your copy delivered by one of our distributors (for those who live in the Parish), or if you'd like to subscribe to the e-copy (£4/yr), please speak to George Bushell, our distribution manager, or contact Rebecca in the Team Office. Payment for subscribers is due in February - payment in cash to your distributor, or to George, or to the Team Office, or you can pay by BACS to the St Martin's general account using reference 'Magazine' - please let George or Rebecca know if you pay this way.

Dates for your diary (*More details of concerts on posters and the website*)

Saturday 25 January, 10.30am - Coffee Concert: *The John McDonald Quartet*

Sunday 2 February, 10am - All Together Eucharist for Candlemas, with Christingles

Saturday 8 February, 3pm - WSO Family Concert: *Heroes and Villains*

Thanks from Jill Jupe

Jill would like to thank everyone for the lovely flowers she was given last Sunday for her big birthday, and for the cards and good wishes.

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 62.1-5; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11

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, readings, and special prayers for the day, 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 sidesperson.

Celebrant **Revd Andy Stand** Preacher **Revd Peter Hart**
Organ **John Swindells**

Today's Eucharist setting is by Andrew Millington

Hymn NEH 55 Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in his sight.

Kings shall fall down before him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All-blessing and all-blest:
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever;
That name to us is Love.

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

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**

First Reading Isaiah 43.1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

- ¹ But now thus says the Lord,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
- ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.

- ³ For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
- ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
- ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
- ⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth -
- ⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading Acts 8.14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

- ¹⁴ When the apostles at Jerusalem
heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God,
they sent Peter and John to them.
- ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them
that they might receive the Holy Spirit
- ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them;
they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus).
- ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them,
and they received the Holy Spirit.

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Gradual Hymn SP31 (Tune: Herongate NEH 84)

When Jesus comes to be baptised,
He leaves the hidden years behind,
The years of safety and of peace,
To bear the sins of humankind.

The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
Anoints the Christ to suffering,
To preach the word, to free the bound,
And to the mourner comfort bring.

He will not quench the dying flame,
And what is bruised he will not break,
But heal the wound injustice dealt,
And out of death his triumph make.

Our everlasting Father praise
With Christ, his well-belovèd Son,
Who with the Spirit reigns serene,
Eternal Trinity in One.

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Gospel Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

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 Luke

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Glo - ry to you O Lord

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.

- ¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation,
and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John,
whether he might be the Messiah,
- ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying,
'I baptize you with water;
but one who is more powerful than I is coming;
I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

- 17 His winnowing-fork is in his hand,
to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his
granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'
- 21 Now when all the people were baptized,
and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
the heaven was opened,
- 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a
dove. And a voice came from heaven,
'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord

ORGAN

Praise to you O Christ

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

Offertory Hymn NEH 36

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.

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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.

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 6-11 in the Order of Service
 and join in singing the opening of the Eucharistic prayer here (*Sursum Corda*)

President PEOPLE President PEOPLE

The Lord is here His Spi-rit is with us. Lift up - your hearts. We lift - them to - the Lord

President PEOPLE

Let us give thanks to the Lord - our God It is right to give - thanks - and praise

And then after the words:

Great is the mystery of faith

ORGAN

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

Choir Anthem - O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace - Christopher Tye (1505-1572)

O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace,
Eternal source of love,
Inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts
With fire from heaven above.

As thou dost join with holiest bonds
The Father and the Son,
So fill us all with mutual love
And knit our hearts in one.

Charles Coffin (1676-1749)

Translated by John Chandler

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

*Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er wand'ring flocks by night,
behold, from out of heavens
there shone a holy light. *Go tell it...*

And lo, when they had seen it,
they all bowed down and prayed;
they travelled on together
to where the babe was laid. *Go tell it...*

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When I was a seeker,
I sought both night and day:
I asked my Lord to help me
and he showed me the way.

*Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.*

He made me a watchman
upon the city wall,
and if I am a Christian,
I am the least of all. *Go tell it...*

Traditional

See page 12 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Basse de Trompette - Corrette (1671-1733)

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6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Led by **Revd Mike Bunclark** *Preacher* **Revd Richard Wood**
Choir **John Swindells** *Organ* **Robin Walker**

Hymn 57 The race that long in darkness pined

Responses Piers Maxim

Psalm 46

Readings Isaiah 55.1-11; Romans 6.1-11

Canticles Walmisley in D minor

Anthem Come down O love divine - William M Harris (1883-1973)
(Words: NEH 137)

Hymn 51 Hail, thou source of every blessing

Hymn 240 When all the world to life is waking

Voluntary Entrée Pontificale - Enrico Bossi (1861-1925)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN ST MARTIN'S PARISH

People in sickness or need

Michael Wood	Roderick Dovey	Sandra Giles	Sheila Sergeant
Mark Farthing	Veronica	Peter Fisher	Meg Melvin
David Dale	Chris Dale	Marilyn Daly	Colin Groves
Valerie Castle			

The recently departed

Anniversary of death

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

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 13 Hebrew 1.1-6

Mark 1.14-20

We pray for those in abusive relationships who live in fear of violence and manipulation. Give them strength in friendships, and a renewed sense of their own worth.

Tue 14 Hebrews 2.5-12

Mark 1.21-28

We pray for those involved in flooding everywhere. We give thanks for the many people who are willing to help them.

Wed 15 Hebrews 2.14-end

Mark 1.29-39

We pray for the people who provide essential services: power, water, fire, police and ambulances etc. We give thanks for those working in radio and TV, who do so much to help the housebound, the lonely, the elderly, and their carers to keep in touch with the outside world. We pray for strict regulation of other media.

Thu 16 Hebrews 3.7-14

Mark 1.40-end

We pray for the prison community, both prisoners and staff, and their families, as they try to balance their way of life. We pray for cooperation and reasonable outcomes from their differences.

Fri 17 Hebrews 4.1-5, 11

Mark 2.1-12

As the winter illnesses increase, we pray for all patients and their carers. We pray for all medical and ancillary staff that they may not be stretched to their limit, so that we lose their expertise and goodwill.

Sat 18 Hebrews 4.12-end

Mark 2.13-17

We pray for the homeless, from whatever cause, and for funds and trained workers to support them correctly. We pray for peace, and reconciliation among people of different cultures and opinions, and their willingness to compromise.

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 January

10.00am Open Church *Lower Vestry*

Sunday 12 January

8.00am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist Church

6.00pm Choral Evensong Church

Monday 13 January

Tuesday 14 January

3.00pm Autumn Lectures *Lower Vestry*

7.30pm PCC Meeting *Lower Vestry*

Wednesday 15 January

9.30am Mainly Music Church

11.15am Bible Study Group *Lower Vestry*

Thursday 16 January

9.30am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am Poplns *Lower Vestry*

2.30pm Kids Club Setup Church

3.30pm Kids Club Café Church

4.00pm Kids Club Church

7.30pm WSO Rehearsal Church

Friday 17 January

6.00pm Organ Practice Church

7.00pm Choir Practice *Lower Vestry*

Saturday 18 January

Sunday 19 January

8.00am Said Eucharist Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist Church
