

# St Martin's Church

14<sup>th</sup> September 2025

8.30am

Holy Communion

Rev Alan Hargrave

10.30am

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Preaching & Presiding:

Rev Alan Hargrave

Leading:

Glenn Hickson



*Phil 2.6-11*

*John 3.13-17*

## Harvest at St Martin's

**we will celebrate Harvest on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>  
as part of our regular Café Church –  
please bring non perishable gifts as  
offerings which we will pass to our  
local foodbank.**



## For your prayers during the coming weeks

Mike, Mandy & their family,  
Gill James and her  
family following the recent  
death of her sister,  
Mike and Ina,  
Sarah Conte,  
Judith Swift,  
Karine Thornhill,  
the Higgins family,  
and Frances &  
David Clayden



- at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth, and  
every tongue acknowledge  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
- to the glory of God the  
Father.

*Phil 2.10-11*



### Harvest Supper with Refugee Roots

**6pm Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

A Harvest Supper based on recipes in the charity  
Refugee Roots' book "The Sharing Table".

Adam Baker, Charity Director, will join us and will  
give a short presentation on Refugee Roots' work in  
Nottingham.

If you would like to be involved in planning,  
organising and/or cooking please let Lesley Cohen  
know as soon as you can, (see last page for contacts,  
or sign up in the church lobby).

# This week we are praying for Peace.

## *John 20.19-22*

A BIG ask.

As conflicts continue to rage in so many places, we pray for the peace of Jesus, through the power and presence of his Holy Spirit to be at work with those who hold power and those who are so painfully affected by war.

We pray for peace across Britain in a society that feels increasingly polarised and we pray for the peace of Christ across Sherwood.



### **DBS – Data Breach**

Some of you recently received an email from the Diocese regarding a third party DBS processing organisation data breach. If you didn't receive an email then breathe easy – you won't get one!

If you have received an email (and I am someone who did) *it isn't a scam*. It offers you a free data checking service via Experian for a year. I encourage you to take this up.

It has felt like worrying news, particularly if you thought you were the only person to receive this email or weren't sure if it was a scam.

If you would like to chat it through please contact Lesley, myself, Judith Walker, or anyone on the leadership team. Please don't be tempted to worry about it alone. Sue



## The Oakes Weekend 14th-16th November 2025

If you are in school years 5-10 you are welcome to join us on the Oakes weekend! It's a mix of outdoor activities including archery, muddy assault course or indoor crafts, lego etc, Bible sessions, great food and a lot of fun led by the energetic Oakes staff team.

If you'd like to know more, or book a place please talk to Sue Estella by *21st September*.

We have a few spaces left.

More info can found here -

<https://www.oakes.org.uk/>

The next  
Coffee  
morning  
will be



11 a.m. Saturday 20th  
September, most  
probably at Patchings,  
Oxton Lane, Calverton.

Judith Milbourn will be  
able to confirm the  
location this Sunday.

### Men's Group Walk

Coming up Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>  
October, from Monsall Head  
to Millersdale and back.

Other halves, friends and  
families welcome. More  
details to follow - please let  
Glenn know if you're  
interested.





## Gill James



St Martin's Children & Families Minister Gill James has been training for counselling over the last two years, and has recently been successful in gaining a new role in fostering support. Those of us who know Gill well will recognise that her gentleness, empathy, wisdom and great listening skills are really suited to such a role.

### 5<sup>th</sup> October –

We would love to show Gill our appreciation for her hard work over 6 years with us with a monetary gift - if you would like to contribute to such a gift, treasurer Ian has set up the church Sum-Up machine with a button where by you can give directly to this. Likewise direct bank payments can be made (please label GillJ), or gifts clearly labelled in envelopes. There are now two more weeks you can do this in, and we will formally say 'thanks' to Gill on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime please continue to pray for Gill and family.

## Sunday & weekly groups

With Jolly Tots now up and running after the summer break, and Bumps to Babies back next week, Lesley Cohen has offered to step into a leadership role in the short term.

However, the children's and youth ministry continues to need volunteers, to lead teaching sessions, help support parents at Jolly Tots and Bumps to Babies, in setting up and packing down from these groups and so on. Please, please consider if you could serve with our children and youth - and chat with Sue P or Lesley.

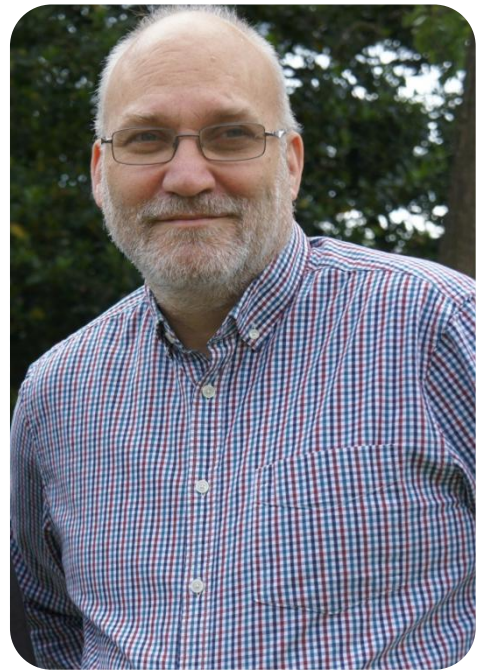


## September Call to Prayer

Join us on Thursday  
18<sup>th</sup> September.  
6.45pm for drinks,  
Prayer 7pm-8pm

## Lay Minister Licensing

St Martin's Church Warden  
Chris Morris's official licensing  
will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
at 11am, in Southwell Minster  
Everyone is welcome to attend!



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, at  
Baguley Brothers Sherwood –  
*for coffee cakes and more*

Check the foodbank's website for ways to help:

<https://arnold.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/> you'll

find their most needed foods there as well as facts &

figures, stories of hope and other ways you can support them.



# Alpha

We are excited to be planning an Alpha course beginning late September for 6 Thursdays (& 1 Saturday!)

Alpha is an excellent way to explore faith -



Asking big questions

Fundamentals explained clearly & creatively

In order to be able to make this **brilliant** we need...

Lots of discussion

**Invite** - for you to think about who you will invite (and accompany to the first session) - that friend or neighbour who wants to ask you questions about your faith, or that person you know who looks like they would like to find meaning in life, or maybe that person whom God has been 'nudging' you to chat with; go on, take an invite (on the table in the lobby); what have you got to lose by asking?

**team** - to help with set up, or cooking, or clearing away from a simple meal each week

(please contact Helena if you can help).

**you** - perhaps you yourself have questions around faith that you're ready to explore - why not bring yourself!



We're always looking for new helpers at Nourish on Mondays. Nourish Café welcomes people in to church in a supportive but friendly and relaxed way.

If you enjoy cooking or feel that you could help in any way – please get in touch with Chris Morris

## Unplugged –

there will be no Unplugged this month, there will be one in October but not in November or December. January onwards as usual.

## Rev Sue - Annual Leave

Sue is on annual leave from Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Sept – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept inclusive.

If you have any pastoral concerns, please do contact members of the leadership team. In an emergency, Chris Morris can get a message to Sue.

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