

**Diary for week commencing Sunday 15th March 2026 –
The Fourth Sunday of Lent/ Mothering Sunday**

8.00am Said Communion
10.00am Holy Communion with Hymns
6.00pm Evensong

Monday 11.00am Mission Group Meeting in church

Tuesday 12.30pm Lent Lunch
2.00pm House Group Session 8 – Prayers of David

Wednesday 9.20am Mendip Green School visit to church
1.20pm. Mendip Green School visit to church
7.00pm PCC Meeting in Church

Thursday 10.00am Said Communion
Followed by Community Café
6.15pm. Choir Practice
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
7.30pm. Men's Fellowship – Skittles Evening at the
GOLDEN LION – please note change of venue

Friday 9.30am. Magazine Meeting/sorting in church

Saturday 5.15pm Community Film Night – **The Green Book**
Screening starts at 5.45pm. Entrance Free.
Donations for snacks welcome.

**Sunday 22nd March – The Fifth Sunday of Lent –
Passiontide begins**

8.00am Said Communion
10.00am Holy Communion with Hymns
Messy Church Meeting in church following 10am service

Refreshment Rota: Margaret Smith and Jan Watkins



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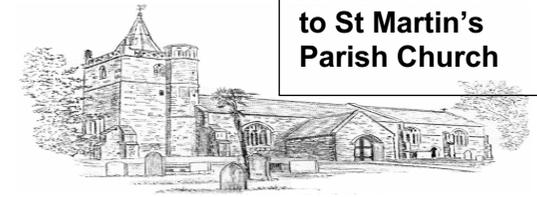
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A warm welcome
to St Martin's
Parish Church

**Sunday 15th March 2026
The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday**

8.00am Said Communion
Readings: Exodus 2.1-10
John 19.25-27

10.00am Holy Communion with Hymns
Readings: Exodus 2.1-10
Read by: Jo Hunt
Colossians 3.12-17
Read by: Neil Adams
John 19.25-27

Hymns: Our Father God in Heaven
Come Down O Love Divine
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The collection will be taken during this hymn
The Servant King
Tell out my Soul

Refreshment Rota: Ann Butt and Joy Kenward

6.00pm Evensong
Psalm: 31.1-8
Readings: Micah 7
James 5

Hymns: It is a thing most wonderful NEH84
Lord Jesus Think on me NEH70
Drop, Drop Slow Tears Choir only
Take up the cross NEH75

Everyone is Invited  Everyone is Welcome
Journeying together in the love of Jesus

Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please pray for...

All mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, Godmothers, and all who have nurtured us in a motherly fashion in our lives

Those who are caught up in conflict, war, acts of terrorism, agencies that are providing food and medical resources to the regions and those seeking peace.

For Bishops Michael and Fiona and the senior staff of the diocese

The natural world and those who are affected by Climate Change.

For the work of Hope Christian Trust and Weston Foodbank, and for the communities in Zambia linked to the Diocese and for Sergio

We pray for all that are ill, who mourn

Exodus 2.1-10 - A Levite man and woman marry and have a son. In order to preserve his life from Pharaoh's decree that all Hebrew male children must be drowned in the Nile, the mother hides the baby boy until she is unable to do so. The mother then puts the baby into a papyrus basket, and sets it in the reeds in the Nile, where it is found by Pharaoh's daughter who names the baby Moses and nurtures him.

Colossians 3.12-17 - Paul instructs followers in the Way to adopt specific Christ-like virtues that reflect their identity as God's people. The passage acts as a guide for daily Christian life, moving from 'putting off' old habits to the 'putting on' of a new, grateful community united by God's love as seen and known about in Jesus.

John 19.25-27 - This is part of John's account of the death of Jesus and offers a moment of tenderness in the horror of the crucifixion, when Jesus on the cross entrusts the care of his mother Mary to the disciple John, and John to Mary, so creating a new family by adoption.

Thank You –

to the Women's Fellowship for putting together the posies for Mothering Sunday to Rachel Fletcher and Georgia Banks for completing their First Aid Course and becoming First Aiders in church

to everyone who has contributed and compiled the magazine and who will sort it and take it out for delivery

Everyone's help and assistance in church is really appreciated - Jon

Parish Sunday Lunch – Sunday 29th March

The next Parish Sunday Lunch will be at the Woolpack Inn Farm Shop on Sunday 29th March. Please sign on the list on the Communication Table by Sunday 22/326

Lent Lunch -This coming **Tuesday 17^h March at 12.30pm**. Donations will be gratefully received for the lunch and for **Mary's Meals** our Lent Charity in 2026, Please sign up for this on the list on the Communications Table.

Community Film Night - Saturday 21st March, when we will watch **The Green Book**. Doors open at 5.15pm with film starting at 5.45pm. There is no charge for admission, donations gratefully received for the refreshments.

Women's Fellowship: Next Meeting – **Saturday 11th April at 10am** for Fellowship Breakfast in church.

Men's Fellowship: Next Meeting – This week - **Thursday 19th March**

This will be a Skittles Evening at the **GOLDEN LION –please note venue change**

House Group in Church – 17th March at 2.00pm

Study group continues this Tuesday on 17th March, when we will be exploring the nature of prayer in the Bible, reflecting in this session on the prayers of David

Prayers and Reflections during Lent

Throughout the Sundays of Lent a member of the Ministry Team will be writing a short reflection on a part of the Lord's Prayer with regard to our pilgrimages of faith during this penitential season. Please see separate leaflet for today's reflection by

Messy Church

The next Messy Church Session will be at St Martin's School on **Wednesday 25th March. There will be a short planning meeting following the 10am service on Sunday 22nd March.** Contact Jon if you would like to find out more about being involved with Messy Church.

EASTER MAGAZINE 2026 – Help required

Friday 20th March – 9.30am sorting out magazine in church for home delivery
Sunday 22nd March – collect magazines for home delivery

The Easter magazine production is now nearing completion, please help if you can to sort the magazines into streets and to deliver them. Thank you to everyone who has contributed and helped to producing and delivering the magazine.

Weston Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who donates to the Foodbank. For the period July 2025 – February 2026 we have donated a total of 319kg of food and £80 which has been very gratefully received. Just a reminder that all goods must be unopened and have a good date. Thank you.

Easter Flowers

If you wish to donate to the Easter Flowers in memory of someone dear to you then please see the donation envelopes and list in church. Please ensure you print the names of those you want to be remembered clearly.

Concert – 3pm 25th April – Eclectic Voices

Come and enjoy the concert on 3pm in church. Please see poster for more details. Tickets are available at a cost of £10each