

Readings for this Morning> (New Living Translation)

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

2 He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.

3 He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honour to his name.

4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

5 You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honour me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading: (John 14:1-8; & 27)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me.

2 There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

3 When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

4 And you know the way to where I am going.”

5 “No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

6 Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

7 If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!”

8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

27 “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

All: Praise to you O Christ

St Martins Parish Church Weekly Notices

4th November 2018 23rd Sunday after Trinity

Website: www.stmartinsparish.co.uk

Today's Service:

09.30 am Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance with Communion.

11.00 am Service at St John's

Our Purpose Statement

To build God's Community in this village,

By loving God as we serve each other and follow Christ together.



This Week's Events & Services:

- ❖ Bible Study Groups take place each week in different homes. If interested please ask.
- ❖ Tuesday –Coffee Morning in the Chapter House
- ❖ Thursday –Mid-week Communion service.

Next Sunday 11th November 2018

Remembrance Sunday

10.45 am Village War Memorial
Followed by Service with Communion at
St Martins Parish Church.

Rotas for Sunday 11th November 2018

Readers Rota: Remembrance Sunday

Sides persons Rota: Joyce Jones & Di Roberts

Coffee Rota: Barbara & Elizabeth

Welcome:

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone who has come along to worship with us at our Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving this morning. Please do stay for refreshments afterwards in the Chapter House if you can. You will be most welcome.



Collect

Merciful Father,
Hear our prayers and comfort us;
Renew our trust in your Son,
Whom you raised from the dead;
Strengthen our faith that all who
Have died in the love of Christ
Will share in his resurrection;
Who lives and reigns with you,
Now and for ever.
Amen.

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Please Pray For:



- All those people who God has laid on our hearts who are lonely frightened and feel un-loved and all those members of our congregation who are not well at the moment and all those known to us who are recently bereaved.
- All victims of violent atrocities throughout the world.
- All those affected by the ongoing civil war in Yemen.
- Jane Webber, the SCWP Worker and the Week of Prayer.

Sunday Afternoon Social Club:



The next Sunday Social Club gathering will take place *today*, **Sunday 4th November** at St Martins Centre at 3.30pm. We look forward to your company to share in afternoon tea and a friendly chat. Please do continue to pray for this Community Outreach by members of our church. Your ongoing prayers are very much appreciated. Thank you.

Remembrance Sunday:



This year's Remembrance Sunday Services will be held on **Sunday 11th November** when the nation remembers and honours those who have sacrificed themselves to secure our freedom. There will be a short Service at the Village War Memorial at 10.45 am, followed by a Remembrance Service with Communion here at St Martins Parish Church.

Prayers for the Suffering Church:



You are warmly invited to join to pray for the suffering Church if you are free. The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 13th November** at 7:15 for 7:30 for one hour at the home of Petra McMahon, 9 Cabin Lane, Oswestry. Current information from various sources will be available to guide our prayers.

A Church Outing to Birmingham:



A Church Outing has been arranged to visit Birmingham Cathedral and the German Christmas Market on **Saturday 17th November**. The coach will be leaving St Martins at 8.30 am and the cost will be £18.00. Please add your name to the list if you are interested. Names and payment by **4th November** please.



Ifton Colliery Commemorative Project – Service of Commemoration:



To commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the cessation of coal production at Ifton Colliery there is to be a Service on **Saturday 24th November** at 11:00am. This will be followed by a march down Green Lane led by Ifton Colliery Band, to the unveiling of the statue by Mr Hefin Looker & our own Mr Terry Ellis at approx.12:15pm. Hot drinks and soup will be available following the unveiling in the Miners Institute. Entertainment will include a story by Helen East, a play by Moreton Hall School and singing by St Martins School Choir. At 8.00 pm there will be a free concert given by Dyffryn Ceriog Male Voice Choir.

Craft and Coffee Morning:



We are holding a Christmas *Craft & Coffee Morning* on **Saturday 1st December** between 10 am – 12 noon in the Chapter House. There will be a cake stall, handicrafts, preserves, decorated cupcake plates, cards and many more besides. We would very much appreciate some volunteers for catering duties, and also any donations of cakes, etc. for the cake stall. Admission £2.00 to include refreshments. All proceeds to Church Funds.



Bag-Packing at Stans Superstore:



Advance notice - that St Martins Parish Church will once again be bag-packing at Stan's Superstore this Christmas. It will take place on **Saturday 15th December**.

As this is one of our main fund-raising events of the year, we really would appreciate your help again this year, even if you can only manage an hour or two of your time. Please could you add your name to the list provided if you are able to help. Many thanks



**Prince of Peace, to those who are frightened, bring reassurance;
To those who are lost, bring hope; to those with no shelter, be a home and a resting place. Help us to welcome the stranger and to recognise Christ in each other, that peace will flow out into our broken world and that love will bring healing. Amen**

Gift Aid:



Gift Aid: giving extra without giving more - Our church has recently received over £5,000 in reclaimed tax via the Gift Aid scheme for the last tax year. Thank you to all of our tax-paying givers who made this possible! If you give regularly, and you pay any tax (e.g. income tax, capital gains tax, dividends tax, building society taxed interest, etc.) then please do consider signing-up for Gift Aid if you haven't already done so. See John Keighley for more information and a simple form to sign. Thank you.

Remembering

Today, we remember your loved ones with pride;

Who over the years were there by your side.

For their love of life and the way they shared.

For the work they did, and the way they cared.

For their loving ways and gentle touch,

For all their achievements, you miss them so much.

So, as you remember them for the special times you had,

Do not let your hearts be sad.

But trust that your loved one is with God above,

Because he takes care of them with compassion and love.

So remember, do not try to cope on your own,

But share everything with God and you will never feel alone.

You will then feel so much better,

God will wipe away your tears,

Giving you peace of mind, as he takes away your fears.

Joyce Sands