

**St Martin's  
Low Marple**

# Notices and Prayers - November 2023

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## Services

### **Sunday 5th *All Saints Sunday***

11:15 am - Parish Mass + *jnr church*

6:30 pm - **All Souls service**

### **Sunday 13th *Remembrance***

10:30 am - Act of Remembrance at  
the Memorial Park

10:45 am - Holy Communion

5:30 pm - Zoom Evening Prayer

### **Sunday 19th *Patronal Festival***

11:15 am - Family Mass

6:30 pm - **Martinmas Evensong**

### **Sunday 26th *Christ the King***

8 am - Holy Communion

11:15 am - Parish Mass

5:30 pm - Zoom Evening Prayer

### ***Every Thursday and Friday:***

*Morning Prayer at 9:30 am,  
at St Thomas', High Lane*

*All Welcome*

## Dates for your diary

### **November**

*Every Wednesday* - Board Games & Coffee Morning, 10-12. *hall*

Saturday 4th - Churchyard tidyup, 10 am - 12 noon

Sunday 5th - Fairtrade stall after the parish mass

Sunday 5th - All Souls Service, 6:30 pm

Saturday 11th - Monthly walk (meet at 9:30 am at All Saints'  
Church - talk to Sylvia for more information)

Wednesday 15th - Mothers Union meeting, 2pm, in the hall

Saturday 18th - Churchyard tidyup, 10 am - 12 noon

Saturday 18th - 'The Art of the Altarpiece' Heritage Trust talk  
2:30 - 4:30 pm, *hall*

Sunday 19th - Patronal festival (+ toy service), 11:15 am

Sunday 19th - Martinmas Evensong, 6:30 pm

Saturday 25th - St Paul's, Compstall, Christmas Fair, 11am-2pm

## Notices

This year's Toy Service collection, where we collect new, unwrapped toys for distribution to local children will be part of our patronal festival. If you are able to donate anything, please bring it along to mass on 19th November. Thank you!

There will be churchyard clear-ups on 4th and 18th November. Many hands make light work. Please come and help. if you are able.

This year's Christmas Tree festival is nearly here! Saturday 2nd December is the main day, with a 'quiet opening' on Friday evening.

A date for the diary - Saturday 6th January. Joint Epiphany social with St Paul's, with barn dancing, at St Martin's, 2-6 pm, in the hall.

## A space for notes

## Let us give thanks

You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*(Psalm 16.10)*

## Prayer list

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

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

## Please pray:

For Andrew, coming for baptism.

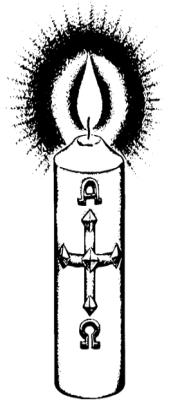
In this season of remembrance, for all who grieve, and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

For Timothy, and Ashleigh, as they begins ministry at St Paul's, and for our relationship between St Martin's and St Paul's

For members of general synod, meeting this month, and especially for the discussions around safeguarding, and also the new 'prayers of love and faith' that the bishops hope to commend for the blessing of same sex couples.

For new Director of Ordinands, Richard Walker, and for the ongoing discernment for the right person to be the new archdeacon of Macclesfield.

For Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, and all places of conflict



## In this season of Remembrance... St Martin and St Paul

### St Martin

A bishop, though more famous from his time before ordination - as a soldier, he cut his cloak in half to share it with a beggar.

St Martin's generosity and empathy is an example to us all. His legacy also gave us the words 'chaplain' and 'chapel'.

A prayer of St Martin (perhaps unsurprisingly, with a military feel)

Lord, if Your people still have need of my services, I will not avoid the toil. Your will be done. I have fought the good fight long enough. Yet if You bid me continue to hold the battle line in defense of Your camp, I will never beg to be excused from failing strength. I will do the work You entrust to me. While You command, I will fight beneath Your banner. Amen

### St Paul

Author of many of the books of the New Testament, and famous for changing from Saul, persecutor of Christians, to Paul, one of the most important figures in the Early Church.

The story of St Paul demonstrates to us that 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers...nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *(Romans 8.38-39)*

His is also a legacy that draws us closer to God, and encourages us to see that unending love for us that we find in God: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. *(Romans 15.13)*