

Diary for week commencing 12th April 2026

Sunday 12th April – The Second Sunday of Easter

8.00am Said Communion
10.00am Sung Communion

Monday 11.00am Mission Giving Group Meeting

Tuesday 11.00am Funeral of the late Anne Bywater RIP
2.00pm Social Gathering for House Group
3.00pm Messy Church Planning meeting to be held in church

Wednesday 7.00pm Standing Committee TBC

Thursday 10.00am Mid-week Holy Communion
10.45am Cake and Coffee
6.15pm Choir Practice
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
7.30pm Men's Fellowship – Quiz Night at the Lamb –
Please note change of venue

Friday

Saturday 9.30am-1.00pm Churchyard tidy up

Sunday 19th April – The Third Sunday of Easter

8.00am Said Communion
10.00am Sung Communion

11.30am APCM

6.00pm Evensong

Refreshment Rota; Joy Kenward and Keith Stenner



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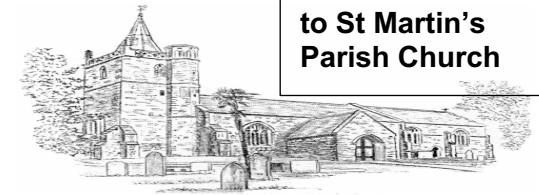
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A warm welcome
to St Martin's
Parish Church

**Sunday 12th April 2026
The Second Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Said Communion
Acts 2.14,22-32
1 Peter 1.3-9
John 20.19-31

10.00am Sung Communion
Readings: Acts 2.14,22-32
Read by: Paul Martin

1 Peter 1.3-9
Read by: Rosie Davies
John 20.19-31

Hymns: I will sing the wondrous story
The head that once was crowned
with thorns
All heaven declares
There is a Redeemer
Lights glittering morn

Refreshment Rota;
Carol Savill and Ann Butt

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

Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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

All who have been remembered by the Easter flowers

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Readings

Acts 2.14,22-32

Here, Peter is speaking to the crowd on the day of Pentecost, and assures them that Jesus, whose life was marked by signs of God’s work, was crucified and rose again according to the words of David in Psalm 16

1 Peter 1.3-9

The letter seeks to reassure the faithful who have been subject to great persecution that they will be inheritors to a wonderful and glorious future through their steadfast belief in Jesus Christ.

John 20.19-end

The disciples gather in a locked room fearful that those who have killed Jesus will now come for them. Then Jesus appears among them, greeting them with the traditional Jewish welcome ‘Peace be with you’. Thomas is absent and requires physical proof before he will believe in Jesus returning from the dead. The following week he receives the proof when Jesus returns to be with them again – this time with Thomas – The reading (and perhaps the whole of John’s Gospel) reaches its climax with Thomas’ declaration of faith with the words “My Lord and my God!”.

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Parish Sunday Lunch – Sunday 26th April

The next Parish Sunday Lunch will be at the Woolpack Inn Farm Shop on Sunday 26th April. Please sign up on the list on the Communications Table by Sunday 19th April.

Women’s Fellowship: Next Meeting will be on **Saturday 9th May 2026**. More details to follow

Men’s Fellowship: Next Meeting will be this week on **Thursday 16th April** with a Quiz at the Lamb – *Please note change of venue*

House Group in Church

There will be social gatherings this Tuesday 14th April and the following Tuesday 21st April. The study House Group will start again at 2pm on Tuesday 28th April when we will begin to start to explore the Gospel of John

Concert – 3pm 25th April – Eclectic Voices

Come and enjoy the concert on 3pm in church featuring a variety of music including Bohemian Rhapsody, The Wellerman, songs from The Greatest Showman, as well as traditional pieces from John Rutter, Gustav Holst and Gilbert and Sullivan. Please see poster for more details. Tickets are available at a cost of £10 each. See Jill for more details.

Food Bank

There are boxes in Church for any donations, which are urgently required.

Messy Church Planning Meeting

The next Messy Church Planning Meeting will be this **Tuesday 14th April at 3pm in church**. The next Messy Church Session will be on **Wednesday 29th April at St Martin’s School**

Church Working Party

There will be a Church working party on Saturday 18th April 2026 between 9.30am-1pm. Please sign up on the list on the Communications Table if you are able to help in the church or churchyard.

Church Annual Meeting – Sunday 19th April

Join us here at St Martin’s Church for our Annual Parochial Church Council meeting on Sunday 19th 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 are now available in church. Nomination forms are available today and need to be completed and returned to Paul or Jill by 12 noon on Saturday 18th April.