

ST MARTIN'S
Brighthouse
Sunday
25th October

Celebrant / Preacher

Rev Paul / Rev Stephen

Reader

Christine Helliwell

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 & Infant Schools, the residents of Lightcliffe Road
and for

Adam Ayres, Margaret Bancroft, Christine Palethorpe, Nigel Ashworth, Bill Braviner, Karen Webb, Rev James Allison, Anne Lee, Trish Ayres, Jennifer Hirst and for all those caring for them.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

26th Nancy Ingham,
28th Ada Kershaw,
29th Ethel Smallpage

BIRTHDAY

28th Marian Sutcliffe

NEXT WEEK

Reader

Susan Waterhouse

Prayers

Agneta Webb

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Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading – 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed – God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

Gospel – Matthew 22:34-40

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?' Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'

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.**

Sunday 1st November All Saints & All Souls

Next Sunday we will be marking All Saints & All Souls as we remember our departed loved ones.

If you would like their names to be read out during the service, please add them to the list at the back of church.

