

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist
6.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
by candlelight

Christmas Eve 4.00pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day 10.00am Christmas Morning Eucharist
Thursday 9.30am Said Eucharist

OPENING HOURS

CHURCH: *Monday to Friday 10am - 3pm*

TEAM OFFICE: *Closed this week*

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

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, Sunday 22 December, 6.00pm

This year's carol service will continue to celebrate local musicians with arrangements of carols by Rosemary Field and Adrian Lucas. There will also be familiar carols by John Joubert, Andrew Carter and Boris Ord. The service will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

See page 10 for details of special services for Christmas and Epiphany.

Advent Appeal for Acorns Children's Hospice

Please give generously to our Advent Appeal, by cash or card. There are leaflets and booklets about Acorns at the back of Church for you to take away.

Advent reflections during Compline - Tuesdays at 8.00pm on Zoom

The last reflection for Advent takes place on Tuesday, please contact Mike for the Zoom details: mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk

Bible Study group will take a break over Christmas and New Year, and resume on Wednesday 8 January.

Said Eucharist and Poplins - Thursday 26 December

There will still be a Said Eucharist service on Thursday this week at 9.30am, but Poplins will take a break until Thursday 2 January.

Team Office arrangements over Christmas

The Team Office is now closed, and reopens on Friday 3 January, although emails will be monitored from Monday 30 December. For pastoral care over Christmas and New Year, please contact Revd Mike Bunclark on 355585.

Team Eucharist Service - Sunday 29 December, 10.00am, St Martin's

We will join together with our friends from the Team Churches for a Eucharist service at St Martin's next Sunday, led by Andy Stand. Please note that there will be no Said Eucharist at 8am.

No monthly prayer meeting on Tuesday 30 December

Prayer meeting for Children's work - Thursday 2 January, 11.30am

Debra will be holding a prayer meeting in the Lower Vestry after Poplins to pray for the children and families work for the year ahead.

Rescheduled Autumn Lectures - from Tuesday 7 January see page 10

The remaining four lectures will be shown weekly on Tuesday afternoons at 3pm, in the Lower Vestry at 3pm. Please speak to Joan Hazzard for more information.

Christmas stamps - please remember to save your Christmas stamps for USPG and Embrace. Please put them in the labelled box at the back of Church.

Thanks to all those who bought Christmas goodies at Open Church, a total of £165 was raised for our missionary funds.

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, please ask a member of the Welcome Team.

Celebrant **Revd Richard Wood** Preacher **Revd Peter Hart**
Organ **John Swindells**

The Communion setting is by Bach (music copies available from the Welcome Team)

Hymn NEH 185 Sing we of the blessèd Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient to his summons
Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
At whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
And the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
Of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
When she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
Waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
Of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
When on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
Brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessèd,
Raised on high and crowned with grace,
May your Son, the world's redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face.

G B Timms (1910 - 1997)
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See pages 2-4 in the Order of Service

Collect God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Micah 5.2-5a

A reading from the book of the prophet Micah

The Lord says to his people:

- 2 But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
- 3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.
- 4 And he shall stand and feed his flock
in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure,
for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;
- 5 and he shall be the one of peace.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading Hebrews 10.5-10

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

- 5 When Christ came into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
- 6 in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

- ⁷ Then I said,
“See, God, I have come to do your will, O God”
(in the scroll of the book, it is written of me).’
- ⁸ When Christ said,
‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure
in sacrifices and offerings
and burnt offerings and sin offerings’
(these are offered according to the law),
- ⁹ then he added,
‘See, I have come to do your will.’
He abolishes the first
in order to establish the second.
- ¹⁰ And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ
once for all.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn NEH 186

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-1924)
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Gospel Luke 1.39-45

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
Glory to you O Lord

- ³⁹ Mary set out and went with haste
to a Judean town in the hill country,
⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah
and greeted Elizabeth.
- ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the child leapt in her womb.
And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit
⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry,
'Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
- ⁴³ And why has this happened to me,
that the mother of my Lord comes to me?
- ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting,
the child in my womb leapt for joy.
- ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed
that there would be a fulfilment
of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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

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 *NEH 9*

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluya!
God appears, on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

See pages 7-12 in the Order of Service

Then sing the acclamations after the words:

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come a - gain

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady rhythm.

