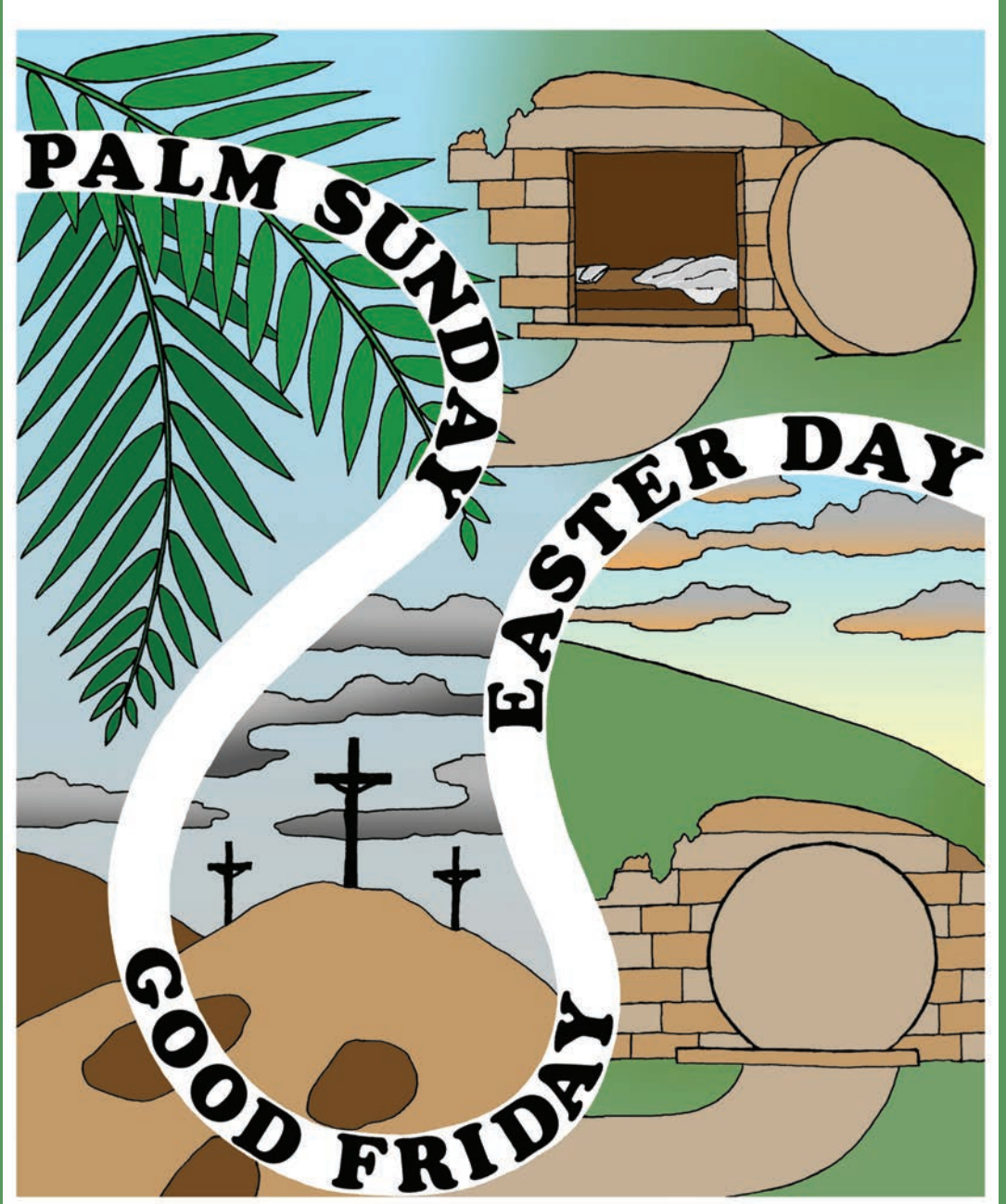


St Martin's Church - Worle Easter 2024



A WELCOME FROM JON

Dear Friends,

This year Easter falls on Sunday 31st March – one of the earliest dates that Easter can be. This year, Easter Sunday marks the beginning of British Summer Time, so don't forget to put your clocks forward an hour on Saturday 30th March in order to be on time for the services on Easter Day! (Details of these services will be seen throughout this magazine.)

