

St Martin's Conversation No 3

Prayer Board

For direction and vision and compassion for the seeker of God.

To be a **welcoming** community of **prayer**, where Jesus is Lord; to be a blessing to many, whether local people, pilgrims or tourists.

That we could risk trying some things that are new and more **welcoming** to people 'outside'; and that you keep warm our hearts towards those 'outside'.

A prayer of **peace** and tranquillity to all who have used this space throughout the years of its existence; and the hope that it may continue to encourage others for many years to come.

Openness, tolerance between ourselves and all who enter this building.

To reach out to those living and working near-by as well as visitors; to be able to open the church for longer.

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Peace, love, tranquillity support the thoughts of those who **pray** here and allow those people to make judgements and gain ideas to help those in distress and need.

While here, find **peace** within oneself, awareness of the presence of God, joy.

For resources to allow this place to be one of **welcome, prayer**, reflection, and a development of spiritual practice.

May all who come here be refreshed and feel the nearness of God and his love in this place.

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A place where those who come can sense that God has been here, is here now and will be here for all those who come in the future and seek him.

God, I pray that worship in spirit and in truth may continue to hallow this place.
Amen.

Space for people to be with silence and time to talk to God.

May all be **welcome** in this historic and special place.

I pray for a growing sense of **prayer** within this place – a community committed to **prayer** here and for here. I pray that more people may be able to find this place and the presence of God within.

To discern what we are being called to be and do in this place.

Open up church by removing pews; toilets; possible visitors' centre against back wall; better signposting for pilgrims (not tourists).

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I pray that those who visit here will see Christ in what we do and say.

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That however this space is developed in the future, it remain holy, **quiet**, silent at times and able to facilitate innovative types of worship to God.

Pray for the young people and others who hang around the lych-gate, that they may have some kind of vision for their future and not succumb to a cycle of despair; how can the building reach them?

A real vision for the future of St Martins; a building up of the worshipping community of St Martins; a toilet.

Pray that the historic sacred space that permeates St Martin's may continue to reach pilgrims throughout the world, who recognise its stillness, otherness and tranquillity; may its element of timelessness continue in this age.

May all who pass through this building leave with a sense of the millennia of worship given to God.

Pray that people who live near this church will know that it is open — and when — for them to come and be at **peace** / leave a **prayer** / light a candle.

That people would step aside from their ordinary routine and engage with the transcendent God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

A prayer for many more hundreds of years of sacred space and **prayers** at St Martins.

What would be your prayer?