After Communion

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Final Hymn NEH 8 (Tune: NEH 128 ii, Gonfalon Royal)

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Saviour of the world is here!

O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ as ruler is confessed;
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this king in triumph comes.

Come then, O Saviour, and abide,
Our hearts to thee we open wide;
May all thy inward presence feel,
To all thy grace and love reveal.

Georg Weiszel (1642); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1855)

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Voluntary Magnificat (Fugato) (BWV 733) - J S Bach (1685-1750)

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Next Week's Readings: 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-end

Special Services

for Advent, Christmas & Epiphany

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER

usual Sunday morning services at 8am & 10am

**6.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
by candlelight**

*The Christmas story is told with traditional readings
and carols for choir and congregation*

TUESDAY ~ CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00pm Crib Service for all ages

Informal service with carols

11.30pm Midnight Mass - *the first Communion of Christmas*

with carols for choir and congregation

WEDNESDAY ~ CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00am Christmas Morning Eucharist *with carols*

SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER

(no service at 8am)

10.00am Team Eucharist *with carols*

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY ~ Epiphany

8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist



Rescheduled.....

Autumn Lectures *from* St Martin in the Fields at St Martin's, London Road

The remaining four lecture series will be screened weekly
on Tuesday afternoons

from

Tuesday 7 January at 3pm, in the Lower Vestry

(enter via the Team Office entrance, off the small car park)

Inspiration - The influences that have shaped my life

7 January	Soul friends	Rowan Williams
14 January	Living with the Gods	Neil Macgregor
21 January	An African history of Africa	Zeinab Badawi
28 January	People and ideas	Zadie Smith

You are welcome to attend any, or all of the lectures

No booking required · Entry by donation · Tea and coffee provided

For more information please contact Joan Hazzard on 07855 806678



PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH

People in sickness or need

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

The recently departed

Gwendoline Cartwright	Sheila Treacher
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Anniversary of death

Mary Simpson	Frances Yarker	Syd Taylor	Susan Stringer
Phyllis Dilks	Eric Matthews	Pat Thomas	John Power
Kenneth Alvin	Harry Drewery	James Haly	

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 23 Malachi 3.1-4, 4.5-end

Luke 1.57-66

Pray for all those who will spend Christmas in hospital. Pray for the doctors, nurses and hospital staff who will care for them and for their families and friends who will watch and wait.

Tue 24 *Christmas Eve*

2 Samuel 7.1-16

Acts 13.16-26

Matthew 1.1-17

On this Christmas Eve pray for all who are awaiting the birth of a child. Pray for those who long for a child, but are still waiting and hoping.

Wed 25 *Christmas Day*

Isaiah 62.6-end

Titus 3.4-7

Luke 2.1-20

On this Christmas Day give thanks for the gift of Jesus our Saviour. Pray that there might truly be peace on earth, and good will towards all people.

Thu 26 Acts 7.51-end

Galatians 2.16b-20

Matthew 10.17-22

On this the feast of Stephen pray for all who are homeless, cold or hungry. Pray for those who are finding it hard to cope in today's financial conditions. Pray for all those agencies working to help people in need.

Fri 27 Exodus 33.7-11a | John 1

John 21.19b-end

On this the feast of John, Apostle and Evangelist pray for all who teach and preach the Gospel throughout the world.

Sat 28 Jeremiah 31.15-17 | Corinthians 1.26-29 Matthew 2.13-18

On this Holy Innocents Day, pray for all children who are the victims of violence, warfare, famine or disaster. Pray for orphans, refugees, and all who lack loving and supporting families.

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 21 December

Sunday 22 December

8.00am	Said Eucharist <i>Lady Chapel</i>
10.00am	Sung Eucharist <i>Church</i>
4.00pm	Choir rehearsal <i>Church</i>
6.00pm	Nine Lessons & Carols <i>Church</i>

Monday 23 December

Tuesday 24 December

4.00pm	Crib Service <i>Church</i>
11.30pm	Midnight Mass <i>Church</i>

Wednesday 25 December

10.00am	Christmas Morning Eucharist <i>Church</i>
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Thursday 26 December

9.30am	Said Eucharist <i>Church</i> <i>No Poplns</i>
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Friday 27 December

Saturday 28 December

Sunday 29 December

	<i>No Said Eucharist</i>
10.00am	Team Eucharist <i>Church</i>
