St Martin's Church

15th September 2024

8.30am Holy Communion

Revd Sue Pendenque

Joel 2.21-27 Matt 6.25-33

9-45 Harvest Breakfast 10.30am Café Church

Preaching:

Revd Sue Pendenque

Leading:

Glenn Hickson Gill James

Matt 6.25-33

Rooted in Christ, Reaching out in Love

Coming up

Café Church celebrates Harvest!

Come and celebrate God's goodness to us this Sunday as we share breakfast together and bring our thank you gifts to God

Alpha '24

6 sessions exploring the fundamentals of the Christian faith. No question too small! Begins at St Martin's 26th Sept, 7pm.

Morning Prayer

Facebook; 9am Mon-Fri

Prayer ministry

Each week in the Chancel after 10.30am Sunday services

Nourish Cafe -

3 – 4pm every Monday: come & join us for a chat over a cuppa.

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6.25,33

Notices

For your prayers during the coming week - Beryl Morgan and family following a recent bereavement, Sarah Conte, Gill James and family, The Higgins family, Judith Swift, Jodee Best, Frances & David Clayden, and Karine Thornhill.

Carole Roadley - Many of you will remember with much love Carole Roadley, long-time member of St Martin's, administrator and friend. Carole died peacefully on Thursday 12th September. We pray for her family and her friends here at St Martin's and beyond. Safe in the arms of her saviour, may she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Eco Church award – We're happy to report that we've been recognised for our efforts to care for God's earth. Our worship and teaching, our building and land management, our community and global engagement and our lifestyle changes were pinpointed on the certificate which you can see in the church foyer. Talk to a member of the church leadership team to find out more about our efforts. Thanks to everyone who has participated in getting us this accreditation – from Ian Gordon our treasurer, to the Nourish team, Chris's M & B, Russell Kitson, Lesley Cohen and many more.

Wild Church – would you like to support a new and exciting initiative? We're exploring the idea of a monthly muddy / wild church and are beginning to put together a team. Please get in touch with Gill James children.stmsherwood@gmail.com if you're interested.

Sherwood Community Forum - Sun 29th Sept 2pm at Sherwood Community Centre, Mansfield Road, NG₅ 3FN – a space for people and groups in Sherwood to share ideas, network and support our local community. All welcome – followed by Sherwood Community Centre AGM at 3pm, RSVP if attending to eventsscc@gmail.com

Alpha – St Martin's is offering a meal and an exploration of the fundamentals of the Christian faith for 6 weeks this autumn. No question too small to ask! Begins 26th Sept, 7pm, please sign up by 20th September. Because we are providing a meal for each week of the Alpha course we're calling for volunteers. If you're able to help with cooking, setting out, or washing up, please note your name on the sheet in the lobby and help us make Alpha a real hit this year.

Quiet Day - Saturday 28th September at Mount St Bernard Abbey – come and join us for a day of quiet reflection together in the presence of God, and surrounded by beauty. If you're willing to offer a lift please make a note on the lobby sign-up sheet, the event starts at St Bernard at 10am, finishing 3.30, please bring along something to share for lunch.

Swimathon - Jeannie Hickson is on her way to complete her 26 mile swim marathon for water aid. It started on the 1st August & has to be completed in 12 weeks; by late October. You can access the page here to support her and Water-aid - https://wateraid.enthuse.com/pf/jeannie-hickson

Upcoming Cursillo Diary - Saturday 28th September 10am-3.30pm - *Day of Deeper Understanding* (day retreat) at St Martin's Sherwood.

Next Cursillo Weekend will be at Launde Abbey; Friday 1st August 2025 3pm - Sunday 3rd 4pm. Please chat to Helena Shipston for more info.

Christian Aid Family Fun Event -Thanks to everyone who has offered their support for the Family Fun event in support of Christian Aid on Saturday 5th October from 12 noon. Team St Martin's has risen to the challenge once again. We now have enough people to help on the day and many offers to donate items. (52 offers in total so far).

With less than a month to go the need now is to promote the event out in the community. Please start telling people about it. Especially those with families. To help with this there are posters and flyers in the porch. Please take them and use them where ever you can and pray to our Lord for fine weather and his help in sending us just the right number of people for us to cope with. Many Thanks; Tony R, Nicky B, & Glen H.

QMC Charity Bungee – Hope's 15yr old son Zech is doing a bungee jump in October half term, and is fundraising to provide special stoma teddy bears and young adult care packs, for other children and young people having stoma surgery at QMC, after receiving one after his own stoma surgery this year. If you'd like to support him and others like him you can do so via this link: https://shorturl.at/vIG5A

Our church purpose We will:

† Worship God

† Build a community where people belong

† Live Generously † Make a Difference

† Care for God's Creation

Upcoming Readings

22nd **Sept** *Isaiah* 6.1-5 *Rev* 4.2-11

29th **Sept** John 10.22-42 Col 1.15-20

The Oakes Weekend – we still have 10 places for boys on this trip. The dates are 15th - 17th Nov 2024 for children who will be in school years 5-10. The price of £50 per child includes accommodation, lovely meals, activities from archery to crafts to muddy obstacle courses, and great Bible teaching from the Oakes staff team. If you know a child who'd like to take part please let Sue Estella know: sgfruitc@yahoo.co.uk www.oakes.org.uk Arnold Foodbank -our collection box is under the table in the church foyer. Here's the list of foods they're looking for:

Tinned meat/meals eg corned beef, ham, hotdogs, meatballs, minced beef, chicken in white sauce etc, tinned veg - especially peas, carrots and sweetcorn, tinned soup, tinned tuna/fish, cooking oil, pasta sauce/tomatoes, jam, tinned fruit, rice pudding and custard, tea and coffee - particularly small 100g jars and 40 teabags, chocolate treats and snacks, razors and deodorant

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