

Diary for week commencing

Sunday 25th May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Said Communion
- 10.00am Sung Communion with Healing
- 12.00noon Baptism of Freddie
- 12.00noon Church Sunday Lunch at Ebdon Arms

Monday

Tuesday 2.00pm House Group –Fruits of the Spirit Session 3

Wednesday 7.00pm

Thursday – ASCENSION DAY

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 9.00am Ascension Day Breakfast
- 10.00am Holy Communion for Ascension Day
- 10.45am Cake and Coffee
- 6.15pm Choir Practice
- 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday

Saturday

Sunday 1st June – The Seventh Sunday of Easter/ Sunday after Ascension Day

- 8.00am Said Communion
- 10.00am All Age Service with baptism of Annabel
- 6.00pm Service of Prayer and Reflection

Refreshment Rota;



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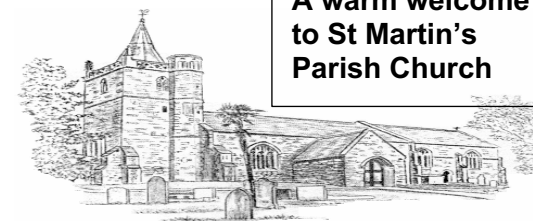
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A warm welcome
to St Martin's
Parish Church



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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am** Said Communion
- Readings:** Acts 16.9-15
John 14.23-29
- 10.00am** Sung Communion with Healing
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Read by: Lesley Faulkner
Revelation 21.10,22-22.5
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John 14.23-29
- Hymns:** Lights Abode
Breathe on me Breath of God
Here is love
I the Lord of Sea and Sky
O For a Thousand Tongues

Refreshment Rota;
Margaret Smith and Jan Watkins

- 12.00noon** Baptism of Freddie
- 12.00noon** Parish Sunday Lunch at the Ebdon Arms

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

Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
To the glory of God the Father. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns,
now and forever. Amen

Please pray for...

Those who are caught up in conflict, war, acts of terrorism and natural disasters.
For discernment within the Church of England, for the selection of a new Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishop of Taunton.
For Freddie who will be baptised today.
All those that are ill, who mourn and who are concerned about their futures.

Readings

Acts 16.9-15

This reading is the beginning of the passages in Acts which use the pronoun 'we', presumably showing that Luke has now joined the group. There were few Jewish people in Philippi and no synagogues, just a gathering place in the open air by the river. Lydia understands quite clearly what Paul is saying and so she is baptised. Consequently, her household is baptised with her.

Revelation 21.10,22-22.5

This passage reveals more about the New Jerusalem promised in the previous verses, and we are presented with a vision of the Church exercising its mission to the world, bringing light and healing to all nations, with streams of refreshingly pure water.

John 14.23-29

Jesus shares with the disciples a picture of the circle of love and obedience which runs between them, Himself and the Father. The Holy Spirit is described here as the one who will help the disciples to do His work. The disciples are encouraged not to be sad or fearful when Jesus is no longer with them, but to be happy that he is with the Father.

Church Sunday Lunch

The next Church Sunday Lunch will be today at the Ebdon Arms, the next Church Sunday Lunch after that will be on Sunday 29th June at 12pm.

Men's Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Fellowship will be on **Thursday 19th June** with a Race Night at the Lamb

Tuesday Church Group – The Second Session of the Fruits of the Spirit continues on Tuesday **27th 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 22nd July – 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!

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.

900th Meeting Followed by Messy Church Meeting – 7pm 2nd June

The next 900th Anniversary Meeting will be on Monday 2nd June at 7pm. This meeting will be followed by a Messy Church Meeting.

900th events in June are:

8th June Pentecost Birthday Party 3pm-5pm with cutting of cake at 4pm
21st June Echoes through Time, a concert given by Richard Lennox. Tickets are £10 and are available in church

The next Messy Church event is Thursday 26th June at St Martin's School.

8th June Pentecost Birthday Party 3pm-5pm

This will be a Strawberries and Cream afternoon Tea with Pimms. The Church's Birthday Cake will be cut at 4pm. Please sign up on the list on the Communications Table if you would like to come. The event is free, with donations gratefully received.

Ascension Day – Thursday 29th May 2025

On Ascension Day we will be having the following services

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am *Breakfast in Church*

10.00am Holy Communion for Ascension Day

Please sign the list on the Communication Table if you would like to pre-order a Breakfast Bap!

Echoes Through Time: A Midsummer Concert by Richard Lennox

On **Saturday 21st June at 3pm** Richard will be performing a variety of music on piano and organ to celebrate 900 years of music in our church. Tickets are on sale from today, £10 to include tea and cake. See posters and fliers for more information.