

St Martin's Church

23rd August 2026

8.30

Holy Communion

Lesley Cohen

Rev Sue Pendenque

10.30

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Preaching

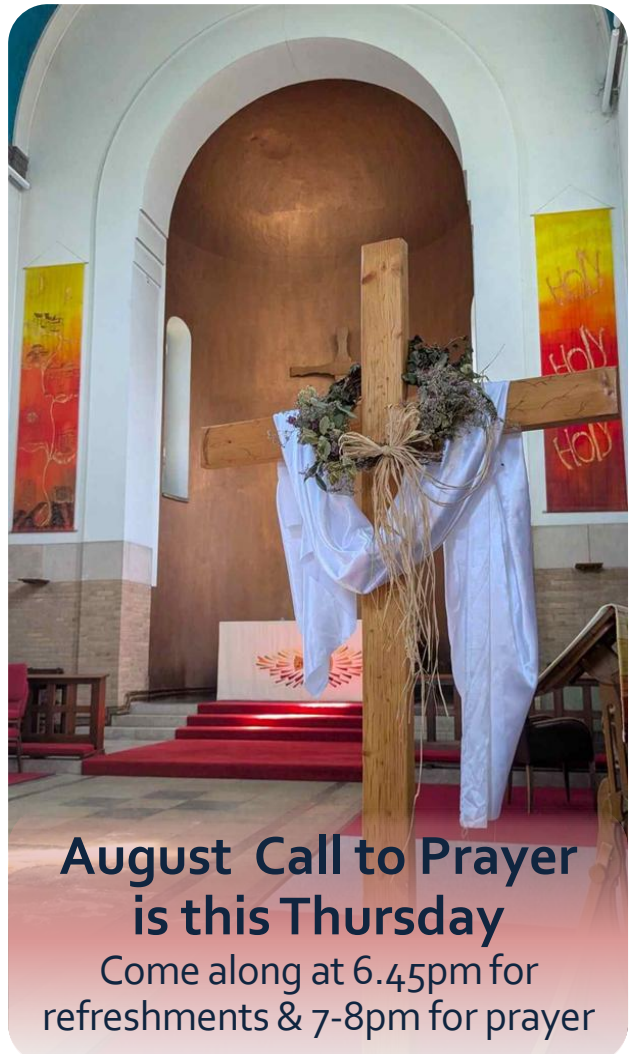
Lesley Cohen

Leading & Presiding

Rev Sue Pendenque

Psalm 138

Matt 16.13-20



**August Call to Prayer
is this Thursday**

Come along at 6.45pm for
refreshments & 7-8pm for prayer

Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;
though lofty, he sees them from afar.

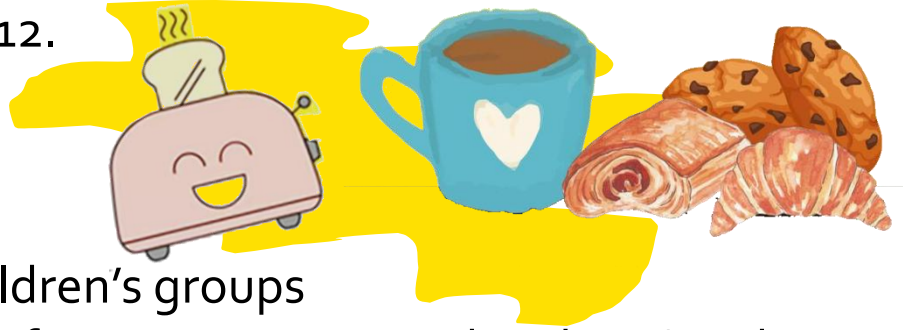
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life.
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;
with your right hand you save me.

The Lord will vindicate me;
your love, Lord, endures forever—
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Psalm 138.6-8

Toast club

We have one last session for the summer toast club: 25th August, 10am-12.



The regular children's groups will begin again for Autumn on Tuesday the 1st with Jolly Tots, and Wednesday 2nd for Bumps to Babies

For your Prayers this week

Jayne (Jenny O's Sister), Sue & Brian, Ina, Brenda Charles, Christine & Chris Budd, Kate, Glenys Lowth, Sarah Conte, Judith Swift, Karine Thornhill, her daughter Charlotte and her Husband & children, the Higgins family, and Frances & David Clayden



**This month we pray
For Children &
Families,**

and this week particularly those on Valmont Road and Newfield, Girton and Exton Roads.

If anyone who knows a family in need of a referral to the foodbank we have the capacity at St Martin's to make that.



Trevose Gardens is a Swift Street!



St Martin's eco-church group and Trevose Gardens Neighbourhood Watch have been working with *WildNG* and successfully installed swift nesting boxes at the end of July on the church and several houses. Swifts are endangered birds and one of the *Target 25* list of wildlife species the *A Rocha scheme* encourages churches to protect. Swifts arrive in May in the UK to breed and all fly back to Africa in September.

They like to breed in colonies and return each year once they have found a suitable location. Our new boxes should attract attention from teenage swifts this year with a view to starting a family in subsequent years.



Keep an eye on the sky! The boxes are all on north facing walls so you can only see those on the church, which are very discrete.



The boxes are paid for through donations to WildNG.

arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25/
www.wild-ng.uk/



August Renovations

Please note we have work being carried out in church to look at the asbestos based wall coatings from **8am Wednesday 26th August until 5pm Thursday 27th August inclusive.**

There will be no access into church for anyone during this time due to the health & safety aspects of the work required. Your compliance and understanding in this matter is very much appreciated.

Nott's Ride and Stride

Saturday 12th September – 10am to 6.00pm

St Martin's are pleased to be supporting Nott's Historic Churches Trust by offering to open for refreshment to those participating in a sponsored Ride and Stride event throughout the Diocese. Nott's Historic Churches make grants to churches to help with restoration and repairs and are holding a fundraising event on Saturday 12th September.

The participants will cycle, drive, walk or use any other means of propulsion between churches and chapels in our area and drop in for reflection and refreshments on route.

In the past, St Martin's was fortunate to receive a grant towards our organ fund from The Nott's Historic Churches Trust, which enabled us to complete our much needed restoration work.

If you are able to help either on the day by serving refreshments or by providing cakes (from 9.30am onwards) please add your name to the sheet in the foyer. Many thanks in anticipation, Julie Day



Our foodbank collection box is in the church foyer – 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 and figures, stories of hope and other ways to support.



Thanks to all
who came along last week and
joined us in the garden!
Especially thanks to Lesley and
the all-age service team
for working so hard to put
together such a lovely service.



A prayer for the new Prime Minister, Government and for us all:

Suggested by Annie Hargrave

Sow everywhere the good seed given to you.

Sow in good ground, sow in sand, sow among the stones, sow
on the road, sow among the weeds.

Perhaps some of these seeds will open up & grow & bring
forth fruit, even if not at once.

Seraphim of Sarov 1759-1833

Let's pray continually for all who seek to lead us nationally
and worldwide



Autumn Diary Dates

7th November

Family fun day in aid of Christian Aid & Nourish



14th November

Cream tea followed by choir led Evensong



The Oakes Residential

13th-15th November 2026.

Everyone in school years 5-10 next term is welcome to join us for our annual weekend at the Oakes near Sheffield. For further info and to reserve a space please speak to Sue Estella or Mark Higgins before the end of term.

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

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