

St Martin's Weekly Bulletin



Prayer & Mission 2025

SUNDAY 19 JANUARY

2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am Sung Eucharist

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 19 January

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

Next Sunday will be our usual All Together Eucharist service at 10am. Then we will also have an All Together Eucharist service on Sunday 2 February, with Christingles, as we mark Candlemas, the presentation of Christ in the Temple.

Total funds raised for Acorns Children's Hospice

Our Advent Appeal raised over £720 for Acorns. This includes a generous donation collected at the recent Cartwright family funeral. Many thanks to all who gave to our appeal.

Rescheduled Autumn Lectures - Tuesday 21 January, 3pm

This week's lecture is entitled *An African history of Africa* with speaker Zainab Badawi, showing in the Lower Vestry. Please speak to Joan Hazzard for more information.

Coffee Concert - Saturday 25 January, 10.30am, Church

Our first Coffee Concert of 2025 will be given by the John McDonald Quartet. Don't miss these talented and experienced jazz musicians who will be entertaining us with well-known tunes from the Great American Songbook. Relax and enjoy with good coffee or tea and delicious homemade cake. Free entry, with donations to the British Heart Foundation.

WSO Family Concert - Saturday 8 February, 3pm, Church

The Worcestershire Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Keith Slade, present *Heroes and Villains* - a concert featuring music from Harry Potter, Beauty and the Beast, James Bond and more. This will be an afternoon of great music for all generations in which the talented young musicians of Worcestershire Youth Orchestra sit alongside the players of WSO. The family concerts are always very popular - book early to avoid disappointment! Tickets: adults £15, under 18s free.

Taste & See - new group for young adults starting Sunday 16 February

Richard Wood will be leading this new group which meets in the Lower Vestry on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 6-7.30pm. It's a chance to share with others seeking to understand faith in Jesus and the Church on a 'taste and see' basis in a friendly, informal setting. Bring a friend, a bottle, or just a question!

Worcester Welcomes Refugees in need of men's clothes

We have had an urgent plea for warm clothing & shoes, particularly for men in small and medium sizes (not underwear). They can be dropped off at the Granary in St Martin's Quarter, or collection can be arranged - contact Rebecca for 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, 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 & Preacher **Revd Peter Hart** Organ **Robin Walker**

Today's Eucharist setting is by Andrew Millington

Hymn NEH 148

The God of Abraham praise who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love:
To him uplift your voice, at whose supreme command
From earth we rise and seek the joys at his right hand.

There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace:
On Sion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light for ever reigns.

Before the great Three-One they all exulting stand,
And tell the wonders he has done throughout the land:
The listening spheres attend, and swell the growing fame,
And sing in songs which never end the wondrous name.

The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
And 'Holy, holy, holy' cry 'Almighty King!'
Who was, and is the same, and evermore shall be:
Eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee. /

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high:
'Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost' they ever cry:
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! (I join the heavenly lays)
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Thomas Olivers (1725-99)

See pages 1-2 in the Order of Service,
then follow the words overleaf 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 Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Isaiah 62.1-5

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

- ¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- ² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
- ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

- ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.


This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 36.5-10

*All sing the response after the Choir has sung it once,
then after each section of verses.*

Response John McCann

How pre-cious is your lov-ing mer-cy, O God.



Response: How precious is your loving mercy, O God.

- ⁵ Your love, O Lord, reaches | to the heavens
and your faithfulness | to the clouds.
- ⁶ Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,
your justice like the | great deep;
you, Lord, shall save both | man and beast.

All Response: How precious is your loving mercy, O God.

- ⁷ How precious is your loving | mercy, O God!
All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow | of your wings.
- ⁸ They shall be satisfied with the abundance | of your house;
they shall drink from the river of | your delights.

All Response: How precious is your loving mercy, O God.

- ⁹ For with you is the | well of life
and in your light shall | we see light.
- ¹⁰ O continue your loving-kindness to | those who know you
and your righteousness to those who are | true of heart.

All Response: How precious is your loving mercy, O God.

Second Reading | Corinthians 12.1-11

A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

- ¹ Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters,
I do not want you to be uninformed.
- ² You know that when you were pagans,
you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak.
- ³ Therefore I want you to understand
that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says
'Let Jesus be cursed!'
and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.
- ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
⁶ and there are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.
- ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good.
- ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom,
and to another the utterance of knowledge
according to the same Spirit,
- ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit,
to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
- ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles,
to another prophecy,
to another the discernment of spirits,
to another various kinds of tongues,
to another the interpretation of tongues.
- ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit,
who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn SP 28 (Tune: NEH 351 Neander)

Jesus, come! for we invite you,
Guest and Master, Friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding,
speak, and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or doubting,
hope be born and joy restored.

Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,
guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants,
let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in secret,
all shall see what you have done.

Jesus, come in new creation,
heaven brought near in power divine;
give your unexpected glory
changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples
come, our first and greatest sign!

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Gospel John 2.1-11

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 John

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Glo - ry to you O Lord

- 1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee,
and the mother of Jesus was there.
- 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.
- 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him,
'They have no wine.'
- 4 And Jesus said to her,
'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me?
My hour has not yet come.'
- 5 His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'
- 6 Now standing there were six stone water-jars
for the Jewish rites of purification,
each holding twenty or thirty gallons.
- 7 Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.'
And they filled them up to the brim.

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- 8 He said to them, 'Now draw some out,
and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it.
- 9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine,
and did not know where it came from
(though the servants who had drawn the water knew),
the steward called the bridegroom and said to him,
- 10 'Everyone serves the good wine first,
and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk.
But you have kept the good wine until now.'
- 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee,
and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord

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Praise to you O Christ

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

Offertory Hymn SP 217 (Tune: St Botolph NEH 385)

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known:
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound,
 by all that God has done,
 we'll go with joy, to give the world
 the love that makes us one.

Brian A Wren (b 1936)
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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*)

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

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

Choir Anthem Down in yon forest - *Derbyshire Carol* arr Adrian Lucas b1962)

Down in yon forest there stands a hall:
 The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:
 It's covered all over with purple and pall
 And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

In that hall there stands a bed:
 The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:
 It's covered all over with scarlet so red:
 And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

At the bed-side there lies a stone:
 The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:
 Which the sweet Virgin Mary knelt upon:
 And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

Under that bed there runs a flood:
 The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:
 The one half runs water, the other runs blood:
 And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

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At the bed's foot there grows a thorn:
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:
Which ever blows blossom since he was born:
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

Over that bed the moon shines bright:
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:
Denoting our Saviour was born this night:
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

Anon

After Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word,
who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

See page 11 in the Order of Service

Final Hymn

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The Universe declares it:
Sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord.

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
Yet gave his life as ransom thus setting us free. *Jesus is Lord...*

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death he rose and all his foes shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord. *Jesus is Lord...*

David J Mansell (b 1936)

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See page 12 in the Order of Service

Voluntary Imperial March - Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

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Next Week's Readings: Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21

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	Gillian Miles		

For those in continued trouble

Jo Menagh	Adam	Sophie Kelleher
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The recently departed

Anniversary of death

Beryl Haste	Ida Thompson	Vera Hinton
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DAILY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Mon 20 Hebrew 5.1-10

Mark 2.18-22

Father God sustain us and lead us more by the power of your spirit to support and give us grace. We pray for grace for all those who find the Gospel truth difficult.

Tue 21 Hebrews 6.10-end

Mark 2.23-end

We pray for those who disrupt the centre of Worcester. We pray for Street Pastors who walk the city streets in the evenings helping all in need.

Wed 22 Hebrews 7.1-17

Mark 3.1-6

We pray for all those having medical tests, or waiting for support with their mental health. Lord send them the power of your love and compassion, that through us your servants, they can seek your healing.

Thu 23 Hebrews 7.25 - 8.6

Mark 3.7-12

We pray for guidance for our prayer and mission in this church. Lord God, please bring warmth this winter into our bodies, souls and lives.

Fri 24 Hebrews 8.6-end

Mark 3.13-19

We pray for the church community reaching out to neighbours and friends we make in our groups outside church.

Sat 25 Conversion of Paul

Acts 9.1-22

Galatians 1.11-16a

Matthew 19.27-end

As we pray at 4pm for peace and justice; pray for Syria, South Sudan or Nigeria where persecution and tearing down of churches is common. Lord may the power of your spirit bring the truth of your Kingdom to all who are against faith seekers. Pray for the Coffee Concert today.

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 18 January

Sunday 19 January

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| 8.00am | Said Eucharist Church |
| 10.00am | Sung Eucharist Church |

Monday 20 January

Tuesday 21 January

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| 3.00pm | Autumn Lectures Lower Vestry |
| 7.30pm | PCC Meeting Lower Vestry |

Wednesday 22 January

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| 9.30am | Mainly Music Church |
| 11.15am | Bible Study Group Lower Vestry |
| 5.00pm | First Aid Training Lower Vestry |

Thursday 23 January

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| 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 24 January

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| 6.00pm | Organ Practice Church |
| 7.00pm | Choir Practice Lower Vestry |

Saturday 25 January

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| 10.30am | Coffee Concert Church |
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Sunday 26 January

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| 8.00am | Said Eucharist Church |
| 10.00am | All Together Eucharist Church |
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