

## Notices

### This week:

#### Sunday

9.30am Eucharist @ St. Martin's  
11am Eucharists @ St. Andrew's & St. Chad's  
6.30pm Taize Service @ St. Martin's

#### Monday

9am Morning Prayer @ St. Andrew's

#### Tuesday

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

#### Thursday

9am Morning Prayer @ St. Andrew's

#### 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  
1pm Summer Pops @ St. Martin's  
4pm Play Church @ St. Martin's

### Confirmations

The next confirmation service is at St. Mary's Knowsley Village on the 30th September. If you are interested, please could you contact Jeremy on 07967302127 or faganj@mac.com so we can make sure that you're included.

### Parish Choir

Meeting Monday 2nd September, 7.30pm in St. Martin's.

### Summer Pops

Led by the choir, a summer singalong of songs across the ages. Food included. 1pm, Sunday 8th September, St. Martin's Church. Donations and raffle in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. All welcome - please come and support us!

### PCC

Wednesday, 18th September, 7.30pm in St. Andrew's.

### St. Chad's Heritage Open Days

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

### USPG

USPG are holding a regional day to showcase mission in the churches of the Anglican Communion worldwide. It's Friday, 11th October, at Manchester Cathedral 11.30-4pm, including lunch. Jeremy is going by train from Kirkby to Manchester Victoria, which is a 5-10 minute walk from the Cathedral.

### 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 1st September

1st Sunday in Creationtide

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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, William and Hannah Kanungha.
- ❖ Those in need of God's healing:
- ❖ The bereaved family and friends of: Charlie Humphreys, Val Highton, Sylvia Dooley, Emily Reed.
- ❖ Those whose anniversaries are this month, especially: Carl Grosscurth, Elsie Buck, Richard Turton.

### Weekly Readings

Mon 2	Nehemiah 1:1-11
Tue 3	Nehemiah 2:1-10
Wed 4	Nehemiah 2:11-20
Thu 5	Nehemiah 4:1-23
Fri 6	Nehemiah 5:1-19
Sat 7	Nehemiah 6:1-14

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

[www.cofekirkby.co.uk](http://www.cofekirkby.co.uk)

## Prayer for the Day

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;  
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.  
For the beginning of pride is sin,  
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.  
Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of  
calamities,  
and destroys them completely.  
The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,  
and enthrones the lowly in their place.  
The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,  
and plants the humble in their place.  
The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,  
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.  
He removes some of them and destroys them,  
and erases the memory of them from the earth.  
Pride was not created for human beings,  
or violent anger for those born of women.

## Psalm 112

- 1 Alleluia.  
Blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in his commandments.
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land,  
a generation of the faithful that will be blest.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.
- 5 It goes well with those who are generous in lending  
and order their affairs with justice,
- 6 For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be held in everlasting  
remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil tidings;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is sustained and will not fear,  
until they see the downfall of their foes.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor;  
their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
their head will be exalted with honour.
- 10 The wicked shall see it and be angry;  
they shall gnash their teeth in despair;  
the desire of the wicked shall perish.

## SECOND READING Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,  
'The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

## Prayer After Communion

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:

by our communion

keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.