

ST MARTIN'S
Brighthouse
Sunday
24th May

Celebrant / preacher

Rev Paul / Rev Stephen

Reader

Graham Lawley

Prayers

Susan Empson

**THIS WEEK WE ARE
PRAYING FOR**

King Charles and Queen
Camilla, our link Parish of St
Paul, Bugwema, and their Priest
Rev Osije; Bishops Toby and
Smitha; Rev Paul and Rev
Stephen; the staff and pupils at
St Andrews Junior and Infant
Schools, the residents of Francis
Street

and for

Graham Davis, Adam Ayres,
Margaret Bancroft, Christine
Palethorpe, Nigel Ashworth,
Richard Green, Bill Braviner
and for all those caring for
them.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

24th Alma Marshall,
26th Janie Hamner,
27th Leonard Batty, Paula Batty,
30th George Meredith,

ANNIVERSARY

23rd Susan and Tony Empson

NEXT WEEK

Reader

Elizabeth Lawley

Prayers

Graham Lawley

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May 24th Pentecost Sunday

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; **Amen**

First Reading - Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Gospel - John 7:37-39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Post-communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Charity Jigsaw Festival

The 2026 Festival will be held in St. Martin's Church from Friday 28th to Monday 31st August supporting disadvantaged and underprivileged children and young people in the local community.

The Festival is one of St. Martin's most significant outreach events of the year having raised an average of £12,500 each year since 2012.

This doesn't happen without a lot of hard work so Volunteers are needed to deliver publicity Flyers door to door in early August, to help set up in the week prior to the event and at the event itself. There are opportunities for all ages from teens upwards and whatever your interests/talents there will be a place for you.

Watch this space for how to volunteer.