

Diary for week commencing 20th September 2026

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Communion
10.00am Sung Communion

6.00pm Evensong

Monday

Tuesday 2.00pm House Group in Church –
St Paul's Letter to Romans Session 2
Looking at Chapters 5-8
4.15pm Messy Church Meeting in Church
7.00pm Fabric Committee Meeting in Church

Wednesday

Thursday 10.00am Mid-week Holy Communion
10.45am Macmillan Coffee Morning in Church
6.15pm Choir Practice
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday

Saturday 5.15pm Community Film Night – The Choral

Sunday 27th September The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Sung Communion with Healing

Refreshment Rota; Margaret Smith and Sheila Judson

12.00noon Parish Sunday Lunch at the
Woolpack Farm Shop



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A warm welcome
to St Martin's
Parish Church

Sunday 20th September 2026 The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Communion
Readings: Exodus 16.2-15
Philippians 1.21-30
Matthew 20.1-16

10.00am Sung Communion
Readings: Exodus 16.2-15
Read by: Karen Norris
Philippians 1.21-30
Read by: Jo Hunt
Matthew 20.1-16

Hymns: Great is thy faithfulness
Thy Kingdom Come
Jesus is Lord
Brother Sister let me serve you
Guide me O Thou great Jehovah
Refreshment Rota: Carol Savill and Jo Hunt

6.00pm Evensong
Psalm 119.121-128
Ezekiel 33.23,30-34.10
Acts 26.1,9-25

Hymns: Be Thou my Vision NEH339
The King of Love NEH457 – Choir
Ye that know the Lord is gracious
NEH477
The Day Thou Gavest NEH252

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

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbour as ourselves; through 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 those recovering from the aftermath of flash flooding on the Tibet/Nepal border

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

All who are ill, and mourn

Readings

Exodus 16.2-15

The Israelites complain to Moses that they have been sent from Egypt into the wilderness where they will die of hunger. God sends quails in the evening and manna in the morning to provide for them – but only enough for their immediate needs and never enough to store up for future use.

Philippians 1.21-30

Paul promises to send Timothy and Epaphroditus to aid the people of Philippi in their faith. He asks them especially to welcome Epaphroditus, as he has risked his life for Christ and for Paul.

Matthew 20.1-16

Jesus compares the Kingdom of heaven to a landowner, who hires labourers throughout the day to work in the vineyard. When evening comes, he pays each of the labourers the same amount for their work. Some complain about 'unfair' treatment. The landowner makes it clear that it is his decision how much he chooses to pay each worker. Jesus concludes the parable with the statement that the last will be first, and the first will be last.

The funeral service of the late Neil Adams will take place at St Martin's Church on Friday 9th October at 1.30pm followed by Act of Committal at the Crematorium at 2.30pm

Parish Sunday Lunch - The next Parish Sunday Lunch will be **next Sunday 27th September** at the Woolpack Farm Shop at 12.00noon. All Welcome. Please use the sign up sheet on the Communication Table, by the end of the 10am service **today**.

Harvest 2026

This year we will be celebrating Harvest on **Sunday 4th October** with the following

8.00am Said Communion

10.00am All Age Service

12.00noon Bring and Share Lunch at Worle Village School

6.00pm Service of Prayer and Reflection

Do please sign up on the list on the Communications Table for the Lunch.

Tinned and dried food donations gratefully received for Weston Foodbank

Women's Fellowship

The next Woman's Fellowship will be on **Saturday 10th October** at **10am** with a breakfast in church. Please see Communications Table for more details.

Men's and Women's Fellowship Joint Meeting - Thursday 22nd October

This will be a Skittles Evening at the Lamb at 7.30pm. **Please note change of date**

House Group in Church – 2pm Tuesday 22nd September

The next House Group in Church will be at 2pm on 22nd September at 2pm when we will be continuing to look at St Paul's letter to the Romans.

Food Bank

There are boxes in Church for any donations for Weston Foodbank. The following have been requested: Hot Chocolate, instant Coffee, Curry Sauce, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Tomatoes. Please give as generously as you are able to.

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

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

There are still some spaces available. Please see Paul for more details.

Community Film Night – Saturday 26th September

Our Community Film Night will be starting again on Saturday 26th September with a screening of **The Choral** written by Alan Bennett. Doors open at 5.15pm for a 5.45pm screening.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Following the Communion service on **Thursday 24th September**, the proceeds at the Community Cake and Coffee Morning will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Care as part of their 2026 Coffee Morning Appeal. Do please come along and give generously to this cause.

Safeguarding Training – Saturday 17th October

There will be Foundation Safeguarding Training on **Saturday 17th October at 9.30am** in church for all PCC members and any other members of the congregation who would like to attend.

Harvest Parish Magazine.

The Harvest Parish Magazine will be available for collection from church from next weekend. **Please take two magazines with you, one for yourself and one to pass onto a neighbour or friend.** This is part of our spirit of invitation and Mission at St Martin's. Thank You