

## St Martin-in-Herne with St Peter's Greenhill

*Our mission is to share God's love and to grow as God's people*

# Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023

### TODAY:

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*All Services are at  
Herne St Martin's, unless  
otherwise stated*

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

**10.00 am Morning  
Worship at St Peter's  
Greenhill**

**5.00 pm Ascension  
Evensong**

### COLLECT

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with  
power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by  
sin may find forgiveness and  
know your peace,  
to the glory  
of God the Father.

Amen.

### CONTACTS

**CLERGY:** Vacancy

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**Website:** <https://www.st-martin-in-herne.com>

**Find us on Facebook:** St Martins in Herne *and* St Peter's Church Greenhill

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR** those who are unwell including:

Tim, Grace, Josh & his sister Grace, Lillian, Darren, Samuel, Mary, Lucy, Heidi, Wrennie, Jean, June, Jenny, Yvonne, James, Frank, Jim, Bruno and Beatrice, Barry, and their families.

*We commit to God's eternal love those who have died, including Ruth Burrough, and pray for their families and others who mourn.*

**Note:** *If you would like us to pray for anyone or have asked for prayers for someone and their names may now be removed from the list, please tell Deborah Waller. Thank you.*

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## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Our website –**

<https://www.st-martin-in-herne.com> and our Herne St Martin's and Greenhill St Peter's FaceBook pages are also good sources of information

Chris Exley will be presenting 'This Little Life Of Mine' in St.Martins Hall, Saturday 10th June from 7.30pm. Tickets £5.00 (pay on entry); all money raised is for church funds. More information to follow.

<b>THIS WEEK</b>	
<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	10.00 am Tuesday Toddlers @ Herne Church Hall
	10.00 am Community Café @ Greenhill St Peter's
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.00 pm Learners Bell Ringing practice
	8.00 pm Bell Ringing practice
<b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.00 pm Choir Practice
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.30 am Little Fishes @ Greenhill St Peter's
	11.00 am Funeral of Ruth Burrough

## Readings for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 1.6-14

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” <sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of <sup>[a]</sup> James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### **Gospel Reading:** John 17.1-11

**17** After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, <sup>[a]</sup> to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Following Revd Carol's retirement and during the Vacancy, please refer any pastoral needs to the Churchwardens who will liaise with Deborah Waller and your church Pastoral Team.

*The church website also remains a good source of information:*

<https://www.st-martin-in-herne.com>

*Thank you.*

## **NEXT WEEK:**

**28<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

### **Pentecost**

*All Services are at  
Herne St Martin's, unless otherwise stated*

**8.00 am Morning Prayer**

**10.00 am Holy Communion**

## **NOTICES for this sheet ...**

*..... if you have any items that you would like included in this notice sheet please e-mail Charlotte Hampson: [charlotte.stmartins.vestry@gmail.com](mailto:charlotte.stmartins.vestry@gmail.com) by Tuesday evening at the latest.*

Thank you.

**GIVING:** Herne with Greenhill benefice only continues to serve thanks to the generosity of its members and others who give in response to God's gifts to them. **IN-CHURCH COLLECTIONS NOW INCLUDE THE OPTION TO GIVE BY CARD.** Our church finances are still worrying as our monthly income is not meeting our monthly outgoings; therefore, any donations will be greatly appreciated. **OUR WEBSITE ALSO PROVIDES AN ONLINE DONATION FACILITY, WHICH WE ENCOURAGE.** **NB: Cheques may be made payable to "PCC St Martin's Herne General Account".** If you are a taxpayer, we ask you to consider using a Gift Aid envelope (*available on request*) as this will increase your gift to us by 25p per £1 given.

**IF YOU NORMALLY GIVE INTO THE OFFERTORY (cash or weekly envelope), St Martin's/St Peter's have now registered with the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) which is by way of direct debit. In order to reduce our administrative burden, it would really be appreciated if you would consider changing to this method of giving. This would help us greatly, to help our financial recovery and to keep your church running. If you would like to know how to do this, please contact our Treasurer, Sheila Gough (01227 373879) who can provide you with the necessary paperwork. It is also still possible to give by Standing Order, if you prefer.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH, WHATEVER FORM IT TAKES.**