

**Diary for week commencing Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026 –**

**Palm Sunday**

8.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Sung Communion with Procession & Healing  
12.00noon Parish Sunday Lunch at the Woolpack Inn Farm Shop

**Holy Week**

**Monday** 9.00am Morning Prayer  
5.45pm-6.45pm 1<sup>st</sup> North Worle Beavers to visit church  
7.00pm Compline – Jesus' prayer at the raising of Lazarus

**Tuesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer  
7.00pm Compline – Jesus' intercessory prayer

**Wednesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer  
9.45am Easter Service for Worle Village School in church  
7.00pm Compline – Jesus praying in the Garden

**Thursday – Maundy Thursday**

9.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Said Communion  
5.30pm Choir Practice  
7.00pm Holy Communion with Hymns followed by the Stripping of the Altar and the Watch

**Friday – Good Friday**

9.00am Morning prayer  
10.00am All Age/ Churches Together Service  
10.50am Walk of Witness to St Marks Church  
12.00pm Church open for private prayer  
12.15pm Jesus prayers from the cross  
1.30pm Good Friday Service

**Saturday – Easter Eve**

9.00am Decorating the church for Easter  
7.00pm Easter Vigil

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day**

8.00am First Communion for Easter Day  
10.00am Sung Communion  
6.00pm Easter Praise

*Refreshment Rota; Jo Hunt and Hazel Stenner*



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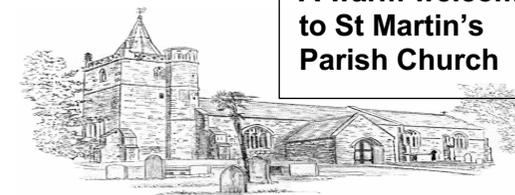
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A warm welcome  
to St Martin's  
Parish Church

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Palm Sunday**

**8.00am Morning Prayer**  
**Readings:** Liturgy of Palms  
**Matthew 21.1-11**  
Liturgy of Passion  
**Psalm 31.9-16**  
**Matthew 27.11-54**

**10.00am Sung Communion with Procession and Healing**  
*Service starts in school playground or in church for those unable to process*

**Readings:** Liturgy of Palms  
**Matthew 21.1-11**  
Liturgy of Passion  
**Philippians 2.5-11**  
*Read by: Janice Richardson*  
**Matthew 27.11-54**

**Hymns:** **Make Way**  
**Ride on Ride on in Majesty**  
**My Song is Love Unknown**  
*Collection taken during this hymn*  
**This is your God**  
**All Glory Laud and Honour**

*Refreshment Rota: Carol Savill and Sheila Judson*

**12.00noon Parish Sunday Lunch at the Woolpack Inn Farm Shop**

Everyone is Invited  Everyone is Welcome  
*Journeying together in the love of Jesus*

**Collect for Palm Sunday**

True and humble King,  
hailed by the crowds as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you.  
That we may be found beside you on the way of the cross  
which is the path of glory.  
Amen

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you  
as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

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**Please pray for...**

Those who are caught up in conflict, war, acts of terrorism, agencies that are providing food and medical resources to the regions and those seeking peace.  
For Bishops Michael and Fiona and the senior staff of the diocese  
The natural world and those who are affected by Climate Change.  
For the work of Hope Christian Trust and Weston Foodbank, and for the communities in Zambia linked to the Diocese and for Sergio  
All who are ill, and mourn

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**Readings**

**Liturgy of Palms**

**Matthew 21.1-11**

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Jesus fulfils the prophecy from the book of Zechariah (9.9) in the Old Testament by riding a donkey alongside its colt, prompting crowds to spread cloaks and branches while shouting "Hosanna". Jesus is identified and hailed as the humble, prophetic King, the Messiah, as promised in the Hebrew Scriptures.

**Liturgy of Passion**

**Philippians 2.5-11**

St Paul summarises the amazing truth of the incarnation: God becomes fully human in Jesus so that His love will be known by all people. This leads to his death, but God's realm is bigger than mortal life, so Jesus' death is overcome and his deity is recognised.

**Matthew 27.11-54**

This is Matthew's account of Jesus trial in front of Pilate, the freeing of Barabbas and the tragedy and brutality of the crucifixion. Matthew writes of darkness and an earthquake at the moment of Jesus' death, and the affirmation of the pagan Roman soldiers that Jesus is indeed God's Son.

**Parish Sunday Lunch – Today**

The Parish Sunday Lunch at the Woolpack Inn Farm Shop is today - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. The next Parish Sunday Lunch will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

**Women's Fellowship:** Next Meeting – **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 10am** for Fellowship Breakfast in church.

**Men's Fellowship:** Next Meeting - **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April** with a Quiz at the Nut Tree

**House Group in Church**

There is no gathering for the next two Tuesdays (31<sup>st</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> April). There will then be social gatherings on Tuesdays 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April. The study House Group will start again at 2pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April when we will begin to start to explore the Gospel of John

**Concert – 3pm 25<sup>th</sup> April – Eclectic Voices**

Come and enjoy the concert on 3pm in church. Please see poster for more details. Tickets are available at a cost of £10 each. See Jill for more details.

**10am Service Today – Palm Sunday**

The 10am service will commence in the school playground opposite and we will then process to the church. If you are unable to do this then please go to the church where the start of the service will be taking place simultaneously with the service in the playground.

**Easter Flowers**

If you wish to donate to the Easter Flowers in memory of someone dear to you then please see the donation envelopes and list in church. Please ensure you print the names of those you want to be remembered clearly.

**Church Annual Meeting – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

Join us here at St Martin's Church for our Annual Parochial Church Council meeting on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am. This is a great opportunity to gather as a parish to celebrate, look back at 2025 and forward to the end of this year. There will be opportunities to serve God on our PCC as we have 2 vacancies for Church Warden, 3 vacancies for PCC and 2 vacancies for Deanery Synod representatives.

Being on the PCC enables you to bring your prayers and suggestions to contribute to the balanced running of our church. This is vital if we want to see growth and change at St Martin's. Please speak to Paul Elliott or Jill Preddy if you would like any of this clarified. The agenda and annual report will be available from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Nomination forms are available today and need to be completed and returned to Paul or Jill by 12 noon on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April.