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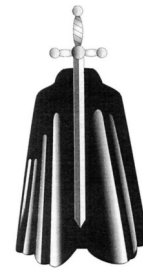
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A space for notes



**St Martin's
Low Marple**

Notices and Prayers for St Martin's and St Paul's

February 2024



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St Paul's *coming soon!*

Let us give thanks

There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

(Luke 15.7b)

Prayer list

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

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

Please pray:

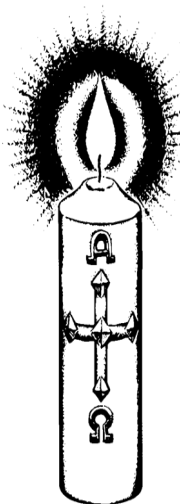
For Rosie and Lucca, coming for baptism.

For June P, David T, Jean P, Dorothy S, and Margaret A, recently departed.

For all places, across the world, in conflict and at war.

For us here at St Martin's and at St Paul's, as we begin the journey through Lent this year.

For Church House, as new members of diocesan staff settle into their roles and become part of the team that supports us and other churches across the diocese.



Notices

There's going to be another joint St Martin's and St Paul's social event, this time with a Welsh theme. It's going to be on Saturday 2nd March, from 2-6 pm, in St Martin's parish hall. There will be dancing, games and a quiz, and Welsh-themed refreshments. Fun for everyone!

Our Lent group this year will be discussing BRF's 2024 Lent book, *Loving My Neighbour: A Lenten Journey*. Take a book, and sign up to say you're interested, if you'd like to take part.

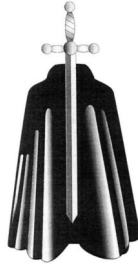
A new prayer group is starting, to bring people together each month to pray for the needs of the church, our communities, and the world. If you'd like to find out more, please talk to Rev'd Ashleigh or Fr Timothy.

The faculty has now been granted for the Annunciation window work, so look out for that happening in the coming weeks.

Don't forget, we now have tea, bacon sandwiches and toast *before* the family services on 3rd Sunday of the month, from 10:15 am, as well as coffee after 11:15 am service. Come and enjoy! (And, if you might be able to join the rota for cooking the bacon, please let Timothy know.)

There are the beginnings of plans for a parish BBQ, and a parish away day, when the weather gets warmer. If you'd like to be part of either or both, please let Fr Timothy know.

February services at



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Sunday 4th

11:15 am - Parish Mass + *junior church*

6:30 pm - Choral Evensong

Sunday 11th

11:15 am - Parish Mass + *junior church*

Wednesday 14th

7 pm - Ash Wednesday Communion + Imposition of Ashes

Sunday 18th

11:15 am - Family Mass (+ tea, toast & bacon butties from 10:15)

Sunday 25th

8 am - Holy Communion

11:15 am - Parish Mass

Sunday Evenings at 5:30 pm—zoom evening prayer

Every Thursday and Friday: Morning Prayer

February services at



Sunday 4th

9:30 am - Holy Communion

Sunday 11th

9:30 am - Holy Communion

Wednesday 14th

Ash Wednesday service - *joint with St Martin's, at St Martin's*

Sunday 18th

9:30 am - Holy Communion,

with Bishop Sam presiding and preaching

Sunday 25th

9:30 am - Holy Communion

ask Timothy for the zoom link (not 4th February)

at 9:30 am, at St Thomas', High Lane. All Welcome!

Dates for your diary

February

Friday 2nd - Knit and Natter at St Paul's, 10:30-12, *in church*.

Sunday 4th - Fairtrade stall at St Martin's after the parish mass

Wednesday 7th - Board game and coffee morning, 10 am - 12 noon, *hall*

Friday 9th - Knit and Natter at St Paul's, 10:30-12, *in church*.

Saturday 10th - Monthly walk, 9:30 am at All Saints', talk to Sylvia for more

Wednesday 14th - Ash Wednesday, service at 7pm at St Martin's

-- half term break no coffee morning on 14th or knit and natter on 16th --

Sunday 18th - Bacon & toast before the family mass, 10:15 am, *hall*.

Wednesday 21st - Board game and coffee morning, 10 am - 12 noon, *hall*

Wednesday 21st - Mothers Union meeting, 2pm, *hall*. All welcome!

Friday 23rd - Knit and Natter at St Paul's, 10:30-12, *in church*.

Monday 26th - Deanery Synod, 7:15pm, St Thomas High Lane. All welcome!

Wednesday 28th - Board game and coffee morning, 10 am - 12 noon, *hall*

March

Saturday 2nd - Welsh-themed social event, in the hall, 2-6 pm.

Saturday 16th - First churchyard clear up of the year

Saturday 23rd—Prayer stations for Holy Week (*more details soon*)

April

Please note, instead of Choral Evensong on 7th April as usual, this will instead be on Monday 8th April as we celebrate the Annunciation.

Diocesan Vision

The Diocesan Vision process, which saw the *Vision Café* visit St Martin's, has now entered the next stage - the implementation of the new vision, which is:

Together in Christ, Sharing Hope

As some of the new vision material produced says, "Together in Christ, sharing hope summarises both an aspiration of who we are, what we are doing and what we aim to be as we look to the future, fulfilling our commission to be disciples and make disciples of Christ.

Underneath the title of our story there are four themes, like chapters of a book, which overlap and underpin our vision statement.

These are:

- Growing braver, fuller faith
- Blessing 1.5 million lives, one life at a time
- Transformative loving service (in practice)
- Engaged locally, working together in loving generosity

As we continue to develop our future story and themes, we need to continue to listen together and to God as we work out how we can all inhabit this story."

The new vision will be something that shapes our going forward, as a parish and a diocese. What better time than Lent, as we focus afresh on Christ's passion, to begin reflecting on this, too?