

Diary for week commencing 23rd August 2026

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Communion
10.00am Holy Communion with Hymns

Monday 9.30am Eco Committee Meeting in Church

Tuesday 2.00pm Social House Group in Church

Wednesday

Thursday 10.00am Mid-week Holy Communion
10.45am Community Cake and Coffee
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday

Saturday

Sunday 30th August The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion with Hymns and Healing

Refreshment Rota; Carol Savill and Jo Hunt



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A warm welcome
to St Martin's
Parish Church

Sunday 23rd August 2026 The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Communion
Readings: Exodus 1.8-2.10
Romans 12.1-8
Matthew 16.13-20

10.00am Holy Communion with Hymns
Readings: Exodus 1.8-2.10
Read by: Jo Hunt
Romans 12.1-8
Read by: Gill Ward
Matthew 16.13-20

Hymns: Christ is made the sure
foundation
Servant King
All my hope on God is founded
Broken for me
Give me oil in my lamp

Refreshment Rota: Ann Butt and Joy Kenward

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

Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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, natural disasters and forest fires

For the work of Hope Christian Trust and Weston Foodbank, and for the communities in Zambia linked to the Diocese and for Sergio and the work of Compassion UK and Christian Aid

For all people who are persecuted for their faith, gender and sexuality

Young People reflecting on their exam results and their futures

All who are ill, and mourn

Readings

Exodus 1.8-2.10

The King of Egypt turns his people against the Israelites living there. The Egyptians treat the Israelites harshly and on the orders of the king, all the newborn boys are to be killed. A couple from the House of Levi give birth to a son whom they place in a basket upon the river. Pharaoh's daughter finds the child and names him Moses.

Romans 12.1-8

Paul tells the Christians in Rome to be a living sacrifice so that they may know the will of God. They are one body in Christ, but each has different gifts according to God's will.

Matthew 16.13-20

In answer to Jesus' question 'Who do you say I am?', Peter tells Jesus that he is the Messiah. Jesus replies by declaring Peter to be the rock on which He will build the Church.

Parish Sunday Lunch - The next Parish Sunday Lunch will be on **Sunday 30th August** at the Woolpack Deli at 12.00noon. All Welcome. Please use the sign up sheet on the Communication Table, by the end of the 10am service **today**.

Women's Fellowship

The next Woman's Fellowship will be on **Saturday 12th September** with Breakfast at the **Kings Head** at **10am**. Please sign list on Communications Table if you would like to attend.

Men's Fellowship:

The next Men's Fellowship will be on **Thursday 17th September**, when we will be going to St Andrews Bowls Club. We will be meeting in Proper Job Car Park at **6.30pm** *please note change of time*. Please see the poster and sign up sheet on the Communications Table for more details.

House Group in Church

The next House Group in Church will be on 25th August at 2pm which will a Social Gathering. There will be Social Gatherings throughout August on Tuesday afternoons. On **Tuesday 8th September** we are going to Mr Beans for Afternoon Tea, If you would like to come please sign the list on the Communications Table. Price to be confirmed. Details of the Autumn House Groups starting in September are on enclosed flier and the poster on the Communications Board.

Food Bank

There are boxes in Church for any donations. Items particularly requested this week are: Washing up liquid, Hot Chocolate/ Coffee, Squash/fruit juice, tinned fruit, dry rice, tinned meat/fish

Parish Trip to see Aladdin at Weston Playhouse – 2pm Saturday 19th Dec

We are running a trip to see **Aladdin at Weston Playhouse on Saturday 19th December at 2pm**. Cost of the Ticket is **£29**. Please see the poster and sign up sheet on the Communication Table for more details. Money for ticket required as soon as possible.

Church Holiday - Monday 24th May – Friday 28th May

North Devon's Scenic Sights, The Imperial Hotel, Barnstaple

We are planning a Church Holiday in May 2027. The cost will be £685 per person plus a Single Room Supplement of £50. For those who have expressed an interest, please pick up a booking form to make the formal expression of interest along with the deposit cheque made payable to **J N Baker** *See form for details*

ECO Church

The next meeting of the group will take place **tomorrow, 24th August**, at **9-30am** in Church- light refreshments will be served.

If you would like to join the group please have a word with John Bangham who will be leading this initiative, many thanks.