

## Notices

### This week:

#### Sunday

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

#### Monday

9am Morning Prayer @ St. Andrew's

#### Tuesday

9am Morning Prayer @ St. Martin's  
10am Eucharist @ St. Martin's  
6.30pm Wedding & Christening bookings @ St. Andrew's  
7.30pm Bible Study Group @ 39, Church Way

#### Wednesday

9am Morning Prayer @ Home  
11.30am Charlie Humphreys' funeral @ St. Chad's  
12.30pm Prayers @ Church in the Centre

#### Thursday

9am Morning Prayer @ Home

#### Friday

9am Morning Prayer @ Home

#### Saturday

9am Morning Prayer @ Home

#### Sunday

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

#### Parish Choir

Meeting Monday 12th August, 7.30pm in St. Martin's.

#### Summer Pops

Led by the choir, a summer singalong of songs across the ages. Food included. 2pm, Sunday 8th September, St. Martin's Church. In aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

#### 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 11th August

8th 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:

129 Dear Lord and Father of mankind  
340 Jesus Christ is waiting  
81 Brother, sister, let me serve you  
381 Let there be love shared among us  
175 From heaven you came, helpless babe

### Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ Our mission partners in Tanzania, Grace, Festo, Zephaniah and William Kanungha.
- ❖ The bereaved family and friends of: Charlie Humphreys, Valerie Highton.
- ❖ Those whose anniversaries are this month, especially: Florence Rolls & Andrew Grosscurth

### Weekly Readings

Mon 12	2 Corinthians 1:1-22
Tue 13	2 Corinthians 1:23 - 2:11
Wed 14	2 Corinthians 2:12 - 3:6
Thu 15	2 Corinthians 3:7-18
Fri 16	2 Corinthians 4:1-18
Sat 17	2 Corinthians 5:1-10

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

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## Prayer for the Day

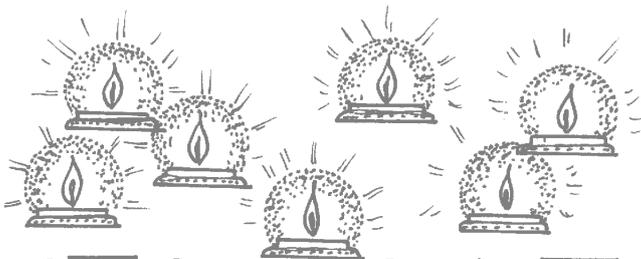
Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

## Psalms 33:12-22

- 12 Happy the nation whose God is the Lord  
and the people he has chosen for his own.
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven  
and beholds all the children of earth.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze  
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them  
and understands all their works.
- 16 No king is saved by the might of his host;  
no warrior delivered by his great strength.
- 17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;  
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord  
is upon those who fear him,  
on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,
- 19 To deliver their soul from death  
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits longingly for the Lord;  
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him;  
in his holy name have we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,  
as we have set our hope on you.

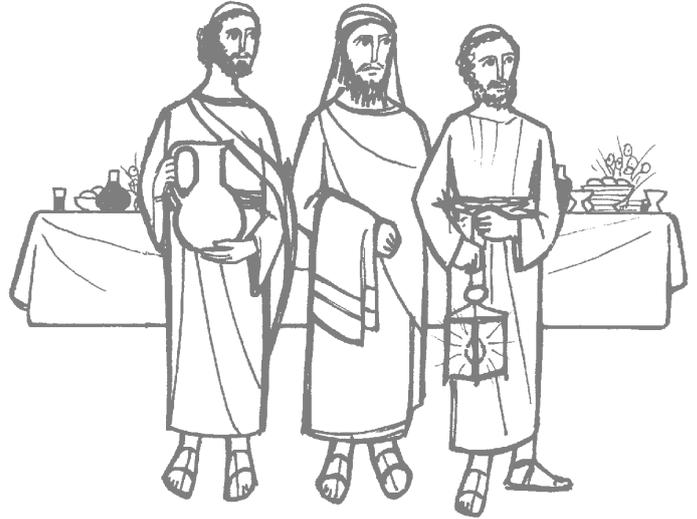


# WATCH AND WAIT

## SECOND READING Hebrews 11:1-3

Faith is what makes real the things we hope for. It is proof of what we cannot see. God was pleased with the people who lived a long time ago because they had faith like this.

Faith helps us understand that God created the whole world by his command. This means that the things we see were made by something that cannot be seen.



## GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

## Prayer After Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise  
be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed  
with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever.