

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 @ St. Andrew's

Tuesday

9am Morning Prayer @ St. Martin's
10am Eucharist @ St. Martin's
11am Eucharist @ Appleby Court
1pm Lunch @ St. Martin's
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 & Open Church
12.30pm Prayers @ Church in the Centre
7.30pm St. Chad's DCC

Thursday

9am Morning Prayer @ St. Andrew's

Friday

9am Morning Prayer @ Home

Saturday

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Parish Choir

Meeting Monday 26th 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.

St. Chad's Heritage Open Days

We are expanding the heritage days at St. Chad's this year to include a 'Meet the Builders' event on Wednesday, 18th September, and Saturday and Sunday 21-22 September.

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.

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St. Martin's Church

Sunday 18th August

9th Sunday after Trinity

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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 family and friends of: Charlie Humphreys, Val Highton.
- ❖ Those whose anniversaries are this month, especially: Florence Rolls & Andrew Grosscurth

Weekly Readings

Mon 19	2 Corinthians 5:11 - 6:2
Tue 20	2 Corinthians 6:3-13
Wed 21	2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1
Thu 22	2 Corinthians 7:2-16
Fri 23	2 Corinthians 8:1-15
Sat 24	2 Corinthians 8:16-24

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Prayer for the Day

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalm 82

- 1 God has taken his stand in the council of heaven;
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:
- 2 'How long will you judge unjustly
and show such favour to the wicked?
- 3 'You were to judge the weak and the orphan;
defend the right of the humble and needy;
- 4 'Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.
- 5 'They have no knowledge or wisdom;
they walk on still in darkness:
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 'Therefore I say that though you are gods
and all of you children of the Most High,
- 7 'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like one of their princes.'
- 8 Arise, O God and judge the earth,
for it is you that shall take all nations for your
possession.

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went

about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL Luke 12:49-56

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Prayer After Communion

Holy Father,

who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.