There is something deeply symbolic with Easter Sunday marking the beginning of British Summer Time. It was at sun rise that the women came to the tomb on Easter Sunday and found the stone rolled away. The rising sun lit up the tomb revealing it was empty, revealing that God's Son had risen. The early morning sun revealed the crosses were empty. The daylight brings hope of a new day and hope of a new life in Christ.

The message of Easter is that the love of God will not be crushed, that the darkness of Good Friday cannot stop the new light of Easter. This is a light that illuminates the darkest places to bring love and hope to those that feel they are living lives without love and hope.

We are an Easter people, we are to shine out with the love of God, so that everyone knows that everyone is invited and everyone is welcome.



Join us at our services throughout Holy Week so that we can stand together on Easter Sunday and proclaim:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Allelulia!

Jon Ormrod, Vicar of the Parish of Worle: St Martin's Church

EASTER AT ST MARTIN'S

Sunday 24th March – Palm Sunday

8.00 am Said Communion
10.00 am Sung Communion with Procession

Monday 25th March – Wednesday 27th March

9.00 am Morning Prayer
7.00 pm Compline

Thursday 28th March – Maundy Thursday (See Page 5)

9.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Said Communion
7.00pm – 9.00pm Agape Supper followed by the Stripping of the Altar and the Watch

Friday 29th March – Good Friday (See Page 6)

9.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am All Age Service for Good Friday with Hot Cross Buns

11.15 am Walk of Witness in the High Street
12 noon Church open for private prayer
12.30pm - 1.15 pm Good Friday Reflection
1.30 pm – 3.00 pm Good Friday Service
A service of readings, prayers and hymns ending in silence at 3 pm

Saturday 30th March – Easter Eve (See Page 7)

7.00 pm Easter Vigil – *A short service of prayer and readings in preparation for Easter Sunday*
Clocks go forward an hour

Sunday 31st March – Easter Sunday (See Page 8)

8.00 am First Communion Service for Easter Day
10.00 am Sung Communion with Baptism
6.00 pm Easter Worship

Everyone is Invited



Everyone is Welcome

Journeying together in the love of Jesus

Our Local Schools

The Parish contains three Primary Schools: St Martin's Primary (our Church link school), Worle Village Primary (based opposite St Martin's church) and Mendip Green Primary. Our mission is to maintain close links with the pupils, parents and staff of these schools as an important part of the "village" / Parish community.

Recent work with St Martin's School has particularly focused on the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). Our inspection was held on 17th November 2023, focusing on our vision

**"Though many, we make up one"
(1 Corinthians, 12:12)**

and how that influences all aspects of the school. The children, staff, parents, and governors all contributed to a very successful result affirming that we are "living up to its foundation as a Church School". The full report can be read on the school web site <https://www.stmartinsschool.org.uk/> in the Christian Ethos and Values section, which is well worth looking at.

"Vicar Jon" is a well-loved visitor to the school particularly for assemblies, which may include his assistant "Goldie", who the children adore. Looking forward, the school will be preparing for Easter with some visits to St Martin's church, also the Church is working through the governors to develop activities at school to further improve our close association; watch out for further information!



Mark Preddy – Chair of Governors

Maundy Thursday 28th March 2024

Thursday in Holy Week is called Maundy Thursday. The word Maundy comes from the Latin *mandatum* which means command. So the title Maundy Thursday, reflects that it was on this day that Jesus gave the disciples the following command to love one another.

In St John's Gospel we have:

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13.34



He said this to them after he had washed their feet. Before formal meals in Biblical times, servants washed the feet of the guests. Jesus did it to demonstrate that He is our Servant King, the one who came to bring love and serve all people instead of expecting to be served

himself. The meal that Jesus and his followers were gathered to share was the Passover Supper, and we often term it now the Last Supper. It was at the Last Supper that Jesus broke bread with the disciples and share wine with them and told them (and us) to do this to remember Him by. So it was here that Jesus gave us the gift of Holy Communion which we weekly celebrate with one another.

Many churches observe a moment of foot washing in their communion services on Maundy Thursday. In St Martin's we are going to commemorate Maundy Thursday differently this year. We will be having two morning services which will be 8am Morning Prayer and 10am Said Communion

At 7pm we are going to have a special service based around sharing a simple supper together of bread and cheese, and then breaking bread and sharing a drink together. This is called an Agape Meal, the word agape being Greek for love – the nature of love of caring for one another as Jesus commanded us to do.



