

Diary for week commencing

Sunday 6th April – The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)

8.00am. Morning Prayer
10.00am All Age Worship
6.00pm Service of prayer and reflection

Monday

Tuesday 12.30pm Lent lunch
2.00pm Lent Course – ‘Leaving and Returning’ 5

Wednesday

Thursday 10.00am Mid-week Holy Communion
10.45am Cake and Coffee
6.15pm Choir Practice
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 12.00pm Visiting Ringers

Saturday

Sunday 13th April – Palm Sunday

8.00am Said Communion
10.00am Sung Communion

Refreshment Rota; Carol Savill and Sue Margetts



Everyone is Invited  Everyone is Welcome

Journeying together in the love of Jesus

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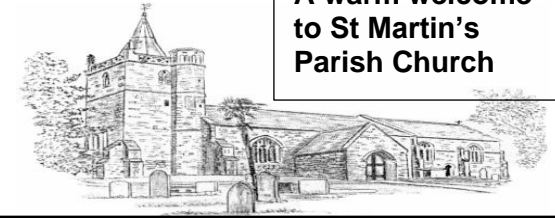
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A warm welcome
to St Martin's
Parish Church



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The Fifth Sunday of Lent
(Passion Sunday)

8.00am Morning Prayer

Readings: Isaiah 43. 16-21
Philippians 3.4b-14
John 12.1-8

10.00am All Age Worship

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Hymns: I Owe My Lord a Morning Song
Come on and Celebrate
It is a Thing Most wonderful
How Deep the Father's Love for us
Shalom my Friend Shalom

Refreshment Rota;
Maragaret Smith & Carol Savill

6.00pm Service of Prayer and Reflection

Collect Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen

Please pray for...

Those who are caught up in conflict, war, acts of terrorism and natural disasters, particularly the peoples of Myanmar and Thailand.

All those that are ill, who mourn and who are concerned about their futures.

Readings

Isaiah 43. 16-21: The Lord tells the Israelites to let go of the past but to watch out for a new thing he will bring about - a new path on which they will be led.

Philippians 3.4b-14: Paul encourages the Philippians in their faith. He reminds them that he once obeyed the commands of the law to gain a righteousness by his actions. Now he has thrown that away to receive the one from God based on faith alone. All Paul wants is 'to know Christ and the power of his resurrection' and looks forward to the hope of being raised, himself, from death to life.

John 12.1-8: While eating with Lazarus, and friends, in Bethany, Mary anoints Jesus' feet with a very expensive ointment and then wipes them with her hair. Judas Iscariot, angrily, says it should have been sold and the money given to the poor. Jesus praises Mary for her love and links her action to the anointing of his body for what is his impending death.

Easter Magazine The Easter Magazines are located by the communication table and need to be delivered this week. Today you have been handed a "bookmark", a gift from the Magazine Committee, please pray for all who will receive the magazine over the Easter period. Within the Magazine, there is a "Easter Biscuits Recipe". On Easter Sunday there will be prizes for the best decorated biscuits

Collections for Lent

There will be a bucket in Church until Easter Day for any Lenten donations towards our on-going support for Somewhere to Go.

Church Sunday Lunch

The next lunch will be 27th April 12.30pm, please sign up if you wish to join us, after the APCM. (Please note this is 30 min later than usual) Our venue is still likely to be the Summerhouse, but this is under review. If you wish to join us; please sign the list on the communication table, no later than Easter Sunday. A copy of the menu is available to look at

Tuesday: Lent Course: The final session of this year's Lent course is this coming Tuesday, 8th April, at 2pm when we will be concluding the theme 'Leaving and Returning' based around the story of 'The Prodigal Son' in Luke 15:11-32.

Please note there will be no Tuesday afternoon house group in church on the following two Tuesdays. The next one will be a social on 29th April
Lent Lunch Tuesday 8 April 12.30. Join us for a simple soup and bread lunch, please add your name to the list on communication table.

Men's Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Fellowship will be on **Thursday 24th April at 7.30pm** Meet at Proper Job car park **at 7pm** if you need a lift or can offer a car share to travel to **Sand Bay** for a walk followed by Fish & Chips.

Easter Flowers If you would like to donate towards Easter Flowers in memory of loved ones, there is a donation box on the font and a list to record the names of your loved ones. If you would like to help decorate the church for Easter, please come along **Saturday 19th April at 9.30pm**.

Flower Festival celebrating marriage 16th – 18th May. Grace is preparing display boards of weddings at our church and would be grateful of any well labelled copies of wedding photos and certificates. For any other information please speak to Diane Swatton.

Food Bank. Reminder there are boxes in Church for any donations, which are urgently required.

Church Holiday 22-26 September. There are double/twin rooms available. Please speak to Paul if interested.

APCM NOTICE: Join us at St Martin's Church for our Annual Parochial Church Council meeting on Sunday 27th April at 11. 30am. This is a great opportunity to gather as a parish to celebrate, look back at 2024 and forward to the end of this year. There will be opportunities to serve God on our PCC and currently we have 2 vacancies for Church Warden and 3 vacancies for PCC. Please speak to Paul Elliott or Jill Preddy if you would like any of this clarified. The agenda and annual report will be available from Sunday 13th April. Nomination forms are available today on the communications table and need to be completed and returned to Paul or Jill by 12 noon on Saturday 26th April.