

## Diary for week commencing

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Second Sunday of Easter

8.00am	Said Communion
10.00am	Sung Communion with healing
11.30am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting in church
12.30pm	Church Lunch at the Ebdon Arms

**Monday** 7.00pm 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Meeting  
Followed by Messy Church Meeting

**Tuesday** 2.00pm House Group Social Event

### Wednesday

**Thursday** 10.00am Mid-week Holy Communion  
10.45am Cake and Coffee  
6.15pm Choir Practice  
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

### Friday

### Saturday

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Third Sunday of Easter

8.00am	Said Communion
10.00am	All age Worship
6.00pm	Service of Prayer and Reflection

*Refreshment Rota; Jo Hunt and Carol Savill*

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

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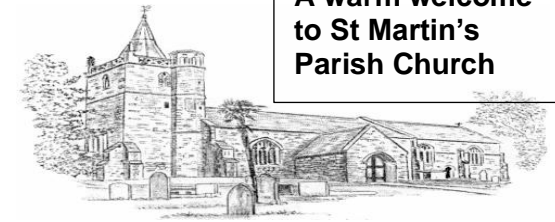
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A warm welcome  
to St Martin's  
Parish Church



### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Second Sunday of Easter

**8.00am Said Communion**

**Readings:** Acts 5.27-32  
John 20.19-end

**10.00am Sung Communion with Healing**

**Readings:** Acts 5.27-32  
*Read by:* Barbara Perkins  
Revelation 1.4-8  
*Read by:* Paul Martin  
John 20.19-end

**Hymns:** See what a morning  
The head that once  
All heaven declares  
This is your God  
The greatest day

**11.30am APCM – Annual Church Meeting**

**12.30pm Parish Lunch at the Ebdon Arms**

*Refreshment Rota;*  
*Margaret Smith and Jan Watkins*



### **Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter**

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**Lord** God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

### **Please pray for...**

Those who are caught up in conflict, war, acts of terrorism and natural disasters, particularly the peoples of Myanmar and Thailand.

All those that are ill, who mourn and who are concerned about their futures.

### **Readings**

#### **Acts 5.27-32**

The apostles have been arrested, then freed from jail by an angel and then re-arrested while preaching in the Temple. In this reading, they then appear before the Sanhedrin, who are clearly worried that the apostles will try and avenge Jesus' death on the cross. Peter tells the court that nothing can stop them from preaching about Jesus and about how God has given repentance and forgiveness to Israel through Him.

#### **Revelation 1.4-8**

The great vision, revealed to John the Divine by an angel begins with this greeting to the seven churches of Asia using a rich variety of Biblical imagery describing God as Alpha and Omega and Jesus as coming with the clouds, as he begins to describe what must 'soon take place'

#### **John 20.19-end**

The disciples gather in a locked room fearful that those who have killed Jesus will now come for them. Then Jesus appears among them, greeting them with the traditional Jewish welcome 'Peace be with you'. Thomas is absent and requires physical proof before he will believe in Jesus returning from the dead. The following week he receives the proof when Jesus returns to be with them again – this time with Thomas – The reading (and perhaps the whole of John's Gospel) reaches its climax with Thomas' declaration of faith with the words "My Lord and my God!".

**Electoral Roll** is now on display on the communication table until the APCM. Please check your details before the meeting starts at 11.30am

### **Church Sunday Lunch**

The next Church Sunday Lunch is today - 27<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm, following the APCM.

The following Church Sunday Lunch will be on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Details to follow.

### **Men's Fellowship**

The next meeting of the Men's Fellowship will be on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Tuesday Church Group** – our next meeting will be a "social" 2pm **29<sup>th</sup> April**.

There is a booklet to accompany the recent Lent Couse. Please help yourself from the communication table. Please see poster and flier for details of House Groups in Church in May, June and July.

**Flower Festival celebrating marriage 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May.** Grace is preparing display boards of weddings at our church and would be grateful of any well labelled copies of wedding photos and certificates. For any other information please speak to Diane Swatton.

**Food Bank.** Reminder there are boxes in Church for any donations, which are urgently required.

**Church Holiday** 22-26 September. There are double/twin rooms available. Please speak to Paul if interested.

**900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning meeting** will be in church on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm. This will be followed by **A Messy Church Meeting**

To celebrate our 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary two new kneelers have been made. If anyone would like to make a donation towards these please speak to Jill or Paul

### **Open Garden at 5A Madam Lane – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 10am -12noon**

Grace will opening her Garden for people to come and enjoy, whilst partaking in coffee and tea and refreshments. The event will be to support **Christian Aid** during Christian Aid Week. So please support this event both in person and through donations.

### **Thank You...**

...to everyone who contributed to Easter through worship and through decorating the church.

... to everyone in advance who will stay and support the APCM and the newly elected PCC and Church Officers

... to all who contributed to the Lent Appeal through the Bucket Collections and the Lent Lunches. Together we raised £689.55 including Gift Aid for the local charity *Somewhere to Go*

...and from Jon *Thank you, for the warm welcome back and to everyone who did so much in my absence.*