

**St Martin's
Low Marple**

Notices and Prayers - July 2023

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Services

Sunday 2nd

10 am - Parish Mass *with*

Junior Church

6:30 pm - Choral Evensong

Sunday 9th

10 am - Parish Mass *with*

Junior Church

5:30 pm—Zoom Evening Prayer

Sunday 16th

10 am - Family Mass

5:30 pm - Zoom Evening Prayer

Sunday 23rd

10 am - Parish Mass

5:30 pm - Zoom Evening Prayer

Sunday 30th

8 am - Holy Communion

10 am - Parish Mass

with prayers for healing

5:30 pm - Zoom Evening Prayer

Every Thursday and Friday:

Morning Prayer at 9:30 am,

at St Thomas', High Lane

Dates for your diary

July

Sunday 2nd - Fairtrade stall after the parish mass

Wednesday 5th - Board games & coffee, 10-12 noon, in the hall

Wednesday 12th - Board games & coffee, 10-12 noon, in the hall

Saturday 15th - Churchyard tidyup, 10 am - 12 noon

Wednesday 19th - Board games & coffee, 10-12 noon, in the hall

Wednesday 19th - Mothers Union meeting, 2 pm, in the hall

Wednesday 26th - Board games & coffee, 10-12 noon, in the hall

Sunday 30th - Crafternoon, 2-4 pm, in the hall

August

Saturday 5th - Heritage Trust trip to Middleton

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

Notices

Following the Big Church Clean on 27th May, we're hoping to reinstate a brass cleaning team. If you'd be interested in helping clean the brass in church periodically, please talk to Peter Hodkinson.

Sponsored events! There's a form at the back of church for Barbara Hodkinson & Timothy's abseil down Liverpool Cathedral at the end of the month, in aid of the NW Air Ambulance. Also, from next week there will be a form for Anne McCulloch's walk of St. Edmund's Way, in aid of Stockport Without Abuse.

The Heritage Trust are running a trip to Middleton to see the Edgar Wood architecture there, on Saturday 5th August. Cost £18. More information from Ann Sayer (richeldis24@gmail.com)

A space for notes

Let us give thanks

Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.'

(Matthew 11.28)

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	

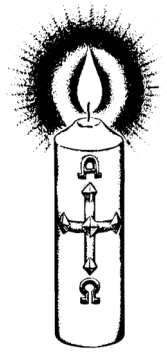
Please pray:

For Anna and Gary, whose wedding was blessed in church, and for Arlo, who was baptised, last month. For Charlotte and Bill, as their wedding day approaches.

For the family and friends of Cae Powell, grieving her death.

For the new Diocesan Vision plan, approved by Diocesan Synod recently, as it continues to take shape, and for the likely Diocesan tag line: *Together in Christ, Sharing Hope.*

For General Synod as it meets this month, and particularly for the discussions about the proposed blessing prayers for same-sex couples, and for the numerous questions about safeguarding that have arisen since the independent safeguarding board was disbanded recently, in the search for a new direction to independent oversight of our safeguarding processes.



Healing

It was decided at a recent PCC meeting to introduce prayers for healing at some parish masses. At present, these services will be on 5th Sundays of the month. The parish mass will be as usual, except that when you return from the altar after receiving Communion, there will also be the opportunity, if you wish, to go for prayer with laying on of hands and anointing.

More information soon!

'Healing does not mean reversing. Healing does not mean that what happened will never again cause us to hurt. It does not mean we will never miss those who have been lost to us or that which was taken from us. Healing means that our dignity is restored and we are able to move forward in our lives.'

Desmond Tutu

Altar Party, and Offertory Procession

Part of the richness of the catholic tradition is the beauty of the liturgy, and all that goes on during the parish mass. Since covid, we've had a reduced number of people available to carry candles, swing incense, read the readings and lead intercessions. To be able to continue with the fullness of our services each week, we really do need a few more people. If any of those roles feel like something you would be able to do, please talk to someone who does them already, or Timothy or Ashleigh, to find out more.

Also, at a recent PCC meeting, we also decided to start having the bread and wine brought up to the altar after the peace during parish masses - a symbolic action of bringing to God that which has come from God, in prayer and thanksgiving for all that God gives to us.