If you would like to know more about the 7pm Agape Service or if you are interested in coming then contact Jon on revjonormrod@gmail.com

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Good Friday 29th March 2024

There is a green hill far away,

Without a city wall

Where the dear Lord was crucified

Who died to save us all

A touching description of Christ dying for the sins of men and giving 'His redeeming blood to save us all'.

Good Friday in St. Martin's starts with a morning service and then followed by a 'Walk of Witness' –

A Walk of Witness when churches gather with other local Christians and other denominations in their locality to remember that Jesus had to carry his cross publicly through the streets of Jerusalem.

This was started in St. Martins in 1989 when after the Good Friday morning service the congregation carried a Cross in the vicinity of St. Martins stopping on Street corners to sing an appropriate hymn ending eventually in the grounds of Worle Health Centre where a short service took place followed by Hot Cross Buns. The following years we were joined by St. Mark's congregation and Mead Vale Church walking from their churches. It has now progressed to all Churches in Worle and each Church taking it in turns to provide Hot Cross Buns following an Act of Worship.



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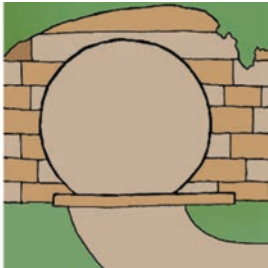


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Easter Eve 30th March 2024

First let's clear something up: The Saturday between Good Friday and Easter Sunday is not Easter Saturday. Easter Saturday is the Saturday after Easter Sunday. So, this year it will be Saturday 6th April.

Easter Eve is a strange day. Some people call it Holy Saturday as it is the Saturday of Holy Week. However, as a Christian, it is for me a difficult day because it is the only day of the year that is a day without Christ. As an ordained minister I choose not to wear my dog collar on this day. The reason I do this, is because I see our/my journey through Holy Week as a journey when I travel with the disciples. On Maundy Thursday there is the confusion of "what is happening" after the Last Supper. On Good Friday it is the desolation of witnessing Jesus crucified. Then there is the non-day. The day when the disciples thought "What has happened?" and "What happens next?". After all, as far as the disciples are concerned the last time they saw Jesus was him dying on the cross and now he lies in a sealed tomb.



We know that Easter Day will come with sunrise, but the eleven living disciples at the time – and all the other followers of Jesus do not know that will happen. And it is with these people we journey through this day to the day of resurrection. In some churches at sunset on Easter Eve, there is a tradition of holding an Easter Vigil service, which is a

joyous service of light and expectation. However, I feel it is important to commemorate Easter Eve as a unique day, so on Easter Eve at St Martin's we will be holding a special vigil service at 7pm. Instead of it being a service of re-birth and re-newel the service at St Martin's will reflect on the knowledge that the disciples met in confusion. We will have a short vigil service of approximately 30 minutes long based on the Taize chant "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near". It is a service of quiet reflection, which will end Holy Week, whilst offering hope for the new day.

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Easter Sunday 31st March 2024

Easter Sunday marks Jesus's **resurrection**. After Jesus was crucified on Good Friday his body was taken down from the cross and buried in a cave tomb. The tomb was guarded by Roman soldiers and an enormous stone was put over the entrance.

On Sunday Mary Magdalene and some of Jesus's disciples visited the tomb. They found the stone had been moved and that Jesus's body had gone. Jesus was seen later that day by Mary and the disciples, and for forty days afterwards by many people. His followers realised that God had raised Jesus from the dead. Christians call this the resurrection.

A song which gives emphasis to Christ's victory over the grave is, "Thine Be the Glory." The hymn was written by Louis Edmund Budry who was born in 1854, in Switzerland on the shore of Lake Geneva.

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

At St Martin's we celebrate with our First Said Communion Service of Easter at 8.00 am. This is then followed by our 10.00 am Sung Communion Service.

As it is the last Sunday of the month, members will also be joining together for Sunday Lunch at the Summerhouse.

The day finishes with Easter Worship at 6.00 pm, a service of readings, prayers and hymns offering praises on Easter Sunday.

Why not join us for these services. Please contact the Church Office if you require any further details.

