

## Diary for week commencing

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Said Communion  
 10.00am Sung Communion  
 with Commissioning of new PCC  
 11.00am 900<sup>th</sup> meeting re Flower Festival

#### Monday

**Tuesday** 2.00pm House Group Gifts of the Spirit – Session 1

**Wednesday** *Setting up Flower Festival in Church*

**Thursday** 10.00am Mid-week Holy Communion  
 10.45am Cake and Coffee  
*Setting up Flower Festival in Church*  
 6.15pm Choir Practice  
 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

**Friday** 7.00pm Opening of Flower Festival in Church with  
 a Cheese and Wine evening – All Welcome

**Saturday** 10.00am-4.00pm Church Open for Flower Festival

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Said Communion  
 10.00am Sung Communion  
 2.00pm-4.00pm Church Open for Flower Festival  
 4.30pm Service of Celebration of love and marriage  
 to conclude the Flower Festival

*Refreshment Rota; Jo Hunt and Joy Kenward*



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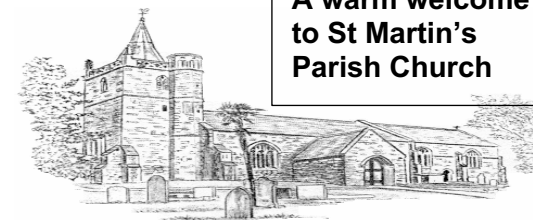
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A warm welcome  
 to St Martin's  
 Parish Church



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**8.00am Said Communion**

**Readings:** Acts 9.36-43  
 Psalm 23  
 John 10.22-30

**10.00am Sung Communion with  
 Commissioning of new PCC**

*After the service there will be a short meeting of  
 the 900<sup>th</sup> Committee re Flower Festival  
 Help required to move chairs and tables in North  
 Aisle*

**Readings:** Acts 9.36-43  
 Read by: Sally Freeman  
 Revelation 7.9-end  
 Read by: Neil Adams  
 John 10.22-30

**Hymns:** The Splendour of the King  
 The Lord's my Shepherd  
 I am the Bread of Life  
 The Power of the Cross  
 You Shall Go Out With Joy

*Refreshment Rota; Carol Savill and Sue Margetts*

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

### **Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the Good Shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

For the work of Christian Aid

For the new Pope – Cardinal Robert Prevost to be known as Leo xiv – and we pray for discernment within the Church of England, for the selection of a new Archbishop of Canterbury.

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

### **Readings**

#### **Acts 9.36-43**

Peter brings Tabitha (Dorcas) back to life, reminding us of Elijah and the widow's son and Jesus and Jairus' daughter. Tabitha had done a lot of good in her life, she had given to those in need and made clothes for the widows, who received special support from the early Church.

#### **Revelation 7.9-17**

A great crowd surrounds the throne of 'the Lamb' and offer their praises. They wear white robes because they have been through 'the great tribulation'. They do so in the knowledge that God will protect them, and 'the Lamb' will be their Shepherd.

#### **John 10.22-30**

Some people accuse Jesus of failing to make a straightforward statement about whether he – Jesus – is the Messiah. Jesus tells the crowd that those who truly follow him are his 'sheep' and it is they who listen to him, recognize him and follow him.

### **Church Sunday Lunch**

The next Church Sunday Lunch will be on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 12pm. This will be at the Ebdon Arms. Please see sign up sheet for more details.

### **Men's Fellowship**

The next meeting of the Men's Fellowship will be on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May** at the Lamb for a Darts Evening.

**Tuesday Church Group** – The First Session of the Fruits of the Spirit commences this Tuesday **13<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm**. Please see poster and flier for details of House Groups in Church in May, June and July.

**Parish Trip Away Day to Gloucester Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – We are planning a day trip away to Gloucester. The cost will be £30 and includes the Coach Journey and an exclusive Tour of the Cathedral. Please see poster for details and the sign up list if you would like to join us for the trip. Do please feel free to bring family/friends/guests!

### **Flower Festival celebrating marriage 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May.**

The Flower Festival will open with a Cheese and Wine evening on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. The Church will be open on Saturday and Sunday to look around the various displays and will conclude with a special *Songs of Praise* Service at 4.30pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May to conclude the Festival. Entry throughout the weekend is free with donations gratefully received. Please see Poster for further details.

**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.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in setting up and hosting the Open Garden yesterday and to everyone who came and supported the event to raise money for Christian Aid.