

**Diary for week commencing Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 –  
The Second Sunday of Lent  
St David's Day**

8.00am Said Communion  
10.00am All Age Service

6.00pm Service of Prayer and Reflection

**Monday** 7.00pm Heartbeat – Prayer group meeting in church concluding with Compline at 8pm

**Tuesday** 2.00pm House Group Session 6 – Prayers of Ruth  
4.15pm Messy Church Planning Meeting

**Wednesday**

**Thursday** 10.00am Said Communion  
*Followed by Community Café*  
2.45pm. *Visiting Bell Ringers from Wembdon*  
6.15pm. Choir Practice  
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice  
7.30pm. Women's Fellowship Skittles Evening at the Golden Lion

**Friday** 11.00am. *Visit of Worle Village School to church*

**Saturday** 9.45am onwards *Area Branch of Bell Ringers' training morning*

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – The Third Sunday of Lent**

8.00am Said Communion  
10.00am Holy Communion with Hymns

*Refreshment Rota: Jo Hunt and Hazel Stenner*



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A warm welcome  
to St Martin's  
Parish Church

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**8.00am** Said Communion  
**Readings:** Psalm 121  
Romans 4.1-5,13-17  
John 3.1-17

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**Hymns:** Be Thou my vision  
God who made the earth and heavens  
Seek ye first  
In the Lord I'll be ever thankful  
Lord of the Dance  
*The Collection will be taken during this last hymn*

*Refreshment Rota: Carol Savill & Sheila Judson*

**6.00pm** Service of Prayer and Reflection

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

**Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent**

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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**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. 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

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**Genesis 12.1-4**

God tells Abram to go to a land promised for him and his descendants. God promises Abram greatness, blessing and protection.

**Romans 4.1-5, 13-17**

The foundation of Abraham's righteousness was not primarily in his belief and trust in God. It was not his actions that first brought God's blessing.

**John 3.1-17**

This is the story of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus the Pharisee. Nicodemus recognizes truth and integrity in Jesus. Jesus explains to him the importance of being born in the Spirit.

**Important Notice - Hands of Compassion**

We have received a letter from Hands of Compassion to thank us as a community for the support we have given the charity over the last 25years, but that for reasons that you can read in the letter they are disbanding the work of the charity in the UK. If you make regular payments to Hands of Compassion, then please stop them immediately. How existing funds will be redistributed are dealt with in the letter. During the week ahead let us all take a moment to pray and give thanks for the work of Hands of Compassion and for the lives that they have helped, and also remember the energy and work and compassion and pray for Wendy and Chris Ray who gave so much time and effort in helping so many in need in Zambia.

**Parish Sunday Lunch – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

The next Parish Sunday Lunch will be at the Woolpack Inn Farm Shop on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Please sign on the list on the Communication Table by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**Lent Lunch**

The next Soup Lent Lunches will be on **Tuesday 17<sup>h</sup> March at 12.30pm.** Donations will be gratefully received for the lunch and for **Mary's Meals** our Lent Charity in 2026, *Please see separate leaflet for details regarding the work of Mary's Meals.* Please sign up for this on the list on the Communications Table.

**Community Film Night**

The next film will be on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March**, when we will watch **The Green Book.** Doors open at 5.15pm with film starting at 5.45pm. There is no charge for admission, donations gratefully received for the refreshments.

**Women's Fellowship:** Next Meeting – **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March Skittles Evening at 7.30pm at the Golden Lion.** *Please see the sign up list on the Communications Table for this event.*

There will also be a Women's Fellowship Meeting on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

**Men's Fellowship:** Next Meeting - **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

This will be a Skittles Evening at the Lamb.

**House Group in Church – 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Study group continues this Tuesday on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, when we will be exploring the nature of prayer in the Bible, reflecting in this session on the prayers of Ruth in the Bible

**Prayers and Reflections during Lent**

There will be a special Prayer and Reflection Service in Church this evening at 6pm.

There will also be a chance tomorrow – **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm** – a Prayer Group Meeting – Heartbeat. This will be the opportunity to gather in the church and have a time of corporate prayer and reflection and also to engage with various prayer stations in church. The evening will conclude at 8pm with the office of Compline.

Throughout the Sundays of Lent a member of the Ministry Team will be writing a short reflection on a part of the Lord's Prayer with regard to our pilgrimages of faith during this penitential season. Please see separate leaflet for today's reflection by

**Messy Church**

The next Messy Church Session will be at St Martin's School on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The next planning meeting will be this coming Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 4.15pm in Church.** Contact Jon if you would like to find out more about being involved with Messy Church.