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JESUS IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE



Where is Jesus today? Where is He in Weston-super-Mare?
Is He walking down the High Street
Passing through the Sovereign Centre
And strolling through the bars in Richmond Street?
Does He sit beside the homeless man
And his dog, or the smiling lady outside Walker and Ling?
Is He walking through the corridors and wards of Weston
General Hospital
Pausing by those who need Him most,
The desperately ill and frightened,
Those who are dying and have no one to hold their hand.
Does He go to Ashcombe Birth Centre
And rejoice with the mother nursing her newborn babe?
Surely He is quietly blessing the prem babies.
Does He ride on the number 6 bus or the number 7?
Or does He sit in the Italian Gardens and watch the passers-by?
Have you seen Jesus in Weston-super-Mare today?

Simnel Cake from Margaret

The word simnel probably is derived from the Latin word *simila* which is the whitest and finest flour. Simnel cake is a light fruit cake traditionally eaten at Easter. The top is covered in marzipan and 11 marzipan balls representing the disciples of Jesus without the treacherous Judas Iscariot. In mediaeval times the cake was made and eaten when people returned to their mother church, halfway through the season of austerity – Lent. Later in the 17th & 18th centuries the cake was made by young girls, in service, to take home to their mothers on Mothering Sunday, the 4th Sunday in Lent.

Ingredients needed to make a Simnel Cake

6 ozs butter or margarine	6 ozs caster sugar
6 ozs self raising flour	2 ozs plain flour
4 eggs	½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground mixed spice	8 ozs currants
8 ozs sultanas	4 ozs seedless raisins
2 ozs ground almonds	3 ozs quartered glacé cherries
3 ozs chopped mixed peel	Grated rind of 1 lemon
1 lb marzipan for middle and top of cake	A little apricot jam to stick marzipan to top of cake.

A small amount of glacé icing and 3 or 4 sugar flowers for decoration.

Method: Preheat oven to 150°C, Fan 130°C, Gas 2. Grease 8" round cake tin lining with greaseproof paper. Cream fat & sugar mixing in the eggs alternating with sifted flour, salt & spice. Add rest of ingredients, mix well. Put half of mixture in tin, roll out ⅓rd of the marzipan into a round, slightly smaller than the diameter of tin; put on top of mixture; finally add remaining mixture on top of marzipan, level off. Bake in oven for about 2½ hours until well risen, evenly brown and firm to touch. If after 1 hr the top is browning too quickly cover with a piece of foil. Leave to cool in tin for at least 10 mins. Turn out on a wire rack. When cake is cold roll out half remaining marzipan into a round shape to fit on top of cake removing a 2-3" circle from centre of the marzipan. Brush top of cake with a little warm apricot jam & put marzipan on top of cake. Fill circle with icing adding sugar flowers. Finally, make 11 balls with last piece of marzipan, toasting them lightly, using a dab of apricot jam, stick them around the top of the cake.

Enjoy a taste of Simnel cake at our 10 am service on Easter Sunday

Concerts at St Martin's

We have a varied programme of social events at St Martin's Church, and you are very welcome to join us.

Coming up we have two concerts so please make a note in your diaries!

- **The Mendip Consort of Recorders Saturday 27th April at 3-00pm**
- **WorleWind Band Saturday 22nd June at 3-00pm**

Please see the posters below, further details available from the Church Office.



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& Birds**
A musical selection

THE MENDIP CONSORT OF RECORDERS
directed by Joyce Rudall



Saturday 27th April at 3.00pm
St Martin's Church, Worle,
Weston-super-Mare BS22 9EL

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Regular Services in St Martin's Church

Sunday	8am	Said Communion
	10am	Sung Communion <i>followed by refreshments</i>
	6pm	Evensong (on the third Sunday of the month)
Thursday	10am	Said Communion
		<i>Following the Thursday morning Services there is a Cake and Coffee Session from 10.45am-11.30am</i>

Other regular activities

Every Thursday	10.45am	Community Cake and Coffee Mornings
	6.15pm	Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Third Thursday	7.30pm	Men's Fellowship
Every Friday	8.30am	Cleaning Team



John 11 25 - 26

*“I am the resurrection and
the life. The one who
believes in me will live, even
though they die; and whoever
lives by believing in me will
never die.”*