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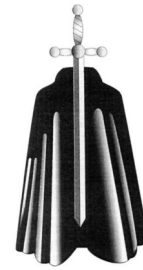
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A space for notes



**St Martin's
Low Marple**

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

January 2024



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St Paul's *coming soon!*

Let us give thanks

A voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased.'
(Matthew 3.17)

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	Elaine
Freddie & Jasmine	Kathleen & Arthur	Jean
Madeleine	Clare	June

Please pray:

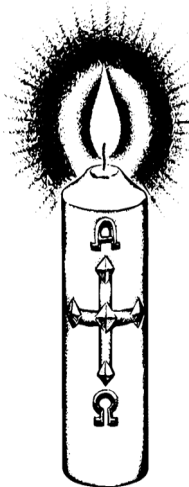
For Rosie and Theodore, coming for baptism.

For Sarah and Jack, preparing to get married.

For our link dioceses - Aru Boga and Melanesia.

For all who are discerning God's call on their lives,
and especially for the interviews this month for the
position of Archdeacon of Macclesfield.

For the whole Christian Church, especially during
the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th—25th
January).



Notices

On 6th January, from 2-6 pm,
St Martins and St Paul's are
having our joint Epiphany
Social event, in St Martin's
parish hall. There will be
dancing, a bring and share
afternoon tea, games, & a
quiz. Fun for everyone!

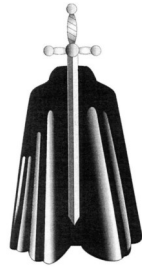


After the success of the Advent book group, with mixed groups
from St Martin's and St Paul's, we're going to have more(!) As
well as the usual Advent and Lent groups, there's going to be a
new monthly session to get together and talk about life, faith,
and the universe(!) For more information or to express interest
in coming along, please contact Rev'd Ashleigh.

A new 'Knit and Natter' group is starting on Friday 12th January,
from 10:30 am - 12 noon each week, in St Paul's church (term
time only). If you like knitting, nattering, or both, please do
come along!

From this month, as well as coffee after the 11:15 am services
there will also be tea and bacon sandwiches *before* the family
services on 3rd Sunday of the month. Come and enjoy! (And, if
you might be able to join the rota for cooking the bacon, please
let Timothy know.)

January services at



**St Martin's
Low Marple**

Sunday 7th *The Epiphany*

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

6:30 pm - Choral Evensong

Sunday 14th

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

Sunday 21st

11:15 am - Family Mass (+ tea and bacon sandwiches from 10:15)

Sunday 28th *Candlemas*

8 am - Holy Communion

11:15 am - Parish Mass

Sunday Evenings at 5:30 pm—zoom evening prayer

Every Thursday and Friday: Morning Prayer

January services at



Sunday 7th *The Epiphany*

9:30 am - Holy Communion

Sunday 14th

9:30 am- Holy Communion

Sunday 21st *Patronal Festival*

9:30 am - Holy Communion,

with Bishop Sam presiding and preaching

Sunday 28th *Candlemas*

9:30 am - Holy Communion

ask Timothy for the zoom link (not 7th January)

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



Dates for your diary

January

Saturday 6th - Joint 'Twelfth Night Revels' social event - barn dance, games and bring & share, 2-6 pm, in St Martin's hall.

Sunday 7th - Fairtrade stall at St Martin's after the parish mass

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

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

Saturday 13th - Monthly walk, 9:30 am at All Saints', talk to Sylvia for more

Sunday 14th - Crafternoon, at St Martin's, 2-4 pm, (for children aged ~4-11)

Wednesday 17th - Board game and coffee morning, 10 am - 12 noon, *hall*

Wednesday 17th - Mothers Union meeting - *AGM, with communion*, 2pm

Friday 19th - Knit and Natter at St Paul's, 10:30-12, *in church*.

Sunday 21st - Bacon sandwiches before the family mass at St Martin's, *hall*.

Wednesday 24th - Board game and coffee morning, 10 am - 12 noon, *hall*

Friday 26th - Knit and Natter at St Paul's, 10:30-12, *in church*.

Wednesday 31st - Board game and coffee morning, 10 am - 12 noon, *hall*

The *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* runs from 18th-25th January each year.

February

Wednesday 14th - Ash Wednesday

Epiphany Chalk

There is an ancient Christian tradition for families to mark an inscription above their front doors (or, if need be, at the top of their front doors or on the door frame or doorstep) with chalk at Epiphany, to commemorate the visit of the Magi to the new born Jesus, and to ask for God's blessing on their house in the coming year. It's also a reminder, each time you see it, to be a blessing to all those you meet.

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The initials C, M, and B commemorate the Magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, but also stand for the Latin prayer-request *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*: "May Christ bless this house."

If you would like to join in this tradition, sticks of chalk will be blessed at the parish mass as we celebrate the Epiphany, on 7th January. Please take one to use at home.

You may like to use these words as you write the inscription above:

"The three Wise Men: Caspar (C); Melchior (M); and Balthasar (B), followed the star (*) of God's Son who became human two thousand (20) and twenty four (24) years ago. May Christ (+ + +) bless our home and remain with us through the new year. Amen."