

## Diary for week commencing

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Said Communion  
 10.00am Sung Communion  
 2.00pm-4.00pm Church Open for Flower Festival  
 4.30pm Service of Celebration of love and marriage  
 to conclude the Flower Festival

### Monday

**Tuesday** 2.00pm House Group –Fruits of the Spirit Session 2

**Wednesday** 7.00pm PCC Meeting

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

### Friday

### Saturday

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Said Communion  
 10.00am Sung Communion with Healing  
 12.00noon Baptism of Freddie  
 12.00noon Church Sunday Lunch at Ebdon Arms

*Refreshment Rota; Margaret Smith and Jan Watkins*



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

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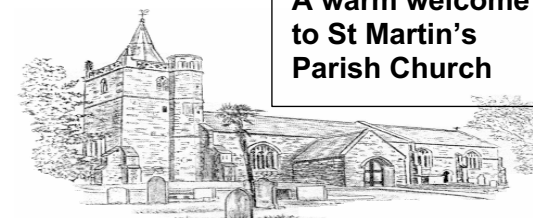
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A warm welcome  
 to St Martin's  
 Parish Church



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**8.00am Said Communion**

**Readings: Acts 11.1-18**  
**John 13.31-35**

**10.00am Sung Communion**

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 Read by: Jo Hunt  
**Revelation 21.1-6**  
 Read by: Diane Swatton  
**John 13.31-35**

**Hymns: Gifts of the Spirit**  
**A New Commandment**  
**There's a wideness in God's Mercy**  
**Abba, Father**  
**We are Marching**

*Refreshment Rota; Jo Hunt and Joy Kenward*

**2.00pm-4.00pm**  
**Church Open for Flower Festival**

**4.30pm Songs of Praise Service to**  
**conclude Flower Festival**

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

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the  
life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

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

Those who are caught up in conflict, war, acts of terrorism and natural  
disasters.

For the work of Christian Aid

For the new Pope – Cardinal Robert Prevost to be known as Leo xiv –  
and we pray for discernment within the Church of England, for the  
selection of a new Archbishop of Canterbury.

For the new PCC

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

### **Readings**

#### **Acts 11.1-18**

Peter returns to Jerusalem after his visit to Cornelius. He is in trouble  
with the Jewish Christians for eating with non-Jews, as this makes him  
ritually unclean. Peter recounts the story of his dream and the way the  
Spirit came to people in Cornelius's house, just as it did to the apostles  
at Pentecost. God clearly intends the message to be everyone.

#### **Revelation 21.1-6**

All evil has been destroyed and the sea, traditionally seen as a  
devouring monster, is no more. A new heaven and a new earth are  
created. Jerusalem, the holy city, is transformed and made new. God  
makes his home among human beings; death, mourning and pain are  
no more. God is making all things new.

#### **John 13.31-35**

This passage follows the washing of the disciples' feet and the  
departure of Judas. Jesus' Passion and glorification has been  
anticipated in the foot-washing. He now tells the disciples that he will be  
with them for only a short while more. Jesus leaves the followers one  
command: to love one another.

### **Church Sunday Lunch**

The next Church Sunday Lunch will be on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 12pm. This will be  
at the Ebdon Arms. Please see sign up sheet for more details.

### **Men's Fellowship**

The next meeting of the Men's Fellowship will be on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

**Tuesday Church Group** – The Second Session of the Fruits of the Spirit  
commences is on Tuesday **20<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm**. Please see poster and flier for  
details of House Groups in Church in May, June and July.

**Parish Trip Away Day to Gloucester Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – We are planning a  
day trip away to Gloucester. The cost will be £30 and includes the Coach Journey  
and an exclusive Tour of the Cathedral. Please see poster for details and the sign  
up list if you would like to join us for the trip. Do please feel free to bring  
family/friends/guests!

**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> Meeting Followed by Messy Church Meeting – 7pm 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

The next 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7pm. This  
meeting will be followed by a Messy Church Meeting.

900<sup>th</sup> events in June are:

8<sup>th</sup> June Pentecost Birthday Party 3pm-5pm with cutting of cake at 4pm

21<sup>st</sup> June Echoes through Time, a concert given by Richard Lennox. Tickets are  
£10 and are available in church

The next Messy Church event is Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June at St Martin's School.

### **8<sup>th</sup> June Pentecost Birthday Party 3pm-5pm**

This will be a Strawberries and Cream afternoon Tea with Pimms. The Church's  
Birthday Cake will be cut at 4pm. Please sign up on the list on the  
Communications Table if you would like to come. The event is free, with  
donations gratefully received.

### **Ascension Day – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

On Ascension Day we will be having the following services

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am *Breakfast in Church*

10.00am Holy Communion for Ascension Day

Please sign the list on the Communication Table if you would like to pre-order a  
Breakfast Bap!

### **Echoes Through Time: A Midsummer Concert by Richard Lennox**

On **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 3pm** Richard will be performing a variety of music on  
piano and organ to celebrate 900 years of music in our church. Tickets are on  
sale from today, £10 to include tea and cake. See posters and fliers for more  
information.