

Diary for week commencing Sunday 17th August 2025

Sunday 17th August – The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Communion
10.00am Sung Communion
12.00noon Baptism of Roman
6.00pm Evensong

Monday 10.30am Wardens Meeting in Church

Tuesday 2.00pm Social Gathering in Church – all welcome

Wednesday 7.00pm Standing Committee in Church

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Cake and Coffee

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
7.30pm Men's Fellowship at the Lamb

Friday

Saturday

Sunday 24th August – The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Communion
10.00am Sung Communion

Refreshment Rota: Carol Saville and Ann Butt



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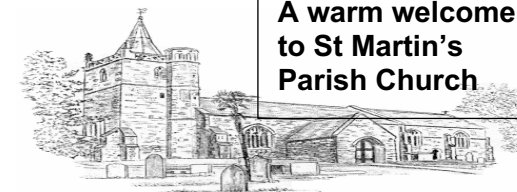
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A warm welcome
to St Martin's
Parish Church

Sunday 17th August 2025 The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Communion
Readings: Hebrews 11.29-12.2
Luke 12.49-56

10.00am Sung Communion
This service will be streamed live on Facebook
Readings: Hebrews 11.29-12.2
Read by Diane Swatton
Luke 12.49-56
Read by Neil Adams

Hymns: Christ whose glory fills the skies
For the Beauty of the Earth
Make me a Channel of your Peace
Bless the Lord O my Soul
Guide me O thou Great Jehovah

Refreshment Rota; Margaret Smith & Jan Watkins

12.00noon Baptism of Roman
6.00pm Evensong
Psalm 119.17-24
Isaiah 28.9-22
2 Corinthians 8.1-9

Hymns: King of Glory NEH391
I heard the Voice NEH376
Christ be with me Choir only
God that madest NEH245

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

Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.
Those who are affected by Climate Change.
For young people awaiting exam results and those who will be moving to new institutions of learning in September
Those who are holidaying that they may have a time relaxation and be safe in their time of travel; and for those for whom the holiday season is a time of concern.

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

Readings

Hebrews 11.29-12.2

The writer of the epistle continues to tell inspiring stories of faith from the past including those of the Israelites passing through the Red Sea to escape the Egyptians, the destruction of Jericho and those who have been persecuted for their faith. Being surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses, we are encouraged to concentrate wholly on Jesus and the tasks he has set for us.

Luke 12.49-56

Jesus talks of the difficult times ahead for those who follow him. He tells how many families will be divided by their response to Him. The crowd are called hypocrites for interpreting the weather conditions, yet not knowing how to interpret what is taking place before their eyes.

Thank You

To everyone who contributed and helped out and supported the Art Exhibition in Church over the last couple of days. The event was a huge success as we welcomed so many new faces into church who enjoyed the art, the building and a cup of tea. Thank you – your support and efforts are really appreciated

Church Sunday Lunch

The next Church Sunday Lunch at the Ebdon Arms will be on Sunday 31st August 2025. Please ensure you have signed the list by the Sunday before, 24th, if you wish to join us. For any queries, please see Yvonne. Comments about our last lunch have been fed back.

Men's Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Fellowship will be on Thursday 21st August when we will be meeting up for a BBQ

Women's Fellowship

Next month on Saturday 13th September for the breakfast, we plan to go to Carriages in Hewish. Meet at Carriages at 10am. Please contact Rachel 07886 400 134 or Georgia 07413 234 616 if anyone needs a lift. Please sign up on the sheet on the communications table.

Tuesday afternoons in August – Social Gatherings at 2pm in Church

Instead of House Groups on Tuesday afternoons we will be hosting an Open Church Social Gathering from 2pm-4pm. Why not pop along and have a chat and share some time and refreshments with one another.

Volunteers Required for Church and Churchyard Maintenance Session – Saturday 6th September

From **9.30am-1pm** on **Saturday 6th September** we will be doing some maintenance jobs in the Church and the Churchyard. Refreshments and doughnuts will be available to the workers! Please sign up on the list on the Communications Table

Christmas Tree Festival – Knitted Tree

This year we are having a **Red Knitted Tree**,

Instructions for Leaves

Using size 3.75mm/(size 9) needles and double knitting wool in **Bright Red**, cast on 30 stitches and knit in garter stitch until the work measures 12 inches and cast off. If you are able to, you may wish to sew one end of the leaf into a point (don't worry if you can't do this just bring in the flat un-ironed rectangle!)

Once you have knitted your red leaves - simply bring them in to St Martin's and we assemble them together to make "a tree".

Angel Festival 27th and 28th September 2025

Please pick up An Angel Template printed on card in church and take it home and decorate it any way you wish to. I would be most grateful if you could cut the angels out as well and return them to church by **Sunday 14th September**. Please support this event by doing this as this is an activity for the whole congregation as well as schools and the community to do together to celebrate the 900th Anniversary. Thank You.

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