

Diary for week commencing 4th October 2026
Harvest Festival

8.00am Said Communion
 10.00am All Age Service
 12.00noon Harvest Bring and Share Lunch in
 Worle Village School
 6.00pm Service of Prayer and Reflection

Monday 11.00am Mission Giving Group
Tuesday 2.00pm House Group in Church –
 St Paul's Letter to Romans Session 4
Looking at Chapters 13-16
Wednesday 2.50pm *Meet at St Martin's School for Messy Church*
starting after school
Thursday 10.00am Mid-week Holy Communion
 10.45am Community Cake and Coffee Morning
 6.15pm Choir Practice
 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice
Friday 1.30pm The Funeral Service of Neil Adams RIP
 In St Martin's Church followed by:
 2.30pm Service at Worle Crematorium followed by
 refreshments at the Woolpack Inn
Saturday 10.00am Women's Fellowship Breakfast in Church
 2.00pm Memorial Service

Sunday 11th October Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Communion
 10.00am Sung Communion

Refreshment Rota; Carol Savill and Jo Hunt

12.00noon Baptism of the West Family



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**A warm welcome
 to St Martin's
 Parish Church**

Sunday 4th October 2026
Harvest Festival
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Communion
Readings: Deuteronomy 8.7-14a
 Luke 12.16-30

10.00am All Age Service
Readings: Deuteronomy 8.7-14a
 Luke 12.16-21

Hymns: Come ye Thankful People Come
 For the Fruits of His Creation
 Cauliflowers Fluffy

Choir only: For the Beauty of the Earth
Food gifts presented and collection
taken while choir sing

We Plough the Fields and Scatter
Now Thank we all Our God

Refreshment Rota: Hazel and Keith Stenner

12.00noon Bring and Share Lunch in
 Worle Village School

6.00pm Service of Prayer and Reflection

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

Collect for Harvest

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Post Communion Prayer for Harvest

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Collect for Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer for Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. Amen

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Please pray for...

For Harvests in all places of the world.

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, natural disasters and those recovering from the aftermath of flash flooding on the Tibet/Nepal border

For the work of Hope Christian Trust and Weston Foodbank, and for the communities in Zambia linked to the Diocese and for Sergio and the work of Compassion UK and Christian Aid

For all people who are persecuted for their faith, gender and sexuality

All who are ill, and mourn

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Readings

Deuteronomy 8.7-14

This passage serves as both a beautiful description of the Promised Land and a stern warning against the spiritual dangers of material prosperity.

Luke 12.16-30

Jesus tells the parable of a rich farmer who following a bountiful harvest decides to tear down his barns to build bigger ones so he can hoard his surplus for his own gain. That night the Lord takes the life of the farmer showing that true security and fulfilment comes from trusting God rather than accumulating material wealth for one's own gain without thought for other

Parish Sunday Lunch - The next Parish Sunday Lunch will be on **Sunday 25th October** at the Woolpack Farm Shop, please sign up by Sunday 18th October.

Women's Fellowship

The next Woman's Fellowship will be on **Saturday 10th October** at **10am** with a breakfast in church. Please see Communications Table for more details.

Men's and Women's Fellowship Joint Meeting - Thursday 22nd October

This will be a Skittles Evening at the Lamb at 7.30pm. **Please note change of date**

House Group in Church – 2pm Tuesday 6th October

The next House Group in Church will be at 2pm on 6th October at 2pm when we will be concluding our study of Paul's letter to the Romans with chapters 13-16.

Food Bank

There are boxes in Church for any donations for Weston Foodbank. The following have been requested: Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Meat, Cereal, Micro Rice, Savoury Biscuits. Please give as generously as you are able to.

Church Holiday - Monday 24th May – Friday 28th May

North Devon's Scenic Sights, The Imperial Hotel, Barnstaple

There are still some spaces available. Please see Paul for more details.

Community Film Night – Saturday 31st October

Our next Community Film Night will on Saturday 31st October when we will be watching **Sully** starring Tom Hanks. Doors open at 5.15pm for a 5.45pm screening.

Safeguarding Training – Saturday 17th October

There will be Foundation Safeguarding Training on **Saturday 17th October at 9.30am** in church for all PCC members and any other members of the congregation who would like to attend.

Streaming of Celebration of ECO Church in Church – Saturday 17th October

At **2.00pm** on **Saturday 17th October**, we will be streaming a service of Celebration for the 10th Anniversary of the Eco Church movement in the South West. Come and learn more and be inspired about what we can do to become an ECO Church at St Martins.

Church Yard Tidy Up – Saturday 24th October, 9.30am-1.00pm

We will be having a Church Yard Tidy Up on Saturday 24th October, 9.30am-1.00pm. Please sign the list on the Communications Table if you are able to attend.

Refreshments will be provided.

We are having a Church Yard Tidy Up **Harvest Parish Magazine**.

The Harvest Parish Magazine is available in church. **Please take two magazines with you, one for yourself and one to pass onto a neighbour or friend.** This is part of our spirit of invitation and Mission at St Martin's. Thank You.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who organised and ran the MacMillan Coffee Morning in Church and to all those who attended and contributed. Between us all we raised **£224.75**

Bereavement Service – Remembering those we love but see no longer – 6pm Sunday 1st November 2026

We will be holding a special service at 6pm on Sunday 1st November of readings and prayers and hymns remembering those we love who have died. If you wish to have someone remembered and prayed for by name then please sign the list on the Communication Table.

