

St Martin's Church

9th March 2025

8.30am

Holy Communion

Rev Alan Hargrave
Chris Morris

10.30am

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Preaching:

Rev Alan Hargrave

Leading:

Chris Morris

Psalm 91

Luke 4.1-13

*Rooted in
Christ,
Reaching
out
in Love*

Lent

During Lent we will be following the Church of England Lent readings and digging into these.

Café Church - March 16th

Come and explore *Jesus with the big heart*

Morning Prayer

9am live on Facebook.
Monday, Wednesday &
Friday

Prayer ministry

Each week in the Chancel
after 10.30am Sunday
services

Nourish Cafe

2 – 4pm weekly on
Mondays. Come & join us
for a chat over a cuppa.

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

Psalm 91 v1-2

Notices

For your prayers during the coming weeks – Mike and Ina, Glenys L, Mike and Mandy Wilkins, Sarah Conte, Gill James and family, the Higgins family, Judith Swift, Frances & David Clayden and Karine Thornhill.

Annual Leave – Rev Sue is on leave Saturday 8th – Friday 14th March, Please contact Chris Morris for anything urgent.

Coffee Morning - 11 a.m. Saturday, 15th March at the Home Made Cafe on the Forest, parking available. All welcome.

Charity Giving - At their recent meeting, the PCC agreed to select *Bags for Blessings* as a major charity to receive a gift of £1250 for the next 4 years. The following charities were selected to receive a one off gift: *Buttony Bear, Imara, Sharewear* and *Streetwise Opera*, of between £400 and £600 each. (Emmanuel House, Water Works and Children in Distress are our other major charities).

Sponsored Parish History Walk – coming up at the end of May. Please speak to Paul Swift if this inspires you and you'd like to go along or support his planning. He'll be working out the route on Wednesday 12th March. Proceeds split between Christian Aid & Nourish. This will also coincide with *Thy Kingdom Come* week, so as part of the walk there will be opportunities to pause and pray for our parish.

Streetwise Opera Nottingham - Tues 18th March 1pm at Lakeside Arts Outdoor Amphitheatre. A 15 minute performance bringing together people with lived experience of homelessness sharing their responses to nature and offering a fresh perspective on our relationship to the planet. Free, no ticket required. Easily accessible by tram. Check the web link below for details - <https://streetwiseopera.org/event/nature-at-lakeside-arts-nottingham/> Streetwise Opera is one of the charities which St Martin's is supporting this year.

Evening Lent Course- This year's Lent Course (if not conducted in life groups), will begin on Wednesday 19th March at 6.45pm with coffee, for a prompt start at 7pm and will run for 4 weeks - ending on Wed 9th April. There will be a sign up sheet in the Lobby from this Sunday – please sign up if you would like to join this course centrally. For more info, please contact Sue Estella or Rev Sue Pendenque.

Lent - Soup, Film and Discussion sessions on Thursday Lunchtimes. Come and join us for a bread and soup lunch and to watch and discuss the film 'Shadowlands' on 27th March, 3rd & 10th April from 12.30 - 2pm. Shadowlands portrays C S Lewis' relationship with Joy Davidson and his wrestling with God as Joy dies of cancer. Please sign up on the sheet in the entrance hall. For further information ask Alan Hargrave.

Textile Exhibition - 25-30th March 10-4pm at Nottingham Society of Artists Gallery 71-73 Friar Lane NG1 6DH will include a work by former St Martin's member Alex Kingswell (Marsden), free entry.

Spring Walks- Age UK's *Best Foot Forward* offer weekly wellbeing walks in our city, including on Woodthorpe Park every Monday morning - meeting at the Community Centre at 10.30am (or the park gates on Mansfield Road just after 10.30). All welcome - the walk is usually c 40 minutes, often followed by a visit to the cafe in the park. More information about these local walks can be found at <https://shorturl.at/EsGLn> (or speak to Liz C)

Bags of Blessings - this charity - who St Martin's supports, are now collecting items to make Easter Bags for children aged between 0 and 16. They would be grateful for any donations to help them fill the bags which contain anything Easter related - they are especially in need of Easter Eggs and craft items, and this year are hoping to produce 1000 Easter Bags. The bags go to children whose parents are in need and who access local food banks, as well as Framework, Sharewear, Refugee Forum, and the Family Intervention Project. There is a *Bags of Blessings* collection box in the porch where any donations may be left. If you would like more information, please let me know. Many thanks on their behalf. Julie Day

St Martin's Electoral Roll – We are renewing our Electoral Roll. Anyone previously listed on the church electoral roll has to re-apply to be transferred to the new roll. The new electoral roll will consist of –

- anyone on the previous roll who completes a new application form,
- anyone who was not on the previous roll who fulfils the application criteria.

Being on the Electoral Roll is a way of saying "I belong" at St Martin's; a sign of commitment to the church community and to God's mission amongst us. The numbers on our roll also dictates how many members we can have on our Parochial Church Council - so your application does make a difference. Please complete and return an application form from the porch by either placing it in the secure box situated by the forms or posting it to Mrs J Day, c/o St Martin's Church, Trevoise Gardens, Sherwood, Nottingham, NG5 3FU by 20th April 2025. If you would like any further information or clarification please contact Sue Pendenque or Julie Day.

Sherwood Clean Champions – there are community litter picks in Sherwood every second Saturday of the month (next one 8 March). Meet at Chinos 10:30 (or 10:00 for a pre pick coffee) or 10:45 at Pirates Park car park in Carrington. This is a great way to serve our community and is very social too! New litter pickers can sign up to the scheme at nottinghamcity.gov.uk/cleanchampions.

Walkie Talkies - If you want a walk and talk (or simply a sit and talk in a cafe whilst some of us have a walk,) then why not join a group of us girls from St Martin's who love to chat - every 2nd Friday of the month. Check for venue in the newsletter or just ask Chrissie M or Judith M.

Nourish - Nourish has flourished! It is a continuing success, welcoming people in to church in a supportive but friendly and relaxed way. This has all been possible due the generosity of the people of St Martin's and we are grateful for the help over the last 4 years. If you feel you can give to enable us continue the work, please do - funds are always welcome!

Arnold Foodbank –the foodbank is looking for everything (except pasta, baked beans, pulses and rice). Their most needed food items are tinned meat / meals - eg corned beef, ham, hotdogs, meatballs, minced beef, chicken in white sauce etc. Tinned peas, carrots and sweet corn, tinned soup, tinned tuna/fish, pasta sauce / tomatoes, cooking oil. Tinned fruit, rice pudding and custard, jam, chocolate treats and snacks. Finally tea and coffee - particularly small 100g jars and 40 teabags, they also always welcome donations of razors, carrier bags, 'Bags for Life' and shopping trolleys.

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