



The Parish of St. Martin & St. Paul Canterbury
Sunday 8th March 2026
Mothering Sunday – Refreshment Sunday

Today

9am **Said Eucharist at St Martin's**

Celebrant and Preacher: **Reverend Lorraine Lawrance**

10.30am **Sung Parish Eucharist at St Paul's with SZ I**

Celebrant: **Reverend Dr Mary Kells, Rector**

Preacher: **Reverend Lorraine Lawrance**

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Hymns: 704, 137, Sheet, 394

Organist: David Rees-Williams

5pm **Evensong and Supper at St Paul's**

Parish Prayers: *Sophie S, Erika and family, Alison, Nicola, Jennifer and all who are unwell. For Phil Kay, and Graham who has recently died, praying for their families and all who mourn. We remember the memorial anniversary Jenny Collins*

Parish Giving: *Please consider donating to support our life and Christian mission.*

- *Giving regularly helps us cover our regular costs which are over £565 a day – join our parish giving scheme via the QR Code, our website or speak to a warden.*
- *Give today with cash or card at the back of church.*
- *Make a one-off donation via our website or QR Code.*

Thank you!



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Collect

God made known in the strength and vulnerability of birth, the joy and pain of motherhood, in nights of sleepless love, and inner ocean's flow, in demands without number and questions without answer: give us gratitude for the women who carried us, for the carers who nurture us and for the chance to pass on life to others; through Jesus Christ, Mary's Child. Amen.

First Lesson: Exodus 2.1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 127 1-4

Except the Lord build the house : their labour is but lost that build it.

Except the Lord keep the city : the watchman waketh but in vain.

It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness : for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

Lo, children and the fruit of the womb : are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.

(We stand for the Doxology): Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Second Lesson: Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Gospel: Luke 2.33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Notices:

Evensong and Supper. This evening, 5pm at St. Paul's, we continue our celebration of Mothering Sunday with music from our choir and preaching from our guest preacher Isabel Legg. This is followed by a wonderful supper. Be great to see you there.

Lent Appeal: This year we are supporting water, sanitation and hygiene. Funds raised will help install a toilet at St Martin's and twin it with one in Malawi. Every time you "spend a penny," remember how lucky we are to have these facilities and pop some money in the box. Please return filled boxes to church at the end of Lent.

Easter Lilies: To remember a loved one at St Paul's this Easter, place £5 in an envelope with the name to be remembered on the back, and your name and amount on the front. Envelopes should go in the donation box at the back of St Paul's by Palm Sunday.

Lent Groups. There will be no LLL lent group on 19th and 26th March. All others are running as planned.

Confirmation. On 28th June we are welcoming Bishop Rose to St. Paul's for a service of confirmation. If you or someone you know would be interesting in exploring this next step in the Christian journey, then please talk to Mary or one of the ministry team.

Messy Church – Help Needed for Good Friday Garden. Please bring greenery from your garden on Palm Sunday to help us build a garden at our Good Friday Messy Church (to which everyone is warmly invited). We also need chicken wire (any gauge), packing materials, card, old newspapers, and cloth/rags. If you could bring these in during Holy Week, that would be greatly appreciated.

Invicta Concert Band - Saturday 21st March, 7.00pm at St Paul's
A wonderful evening of music. Tickets £10, available on the door.

APCM and PCC – Date for the Diary. Our APCM will take place on Sunday 10th May. This meeting includes the election of people to serve on the PCC and in other important roles, including Deanery Synod. *Pilgrim Post* explains more about what the PCC does, and if you would like to know more about these roles, please speak with the Rector.

Holy Week and Easter. As we mark this turning point in the season of Lent we look to Holy Week and Easter. There will be worship every day in the parish during Holy Week so please look out for posters and information about those services.

Diary

‘Pray as you go’ App join us 9am Monday, Tuesday and Friday wherever you are –
speak to the Rector for more information.

Tuesday 17th	10:30am LLL Lent Group at St. Paul's
Wednesday 18th	10:30am Prayer Book Eucharist followed by Coffee 7:30pm GIF Lent Group at the Parish Centre
Thursday 19th	12noon Midday Prayers at St Martin's 4:30pm Hangouts – Parish Centre 8.40pm Compline on Zoom (http://bit.ly/ThursdayCompline)
Friday 20th	7:30pm Choir Practice
Saturday 21st	7:30pm ‘Invicta Concert Band’ Concert – St Paul's
Sunday 22nd	<u>Passion Sunday</u> 9am Said Eucharist – St Martin's 10:30 Sung Eucharist with Sunday Zone 1 – St Paul's