

**Diary for week commencing Sunday 8th February 2026 –
The Second Sunday before Lent**

8.00am Said Communion
10.00am Sung Communion

Monday

Tuesday 2.00pm House Group Session 3

Wednesday

Thursday 10.00am Said Communion
Followed by Community Café
6.15pm. Choir Practice
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Friday

Saturday 10.00am Women's Fellowship
Breakfast in church

Sunday 15th February – The Sunday Next before Lent
8.00am Said Communion
10.00am Sung Communion

Refreshment Rota: Ann Butt and Joy Kenward

6.00pm Evensong



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**A warm welcome
to St Martin's
Parish Church**



**Sunday 8th February 2026
The Second Sunday before Lent**

8.00am Said Communion
Genesis 1.1-2.3
Matthew 6.25-34

10.00am Sung Communion
Genesis 1.1-2.3
Read by: Lesley Faulkner
Matthew 6.25-34
Read by: Barbara Perkins

Hymns: All Creatures of our God and King
Thou whose Almighty Word
For the Beauty of the Earth
Behold the Lamb
How Great Thou Art

Refreshment Rota: Jo Hunt and Hazel Stenner

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

Collect for the Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

God our Creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church;
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity:
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.

The natural world and those who are affected by Climate Change.
For the work of Hope Christian Trust and Weston Foodbank, and for the communities in Zambia linked to the Diocese and for Sergio
We pray for all that are ill, who mourn

Genesis 1.1-2.3

The Creation narrative at the beginning of the Bible.

The beginning of God's plan.

The order of creation starts with the earth as a formless void, following which we have light and darkness; sky and atmosphere; land, sea and plants; sun, moon and stars; sea creatures and birds; land animals and humans. Then on day seven - God rests.

The reading ends with the focus turning on human beings who are given the charge to be stewards of all the earth, of all that is good.

Matthew 6.25-34

'Do not worry' Jesus tells us.

We all know that this is so hard to do, but here Jesus is urging us not to focus on everyday concerns, but rather to keep our sights set on God's Kingdom.

Church Sunday Lunch – 22nd February

The next lunch will be on Sunday, 22nd February at the Woolpack Inn. Please sign the up on the list on the Communications Table by Sunday, 15th February

Community Film Night

The next film will be on **Saturday 21st February**, when we will watch **One Life** starring Anthony Hopkins.

Women's Fellowship: Next Meeting - **Saturday 14th February at 10am** with a breakfast in church. Please see Communications Table for more details and to sign up for the event.

Men's Fellowship: Next Meeting - **Thursday 19th February at 7.30pm**

This will be a Curry Night. Please see the Communications Board and Table for information and a sign up list.

House Group in Church – 10th February

Study group continues this Tuesday on 10th February, when we will be continuing to explore the whole message of the Bible, turning our attention to the New Testament. Everyone is welcome.

Messy Church

The next two Messy Church Sessions will be at St Martin's School on **Wednesdays 25th March**. Contact Jon if you would like to find out more about being involved with Messy Church.

Shrove Tuesday 17th February – Pancake and Beetle Drive 7pm

Come along on Shrove Tuesday for our annual Pancake and Beetle Drive. Admission free, donations welcome, there will also a raffle to raise funds for our Lent Appeal. *Please see poster for more details*

Ash Wednesday 18th February 7pm Communion with Ashing

We will be having a communion service on Ash Wednesday with Ashing - which is optional – to start the season of Lent. Please see the separate leaflet which highlights the services and events available in church during Lent.

Visit of Bishop Michael – Sunday 22nd February

Bishop Michael will be joining us for worship on Sunday 22nd February at 10am. He will also be in the parish on Monday 23rd February with a special PCC meeting being held at 7pm on that day.