

Diary for week commencing 18 February 2018

Today	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Monday		
Tuesday	8.00am	Morning Prayer
	9.15am	Baby and Toddler Group
	2.00pm	Lent Series
Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion [St Mark's]
	2.30pm	Community Café
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Church Cleaning
	6.15pm	Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers Practice
Friday	10.00am	Funeral in Church - Iris Elsbury
Saturday	5.15pm	Film Night - "Dances with Wolves"

Next Sunday **The Second Sunday of Lent**

[Duty Warden – Paul Elliott]

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	All-Together Family Communion
12.00pm	No Baptisms
6.00pm	No Service

Bibles - St Martin's are replacing the Good News Bibles with the New International Version. If anyone would like one of the existing bibles please see Julie or Paul E

Prayers

- For our local Police Force as they strive to deal with the diversity of their job.
- For our Lay Assistants for their commitment and servant hearts.
- For our Diocesan Link with Zambia and for the Hands of Compassion School.



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Sunday 18 February 2018 The First Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

Readings: Genesis 9: 8 - 17
Mark 1: 9 - 15

10.00am Family Communion

Hymns and Readings:

- 254** I am a new creation
613 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me
327 Immortal, invisible
16 All my hope on God is founded
During Communion: 1209* 1217* 1183* 3

Readings: Genesis 9: 8 - 17
Mark 1: 9 - 15

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Hymns and Readings:

- 43** At even, ere the sun was set
620 Sweet is the work, my God, my King
- Be still my soul
584 Saviour, again to Thy dear name

Readings: Exodus 34: 1 - 10
Romans 10: 8b - 13

Psalm 25: 1-10

- Children are very welcome and encouraged in church—there are supervised activities for the children which take place during the service in Worle Village Primary School or if they prefer they can stay with their parents.
- A special welcome if you are not a regular member of our congregation. If you're unable to take Holy Communion please come forward for a blessing and carry the Communion book with you so that we may recognise your intentions.

Verses and Readings for The First Sunday of Lent

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25: v5

8.00am and 10.00am Readings

Genesis 9: 8 - 17 - God establishes his covenant with Noah and his sons. - "...and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh." (v15)
Mark 1: 9 - 15 Jesus proclaimed the good news of God to the people of Galilee - "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent and believe in the good news." (v15)

6.00pm Readings

Exodus 34: 1 - 10
Romans 10: 8b - 13

Readings for 25 February - The Second Sunday of Lent

8.00am and 10.00am Readings

Genesis 17: 1 - 7, 15 - 16 * Mark 8: 31 - end

Prayers

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him
who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices for the week

Choral Evensong this evening at 6pm - please join us for our once-a-month Choral Evensong, in which the Psalm and responses will be sung. Revd Chris Elms will be leading the service, accompanied by the Choir.



Cafe@St.Martins Community cafe in Church on Wednesdays 2.30 - 4.30. Everyone welcome! BRING A FRIEND! Use us as a meeting point! RELAXING! Light refreshments including delicious cake! ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES! Children welcome!

DOG FRIENDLY! Why not come along and try us out! Like to volunteer? Let Julie or Paul Fleming know!

Bible reading plans for Lent - are available today on the literature table. Collect yours if you would like one.

Parish confirmations - Are you interested in being confirmed? Do you want to find out more about it? If so, please speak to your minister and begin the conversation. The diocese have not yet released confirmation dates for 2018 but we can begin to prepare and plan - it's an exciting step!

Gift Aid Co-ordinator - We urgently need a Gift Aid Co-ordinator to work with the four churches to administrate our Gift Aided contributions. This role would probably only be a commitment of around two hours a week and would be great for anyone who is computer literate and enjoys working with figures. Please contact Rev Julie Fleming in the first instance 261602.

Dates for the diary

Lent Series - Teach us to pray - Tuesdays 2 to 3.30pm all are welcome
Week 2 Prayer of Hannah Prayer of Thanksgiving 1 Sam 2 Mead Vale Church
Week 3 Prayer of Jesus Lord's Prayer Matt 6: 9 -15 St Mark's Church
Week 4 Prayer of David Prayer of Confession; Ps 51 Wick St Lawrence
Week 5 Prayer of Gethsemane Prayer of Submission Luke 22:39 - 46 St Martin's

Parish Prayer for Lent – Tuesday 27 February 7.30pm – 8.30pm at Mead Vale Community Centre Please join us as we seek to be faithful to God's command to "persist in prayer"!

Women's Prayer Day - Milton Methodist Church on Friday 2 March, starts at 10.30am and finishes about 1.00pm with refreshments.

Watoto Concert - Thursday 8 March 7.30pm at The Winter Gardens Pavilion. This is a free concert. If you would like tickets would you please contact Liz in the Parish Office.

Quiz Night - Saturday 28 April at St Martin's, more details to follow.