

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
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

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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 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 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.

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 25th August
10th 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:

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, Sylvia Dooley.
- ❖ Those whose anniversaries are this month, especially: Florence Rolls & Andrew Grosscurth

Weekly Readings

Mon 26	2 Corinthians 9:1-15
Tue 27	2 Corinthians 10:1-18
Wed 28	2 Corinthians 11:1-15
Thu 29	2 Corinthians 11:16-33
Fri 30	2 Corinthians 12:1-21
Sat 31	2 Corinthians 13:1-14

Notes are available at wordlive.org

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Prayer for the Day

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many
generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.
If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honourable;
if you honour it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own
affairs;
then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the
earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor
Jacob,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Psalm 103.1-8

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits;
- 3 Who forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 Who redeems your life from the Pit
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;
- 5 Who satisfies you with good things,
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness
and judgement for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

SECOND READING Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Prayer After Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.