

ST MARTIN'S
Brighthouse
Sunday
2nd August

Celebrant / Preacher

Rev Paul / Rev Stephen

Reader

Helen Atkinson

Prayers

Anne-Marie Cowan

**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 High Street **and for**

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

RIP

James Webb

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

6th Bertha Bottomley,
Shannen Harker Knowles
8th Trevor Atkinson

ANNIVERSARY

5th Marian and Allan Bolland

NEXT WEEK

Reader

Sarah Jones

Prayers

Susan Empson

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Collect

Holy Father, who gathers us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: reveal the fullness of your peace and gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading – Romans 9:1-5

I speak the truth in Christ – I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit – I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, for ever praised! Amen.

Gospel – Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard what had happened to John the Baptists, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed those who were ill. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.' 'We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,' they answered. 'Bring them here to me,' he said. And he told the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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**

WANTED FOR CHARITY JIGSAW FESTIVAL

Tombola Prizes - please leave on the table in the Sugden suite

Volunteers for the Café - please sign on the Rota sheet in the Sugden suite or talk to Agneta

CHURCH CLEANING

Our small team of church cleaning volunteers would be very grateful for an extra helper or three!

If you can spare time on Friday mornings from around 9:30am to help with some vacuuming or dusting, please see Colin or just drop in.