

**St Martin's  
Low Marple**

# Notices and Prayers - August 2023

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## Services

### **Sunday 6th *The Transfiguration***

10 am - Parish Mass

6:30 pm - Choral Evensong

### **Sunday 13th**

10 am - Parish Mass

5:30 pm - Zoom Evening Prayer

### **Sunday 20th**

10 am - Parish Mass

5:30 pm - Zoom Evening Prayer

### **Sunday 27th**

8 am - Holy Communion

10 am - Parish Mass

5:30 pm - Zoom Evening Prayer

### ***Every Thursday and Friday:***

*Morning Prayer at 9:30 am,*

*at St Thomas', High Lane*

*All Welcome*

## Dates for your diary

### **August**

Saturday 5th - Heritage Trust trip to Middleton

Sunday 6th - Bishop Sam with us at the parish mass

Sunday 6th - Fairtrade stall after the parish mass

Saturday 12th - Monthly walk (meet at 11 am at All Saints'

Church - talk to Sylvia for more information)

Saturday 19th - Churchyard tidyup, 10 am - 12 noon

- *No Mothers Union meeting this month*

- *Board games and coffee mornings are taking a break until the school term starts again—back on 6th September!*

### **September**

Wednesday 13th - brass cleaning morning, 10 am

## Notices

After the recent Big Church Clean, we're reforming the brass cleaning team (first meeting on 13th September). The next Big Clean will probably be on 28th October - please keep the date free if you'd like to help!

Timothy will be on annual leave from 14th-24th August.

(For anything urgent, please contact Rev'd Ashleigh, or one of the wardens, during this time.)

## A space for notes

## Let us give thanks

For Mary's song:  
'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit  
rejoices in God my saviour.'

*(Luke 1.46)*

## Prayer list

In our prayers please remember the sick who  
have asked for our prayers:

Ruby	Michael
Andrew	Kathleen & Arthur
David	Clare
Gary	Steph
Freddie & Jasmine	Hillary
Madeleine	Gordon
Peter	
Jude	
Roger	

## Please pray:

For Charlotte and Bill, who will be  
married at St Martin's this month.

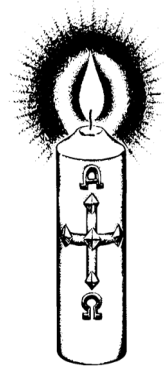
For James, coming for baptism this  
month.

For the family and friends of Cae  
Powell, as her ashes are interred in  
the churchyard.

For the new Diocesan Vision plan, and for how we  
might be able, here at St Martin's, to be '*Together in  
Christ, Sharing Hope*'.

For the new Director of Ordinands, soon to be  
announced, as they prepare for their new role, and  
for the current members of the ministry team at  
Church House.

For teachers, staff, and students of the schools in the  
parish, as they enjoy a well-earned break and  
prepare for the new school year.



## St Martin's

At a recent PCC meeting, we asked ourselves the  
question:

'What does it mean to be St Martin's?'

It's a question that can be answered in so many  
ways. And one that can be answered from  
looking back, to where we have come from, or  
forwards, to what we hope to become.

It's also a question that Timothy would love to  
hear *everyone's* thoughts on. Please do think and  
pray about it, and let him know what you come  
up with!

Some prompts that might help your thinking:

*What do we do well here? What do our services  
and other activities show our priorities to be?*

*What things are we not so good at, right now?*

## The Sabbath

Hard work is a wonderful thing. But we live in a  
society that seems to only ever being urging  
people to work harder, and faster, and longer.

It can be a useful practise to intentionally  
remember that the Sabbath is literally a  
commandment. Resting isn't something we  
should do when we can fit it in, but should be  
one of our priorities.

In this month that brings the school summer  
break, and holidays for many, why not spend  
some time reflecting on how you rest and relax?  
Do you do it often enough? Does it refresh you?  
Does it bring you closer to God?

'Come to me, all who labour and are heavy  
laden, and I will give you rest' *Matthew 11.28*