

St Martin's



Weekly Bulletin

SUNDAY 29 MARCH

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

***O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.***

Psalm 130:7



**Parish of St Martin with St Peter
in the Worcester South East Team**

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ST MARTIN'S ON-GOING ACTIVITY

The Revd Dr Robin Parry writes:

What strange days we are living through! How does one 'do church' when we cannot even visit one another, let alone meet for services? That is a challenge none of us thought that we would have to face, but here we are. And face it we shall, together. We need one another more than ever at this time, and I have already heard some really encouraging stories about folk looking out for each other.

There are a number of different things that we in St Martin's Church and the Worcester South East Team will be doing to keep things going until we are able to meet again (some sunny day). Our response will evolve over the coming weeks, but here is how we stand right now.

Phone-friends network - a commitment to regularly phone one other member to provide an extra layer of safety for picking up practical and pastoral needs.

Weekly Bulletin - keeping everyone in touch and sharing news.

Home Worship Booklets - simple orders of worship for morning and evening to use each day.

Live on-line video services have also been setup using www.zoom.us as follows:

MIDWEEK

Morning Prayer:	Monday to Friday at 8.30am
Compline:	Monday to Friday at 8.30pm (from 30th March)
Prayer meeting:	Monday at 4pm
Midweek Eucharist:	Wednesday at 10am

SUNDAYS

Morning Worship:	Sundays at 10am
Evening Worship:	Sundays at 6pm

Do contact our Team Administrator if you wish to know how you can join our mailing list or connect in these ways. News and worship booklets can be posted out to you if you are not on email.

St Martin's Church building

In the light of Government requirements for social distancing, public worship is suspended until further notice and church buildings will remain closed. The Team Office is closed to visitors, but our Team Administrator, Rebecca Caskie, can still be contacted via the office number (358083), or by email WorcesterSouthEastTeam@gmail.com

April Parish Magazine

St Martin's magazine will be published this month to all our members on email as well as our usual email subscribers. For everyone's safety, it sadly will not be possible to arrange delivery for all those who normally receive the magazine by hand. A copy will be uploaded to our website and a letter sent to subscribers.

FOR YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

- Monday 30** We pray for our church community and that of the Worcester South East Team during this period when the churches are closed and their normal activities suspended. May we find ways to support one another and build up our faith and commitment to Jesus's message of love.
- Tuesday 31** We pray for our local clergy as they work hard to ensure that the church in Worcester grows in faith as it adapts to the changes forced upon us.
- Wednesday 1** As social isolation becomes a normal fact for so many vulnerable people, including many who live alone, we pray that they receive the contact and support needed to make that isolation easier.
- Thursday 2** We pray for all those who work in the health and care sectors on whose skill and dedication the lives of so many people will depend in coming months. May they receive all that they need to carry out their work safely and effectively.
- Friday 3** As schools face the need to adopt new digital techniques to ensure pupils who cannot attend school will receive the education they deserve, may teachers find the confidence and strength to face the challenges involved cheerfully and constructively.
- Saturday 4** As so many firms face a challenging future, we pray for employees who may be concerned about their prospects after the current crisis is over. May their employers and their firm's bankers, customers and suppliers be generous in their support.

People in sickness or need

Adam	Gaye Smallman	Richard Hayes	Ibby Watson
Pam Dale	Brian Mayoss	Baby Jack	Rosie Chance
Gillian Handley	Jean Hopkins	Christina Kelly	Chris Dale
Michael Wood	Fred Allan		

The recently departed

Glenys Day	Ann Rees
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Those whose anniversary of death falls between 21 March - 4 April

Lee Field	Joan Elson	Nancy Yarker	Eileen Shirley
Kathleen Smith	Mary Dey	Edna Freeman	Raymond Limrick