

ST MARTIN'S

Brighthouse

Sunday

12th July

Celebrant / Preacher

Rev Stephen

Reader

Koral Owczarenko

Prayers

Graham Lawley

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 Helen
Terrace
and for

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

RIP

James Webb

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

12th Dorothy Robert,
18th Barbara Kirk, Jean Hannam

ANNIVERSARY

15th Jennifer and Melvyn Hirst

NEXT WEEK

Reader

Liz Lawley

Prayers

April Inman-Waring

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Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading – Romans 8:1-11

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Gospel – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear. Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Post-communion

Father almighty, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. **Amen**

Charity Jigsaw Festival

The Festival will be held from **Friday 28th to Monday 31st August** 10am to 5pm (except Sunday from 12 noon).

Set up will be Monday 24th from 12noon, Tuesday 25th from 10am, Wednesday 26th from 10am, Thursday 27th from 10.45am (Tombola and Café).

Take down will be Tuesday 1st September from 10am.

We need Volunteers for

- **Set Up**
- **Festival** (Jigsaw area, Reception, Tombola, Cafe (Food Preparation and Customer Service)
- **Take down**

We are inviting

- **Donations of Tombola Prizes** (there is a table in the Sugden Suite)
- **Home baking** for the Cafe (please let me know if you are willing to bake)



Please speak to Alan Sparks to volunteer your services.



New rotas for Readings and Prayers are now available in the Sugden Suite.

If you know in advance you will be unavailable for your allocated week, please try to arrange a swap and let Zoe know where possible.