

Diary for week commencing 26th April 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Sung Communion with Healing and commissioning of PCC
Short Messy Church meeting following service
12.00noon Parish Sunday Lunch at the Woolpack Inn Farm Shop

Monday

- Tuesday** 2.00pm House Group – The Gospel of John Session 1

- Wednesday** 2.50pm *meet at St Martin's School for:*
3.15pm Messy Church at St Martin's School

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

Friday

Saturday

Sunday 3rd May – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Said Communion
10.00am All Age Service

Refreshment Rota; Sheila Judson

- 6.00pm Service of Prayer and Reflection



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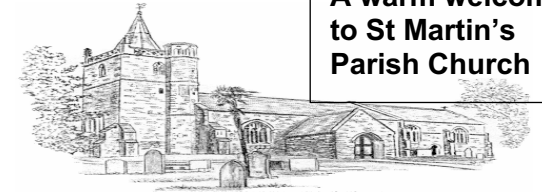
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A warm welcome to St Martin's Parish Church

**Sunday 26th April 2026
The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

- 8.00am Morning Prayer**
Acts 2.42-47
1 Peter 2.19-25
John 10.1-10

- 10.00am Sung Communion with Healing and commissioning of PCC**
Readings: Acts 2.42-47
Read by: Gill Ward

- Read by: Barbara Perkins
John 10.1-10

- Hymns: Father God I wonder**
The Lord's my shepherd
In heavenly love abiding
Majesty – worship his majesty
Jubilate, everybody

Refreshment Rota;
Margaret Smith and Jan Watkins

There will be a short Messy Church meeting following the service

- 12.00noon Parish Sunday Lunch at the Woolpack Inn Farm Shop**

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

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Please pray for...

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 All who are ill, and mourn The new PCC and the Officers of the Church

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Readings

Acts 2.42-47

This is a description of the lifestyle of the first believers. Breaking bread together was already fundamental to what they shared in worship with one another. The first Christian communities are seen worshipping daily and their numbers are constantly increasing.

1 Peter 2.19-25

Peter assures his readers that when they suffer pain and injustice, they following the steps of Christ, who suffered for us. He is like a shepherd for the sheep who have gone astray.

John 10.1-10

Jesus is talking to the disciples before the crucifixion and uses an image of a shepherd caring for his sheep. When the sheep needed protection, the flock would be taken into a walled courtyard and the gate keeper would keep them fastened in.

Parish Sunday Lunch – Today Sunday 26th April

The Parish Sunday Lunch is today at the Woolpack Inn Farm Shop. The next Parish Sunday Lunch after today will be on Sunday 31st May.

Women’s Fellowship: Next Meeting will be on **Saturday 9th May 2026** at the **King’s Head Pub from 10am**. A menu is under the sign up sheet if people are able to put what they want to eat to help out the kitchen.

Men’s Fellowship: Next Meeting **Thursday 21st May**. Details to follow

House Group in Church

The House Group will start again at 2pm this Tuesday 28th April when we will begin to explore the Gospel of John

Food Bank

There are boxes in Church for any donations, which are urgently required.

Messy Church

The next Messy Church Session will be at St Martin’s School on **Wednesday 29th April**. We will meet outside the school at 2.50pm in order to set up for the session which lasts from 3.15pm-5.00pm after which we tidy up. If you are interested in being involved with this wonderful and important outreach work then have a chat to Jon.

Christian Aid Week – 10th-16th May 2026

For Christian Aid Week this year we will be having a bucket collection in church. There will be envelopes for you to use in order to gift aid your donation if you would like to. On **Thursday 14th May (which is also Ascension Day)** the coffee and cake after the 10am service will be for Christian Aid. Do please come along and bring a friend and help us to raise money for this important cause.

Ascension Day – Thursday 14th May 2026

This year for Ascension Day there will be Morning Prayer at 8.30am followed by coffee and croissants and the communion at 10.00am followed by cake and coffee. Donations for all refreshments will be for Christian Aid

Pentecost – Sunday 24th May 2026

This year for Pentecost we will be joining together with our friends in all the churches across Worle for a picnic on the Recreation Field next to St Peters from 12.30pm onwards. Everyone is invited – bring friends and neighbours too. More details to follow.

The Church Cleaning Team need more helpers!

Could you give 1 hour / month to help keep the church building clean? Volunteers are needed to join the cleaning team. Please speak to Jill to find out more information about how you might be able to help. Thank you.