

**ST MARTIN'S**  
Brighthouse  
**Sunday**  
**7<sup>th</sup> June**

**Celebrant /Preacher**  
Rev Paul / Rev Stephen

**Reader**  
Sarah Jones

**Prayers**  
April Inman-Waring

**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  
Gathorne 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**

12<sup>th</sup> Olivia Masson,  
13<sup>th</sup> Clara Powell, John Ashton,  
Sidney Stevens

**BIRTHDAY**

6<sup>th</sup> April Inman-Waring  
7<sup>th</sup> Stephen Hannam

**NEXT WEEK**

**Reader**  
Helen Atkinson  
**Prayers**  
Agneta Webb

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**June 7th**

**Collect**

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord; **Amen**

**First Reading – Romans 4:13-25**

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**Gospel – Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.” While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

**Post-communion**

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## **SOUPER SUNDAY**

**Today, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June is Souper Sunday. A simple meal of soup, bread and cake will be served after the service.**

**All are invited.**

## **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.

I would just like to take a moment to thank Tony Empson for his many years at the helm of the Sunday News Sheet.

I can't promise to match 40 years of service and I can't promise there will be fewer mistakes, but I will give it my best.

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