

Notices

This week:

Sunday

11am St. Martin's Patronal / Dedication Festival
6.30pm No Service

Monday

9am Morning Prayer @ St. Andrew's

Tuesday

9am Morning Prayer @ St. Martin's
10am Eucharist @ 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

9am Morning Prayer @ Home

Sunday

9.30am Knowsley Civic Service @ St. Martin's
11am Eucharists @ St. Andrew's & St. Chad's
4pm Play Church @ St. Martin's

Parish Finance Committee

7.30pm Tuesday 9th July in St. Andrew's.

Knowsley Civic Service

In his role as Mayor's Chaplain this year, Jeremy is hosting the Borough's Civic Service on Sunday, 14th July at 9.30am, with the Mayor of Knowsley, Councillor Jackie Harris. Everyone is very warmly invited. If you're thinking of coming, please could you let us know for catering purposes.

PCC Standing Committee

Wednesday, 7th August, 7.30pm in St. Martin's. Please let us have any items for the PCC agenda by this meeting.

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.

St. Martin's Church
Sunday 7th July
Trinity 3

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:

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ Our mission partners in Tanzania, Grace, Festo, Zephaniah and William Kanungha.
- ❖ Those in need of God's healing:
- ❖ The bereaved: Margaret Hornby, Sonny Hamill, Tilly Hackett, Shirley Clarke, Julia Doherty.
- ❖ Those whose anniversaries are this month, especially: Gerard Myles, Ralph Rolls, Margaret Hardy, Jack Hardy

Prayer for the Day

God all powerful,
who called Martin from the armies of this world
to be a faithful soldier of Christ:
give us grace to follow him
in his love and compassion for the needy,
and enable your Church to claim for all people
their inheritance as children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

FIRST READING 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL Matthew 25.34-40

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Prayer After Communion

Generous and faithful God,
you have fed us at your table.
May the nourishment we have received
enable us to enrich the lives of others
wherever we may go from here.
Whether the future be dark or bright,
the road be smooth or rough,
whether our cares be light or heavy,
our song be strong or weak,
keep our hearts warm and our hands open,
our lives ever embracing
and ever embraced by your love. Amen.