

**St Martin's  
Low Marple**

# Notices and Prayers - March 2023

[www.stmartins-lowmarple.co.uk](http://www.stmartins-lowmarple.co.uk)

Vicar - Fr Timothy Hupfield - [timothyhupfield@cantab.net](mailto:timothyhupfield@cantab.net), 01663 764 946

Curate - Rev'd Ashleigh Askwith - [ashleighaskwith@gmail.com](mailto:ashleighaskwith@gmail.com), 07726 937 939

Safeguarding officer - Helen Rogers - [saintmartinsafeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:saintmartinsafeguarding@gmail.com)

## Services

### **Sunday 5th**

8 am - Holy Communion

10 am - Parish Mass *with  
Junior Church*

6:30 pm - Choral Evensong

### **Sunday 12th**

8 am - Holy Communion

10 am - Parish Mass

5:30 pm - Zoom Evening Prayer

### **Sunday 19th *Mothering Sunday***

8 am - Holy Communion

10 am - Family Mass

5:30 pm - Zoom Evening Prayer

### **Saturday 25th *The Annunciation***

12 noon - Holy Communion

### **Sunday 26th *Passion Sunday***

8 am - Holy Communion

10 am - Parish Mass

5:30 pm - Zoom Evening Prayer

*Every Thursday and Friday:  
Morning Prayer at 9:30 am,  
at St Thomas', High Lane*

## Dates for your diary

### **March**

2nd/6th/16th/23rd/27th - Lent Group, 7 pm, in church

Friday 3rd - World Day of Prayer service (Holy Spirit RC church, 2 pm)

Sunday 5th - Fairtrade stall after the parish mass.

Wednesday 15th - Mothers Union meeting, 2 pm *hall*

Sat-Sun 18th/19th - Community Art Exhibition

Sunday 26th - Churches Together Bible Sunday Service  
4pm, St Thomas' Mellor

Thursday 30th - Figen Murray talk, 7 pm, in church

### **April**

Saturday 22nd - Heritage Trust talk - *Lutyens in the N.W.*

## Notices

Fairtrade Fortnight is from Monday 27th Feb—Sunday 12 March. Please do look out for events around and about this fortnight, not least, the fairtrade stall here after the parish mass on 5th, and, the day before, the Big Brew at Marple URC, on Saturday 4th, 2-4 pm.

We're going to be starting some coffee mornings soon. If you'd like to find out more, or might be able to help serve tea and coffee occasionally, please talk to Kath Powell.

This month's Mothers' Union meeting will have Kate Pwaisiho talking about *Life and Ministry of the Mothers' Union in Melanesia*.

The Heritage Trust Community art exhibition, *Take Wing!*, will be on Saturday 18th from 6-8 pm, and Sunday 19th, from 2-4 pm.

## A space for notes

## Let us give thanks

For where your heart is, there your treasure will be also.

(Matthew 6.21)

## Prayer list

In our prayers please remember the sick who have asked for our prayers:

Ruby	Michael
Andrew	Kathleen & Arthur
David	Mary
Gary	Clare
Freddie & Jasmine	Steph
Madeleine	Hillary
Peter	Gordon
Jude	
Roger	

## Please pray for:

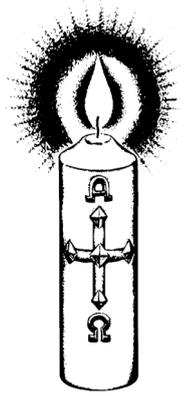
All grieving after the death of Mary Wilde

All those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

All women who are ordained in the Church of England, as we reach the 29th anniversary of the first ordinations, on 12th March. And especially for Rev'd Ashleigh, as her ordination to the priesthood approaches.

For Harriet Rogers, as she writes the Diocesan Vision report for Bishop Mark

For Rev'd Lesley Currie, the outgoing rural dean for our deanery, and for the discernment process for the new rural dean.



## Our Liturgy

One of the wonderful things about services at St Martin's is the ritual and symbolism in our services. However, this means we also need a fair few people each week. As well as a reader or two, and someone to lead the intercessions, there are also acolytes with candles, a thurifer with incense, junior church leaders - and that's before considering the 'behind-the-scenes' work with flowers, cleaning and photocopying! Soon, we'll also have the return of welcomers to hand out the hymn books and greet people, too.

We've been a little short of people recently. So, if in your Lenten prayer and reflection, you might feel called to any of these roles, please talk to Fr Timothy to find out more.

## Marple Station - St Martin's Sign

The *Friends of Marple Station* have offered a space (and funding!) to create a large sign about St Martin's - similar to Agatha Christie book covers ones and the ones currently there about Marple Women.

It will probably go on the car park side of the station, on the fence to the left of the entrance.

The plan is for it to have some information about the church and its heritage treasures, as well as our service times and website information, along with some striking and eye-catching imagery.

If you'd like to be involved in the design process, please talk to Fr Timothy.