

## Notices

### This week:

#### Sunday

9.30am Eucharist @ St. Martin's  
10am Family Service @ St. Martin's  
11am Eucharists @ St. Andrew's & St. Chad's  
6.30pm No Service

#### Monday

9am Morning Prayer @ Home

#### Tuesday

9am Morning Prayer @ Home  
10.30am Morning Prayer @ St. Martin's  
1pm St. Martin's Lunch  
6.30pm Wedding & Christening bookings @ St. Andrew's  
7.30pm Bible Study Group @ 39, Church Way

#### Wednesday

9am Morning Prayer @ St. Chad's  
9.45am St. Chad's Eucharist  
10.30am St. Chad's Coffee Morning  
12.30pm Prayers @ Church in the Centre

#### Thursday

9am Morning Prayer @ St. Andrew's

#### Friday

9am Morning Prayer @ Home

#### Saturday

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### Journey with Jonah

Over the summer, Bishop Paul is inviting us to read through the book of Jonah with him. Sign up at [ruleoflife.org.uk](http://ruleoflife.org.uk) to get regular updates and support.

### PCC Standing Committee

Thursday, 8th August, 7.30pm in St. Martin's. Please let us have any items for the PCC agenda by this meeting. (NB change of date - let me know if that's a problem).

### PCC Secretary

The PCC is looking for someone who would be willing to attend PCC meetings as secretary. This role would involve taking the minutes of the meetings, and circulating minutes and agenda via email to members. If you're able and willing to help with this, please contact Jeremy for an initial chat.

### 'You asked for it!'

Over the summer, I'm throwing the sermon slot open to ideas. If you have something that you'd like me to preach about, tell me what it is, and I'll prepare and preach a sermon on it. This could be an ethical issue, an issue in the news, a difficult bible passage or book, an item of liturgy that you struggle with, ecumenical or multi-faith issues, or literally anything else that gets under your skin and you'd like to think more about.

### Daily Bible Readings

I'm adding daily bible readings on to the notice sheets, taken from Scripture Union's [wordlive.org](http://wordlive.org), where there are the readings, notes and reflections on them, and audio versions. You can also sign up for a daily email with the notes, or follow them on social media.

St. Martin's Church

Sunday 28th July

6th Sunday after Trinity

Kirkby Team Ministry

The Church of England

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## Welcome

Welcome to St. Martin's. We hope you enjoy today's service. The words of the morning service are on the white cards, and the hymns are in the red books. This sheet has today's readings and upcoming notices.

Communion is open to everyone who is a member of this or any other church. Alternatively, if you would prefer simply to come to the communion rail, keep your hands by your side, and we will pray with you.

If there is anything that you would like prayer for, please ask one of the clergy.

All ages are welcome here. There are colouring sheets at the back, and toys for children. Refreshments are served after the service - please join us!

### Sunday Morning Hymns:

### Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ Our mission partners in Tanzania, Grace, Festo, Zephaniah and William Kanungha.
- ❖ The bereaved: Ursula Foy, John Bigley.
- ❖ Those whose anniversaries are this month, especially: Rene Jones, Ada Traynor, Tony McKenna, Kath Keates.

### Weekly Readings

Mon 29	Revelation 19:1-10
Tue 30	Revelation 19:11-21
Wed 31	Revelation 20:1-15
Thu 1	Revelation 21:1-8
Fri 2	Revelation 21:9-27
Sat 3	Revelation 22:1-21

Notes are available at [wordlive.org](http://wordlive.org)

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## Prayer for the Day

Creator God, you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### FIRST READING Genesis 18:20-32

Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

### Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praise to you.
- 2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
- 3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me; you put new strength in my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; as for the proud, he regards them from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me.
- 8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.

### SECOND READING Colossians 2:6-19

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up

in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

### GOSPEL Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

### Prayer After Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.