

A warm welcome  
to St Martin's  
Parish Church



**Diary for week commencing Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026 –  
The Third Sunday of Lent**

8.00am Said Communion  
10.00am Holy Communion with Hymns

- Monday** 9.00am *Work on heaters in church*
- Tuesday** 2.00pm House Group Session 7 – Prayers of Hannah
- 7.00pm Fabric Committee Meeting in church
- Wednesday**
- Thursday** 10.00am Said Communion  
*Followed by Community Café*  
5.00pm. *Wedding Meeting in church*  
6.15pm. Choir Practice  
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
- Friday** 1.00pm. *Visit of Worle Village School to church*
- Saturday** 10.00am. Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Old Kings Head followed by Mothering Sunday Posy making in the church at 11.30am

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Mothering Sunday**

8.00am Said Communion  
10.00am Holy Communion with Hymns

*Refreshment Rota: Ann Butt and Joy Kenward*

6.00pm Evensong



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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
The Third Sunday of Lent**

**8.00am** Said Communion  
**Readings:** Exodus 17.1-7  
John 4.5-42

**10.00am** Holy Communion with Hymns  
**Readings:** Exodus 17.1-7  
*Read by: Jill Ward*  
Romans 5.1-11  
*Read by: Rosie Davies*  
John 4.5-42

**Hymns:** I cannot tell  
As the deer  
I heard the voice of Jesus say  
*The Collection will be taken during this hymn*  
In Christ alone  
Here is love vast as the ocean

*Refreshment Rota: Jo Hunt and Hazel Stenner*

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

**Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent**

Eternal God give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil. And with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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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**Exodus 17.1-7**

As the Israelites journey through the wilderness, they become thirsty and anxious, consequently turning against Moses. Moses immediately turns to God for help, angry with the Israelites for testing God in this way. God responds by providing water, but Moses is still troubled by the fact that his people did not trust God.

**Romans 5.1-11**

Paul believes that faith brings peace and he recognizes a clear link between hope, endurance, character, and yet more hope. The Holy Spirit instills that hope, which is based upon the love of Jesus for everyone shown in his death and resurrection.

**John 4.5-42**

This is the account of the Samaritan woman at the well, who recognizes Jesus as someone very special, first as a prophet, then as the Messiah. Other Samaritans are brought to faith when they hear and understand Jesus' teaching about spiritual food and drink. These people normally despised by the Jews, recognize God's gift in Jesus. His word speaks to them of truth, and they understand his message. Jesus is driven by his need to finish the task he has been given. He believes that there are many ready to listen, and that his time is limited.

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**Important Notice –**

**Please see the separate note regarding the Electoral Roll**

**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 Lunch 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 – **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March** with a Fellowship Breakfast at Old Kings Head followed by Mothering Sunday Posy making in the church at 11.30am

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

This will be a Skittles Evening at the Lamb.

**House Group in Church – 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm**

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 Hannah in the Bible

**Prayers and Reflections during Lent**

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. There will be a short planning meeting following the 10am service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.** Contact Jon if you would like to find out more about being involved with Messy Church.

**EASTER MAGAZINE 2026**

The Easter magazine production is now nearing completion, and we are planning that copies will be available for distribution to houses in the Parish on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, in time for Palm Sunday the following week. If you are able to help distribute the magazines, there is a sign-up sheet on the communications table.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday**

Don't forget to bring your daffodils next week to decorate the Church for the day for Mothering Sunday. If your daffodil didn't grow, then simply bring in a bunch of daffodils with you! Many thanks. Jon

