

Notices

This week:

Sunday

9.30am Eucharist @ 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 @ Home

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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 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, 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 4th August

7th Sunday after Trinity

Kirkby Team Ministry

The Church of England

in Kirkby

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:

401 Longing for light
404 Lord, I come to you
368 Just as I am
Sheet Holy Overshadowing
48 At the name of Jesus

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ Our mission partners in Tanzania, Grace, Festo, Zephaniah and William Kanungha.
- ❖ Those in need of God's healing: Jimmy & Margaret Myles, Susan Clark, Pam, Lisa, & Ethan Cummins, Pauline Morgan, John Turton, Vic Davies, Edie Dears, Linda Zappa-Dougherty, Stephen, Marian Brown, Paul Harwood, Charlotte Banford, Jessica Perdue, Sally and John Hampson, Carole Gilland, Richard Lamb, Maureen O'Connor, Kathleen Moore, Joan Meachin, Dolly Moore, Michael Wilson, Doreen and Ray, Vivian Lunt, Ray Bridson, Ruby, Beryl Hunter, Barbara & Charlie Humphreys, Margaret Contain, Soo Brown, Ava Stokes, Margaret Powell, Barbara Gawley, Frank & Jenny.
- ❖ The bereaved: Ursula Foy, John Bigley.
- ❖ Those whose anniversaries are this month, especially: Florence Rolls & Andrew Grosscurth

Weekly Readings

Mon 5	Ezra 1:1-11
Tue 6	Ezra 2:68 - 3:13
Wed 7	Ezra 4:1-5,24
Thu 8	Ezra 5:1-17
Fri 9	Ezra 6:1-22
Sat 10	Ezra 7:1-10

Notes are available at wordlive.org

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Prayer for the Day

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me –and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalm 49.1-12

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;
listen, all you that dwell in the world,
- 2 You of low or high degree,
both rich and poor together.
- 3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 4 I will incline my ear to a parable;
I will unfold my riddle with the lyre.
- 5 Why should I fear in evil days,
when the malice of my foes surrounds me,
- 6 Such as trust in their goods
and glory in the abundance of their riches?
- 7 For no one can indeed ransom another
or pay to God the price of deliverance.
- 8 To ransom a soul is too costly;
there is no price one could pay for it,
- 9 So that they might live for ever,
and never see the grave.
- 10 For we see that the wise die also;
with the foolish and ignorant they perish
and leave their riches to others.
- 11 Their tomb is their home for ever,
their dwelling through all generations,
though they call their lands after their own names.
- 12 Those who have honour, but lack understanding,
are like the beasts that perish.

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Song: Holy Overshadowing

O spread Your wings of mercy over me
And guard my heart with true humility
No shadow of the darkness pressing in
Only the holy overshadowing
Underneath Your wings, overshadowing
No refuge will I seek but God alone
No hiding place save only at Your throne
Only the cross, the blood to wash my sin
Only the holy overshadowing
Underneath Your wings, overshadowing
*You are my shield, and my glory
You are the lifter of my head
And though the storms may rage around me
I'll be safe within
Beneath the holy overshadowing*
No burden on my back too hard to bear
Only the easy load You bid me wear
Until these troubles pass, my heart will sing
Praise for the holy overshadowing
Underneath Your wings, overshadowing

Prayer After Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.