



Please remember in your prayers.....

- Vicky Crane and her family, as they prepare for John's funeral.
- Pam Morris, and also for David and all her family.
- Jay and Leonie married at St John's yesterday.

- All in prison and their families.
- All in hospital, care homes or housebound.
- The lonely, unloved and homeless, especially with these cold dark days.
- Dementia sufferers and their loved ones and carers.
- All suffering with a serious condition. Those who have recently had an operation and all in ongoing treatments.
- The NHS and all who work within it.
- The concerns about the new variant of Covid.
- The foodbanks across the country, especially in St Martins and in Oswestry.
- The work of the Samaritans, Salvation Army, British Red Cross and others as their busy times approach, with desperate people needing their help.

Also, this week, pray for.....

- All who lead us, and their preparations for Advent and Christmas.
- Our personal preparations for Advent.
- Everyone who is organising Christmas events for the benefit and pleasure of others.
- The safety of our children in the lead up to Christmas.
- All who have felt the effects of the recent storms.

Especially this week, please pray for all who lost their lives attempting to cross the channel to come to safety.

Pray for a change of heart in the greedy people who take money without a care for human life.

Pray that France and Britain will come to a peaceful solution to help them all.



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St Martins is a Dementia Friendly Church



SAFEGUARDING..... As a church, we take the safety and wellbeing of children, young people, and vulnerable adults seriously.

Welcome to ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

In church and at home



NOTICE SHEET 28th November 2021

ADVENT SUNDAY

Today 9.30am Advent Communion Service

in church and on Zoom

(In line with Government Guidelines, we ask you to please use the gel provided on entering and leaving church and wear your masks unless you are exempt.

Thank You)

This Week

Monday 29 th	1pm	Little Saints meet in the Chapter House.
Wednesday 1 st Dec	9.30am	Morning Prayers in church.
	10.30am	Coffee Morning in the Chapter House.
	7pm	Praise Rave <i>(Please join us in praise and uplifting worship)</i>
Friday 3 rd	10am	Walking Group meets.

Next Sunday, 5th December

9.30am Service in Church and on Zoom.

3.30pm Sunday Social Christmas Party in the Chapter House.

Please join us for Christmas festivities, including Christmas Carols.

The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Live service broadcasts - on Zoom at www.stmartinsparish.org.uk & telephone -

Sunday services	"Sunday online" Password if needed 'Chad'	Or phone: 0203 901 7895, ID 889 9139 3346
Midweek services	"Midweek meeting online" ID 811 2002 7579 Passcode Chad	Or phone: 0203 051 2874, ID 811 2002 7579 Passcode 778774

Christmas Services at St Martins

Sunday 12th Dec **10am** - Carol Service – traditional carols and readings.



Wednesday 15th Dec 6pm - Carols on the Doorstep – outside.
Cocoa and marshmallows, lots of singing round the fire.

Sunday 19th Dec 9.30am Sunday Worship
4pm - Family Christingle Service – Refreshments



Christingle

candlelight
service

Christmas Eve 11.15pm –
Candlelit Carol Service with Communion.
Best way to start the season.

Christmas Day - 9:30am - Family Worship celebrating Jesus's birth.

Boxing Day - *No service at St Martins*

'Flushing away poverty, one toilet at a time'

Did you know that 2 billion people in the world don't have a loo. I hadn't really thought about until I saw a poster in a loo in a Norfolk Cafe showing it had been twinned with a loo in Africa by Toilet Twinning, part of Tear Fund. Information provided pointed out the dangers, especially to women and girls, of not having a loo, leaving them vulnerable to attack or preventing them from attending school. I can only remember how glad I was, after only a week at scout camp, to get home to a bathroom and taps!

The website, toilettwinning.org has lots of information about the scheme including that last Friday, 19th, was World Toilet Day. There are also schemes to twin taps, toilet blocks, fridges and bins.

The PCC, as part of our mission to help those in need, agreed to fund a toilet to twin with one in the church and we will be receiving a certificate very soon. Jane Ayres. Thank you, Jane, for organising this on behalf of us all. We do have another idea which we tell you about next week.

Thanksgiving Meal. On 19th November, 34 people gathered together for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. Thank you to Ellie for cooking and the ladies who served. Thank you to those who entertained or generously donated delicious puddings, drinks and prizes.

A total of **£309** was raised towards the cost of redecorating the Chapter House.

The Women's Fellowship Christmas lunch will take place on Tuesday 14th December at the Keys, 12.30 for lunch at 1pm. Please see Caroline for menu.

All names must be given by Monday 6th December at the latest and the Keys has stated that anyone cancelling with 24 hours or less notice, must pay in full for the meal (s).



Today's Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will fulfil the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

¹⁵ "In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.'

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Luke 21:25-36

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to You O Lord.

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹ He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² "Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁴ "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap.

³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

Christmas Cards in aid of church funds. A few years ago, Alex Olah produced some beautiful Christmas cards. They are now available in church in packs of 10. Please make a donation towards church and the Chapter House restoration. Thank you, and thanks, Alex.

Cobwebs We are very grateful to Betty and Alistair Wright for climbing a ladder and cleaning all the cobwebs from the ceiling of the Chapter House. Thank you both so much.

Birthdays & Celebrations.

Happy Birthday to Carol tomorrow the 29th,
To Ellie on Wednesday 1st and to Elsie on Friday 3rd.

May God bless us all.

