Martinmas Patronal Festival – Sunday 15th November at 9am
Join us for our sung St Martin's Patronal Festival Service. Members from across the parish family are warmly invited attend St Martin's to celebrate. Fr Dominic Fenton who is chaplain to St John's and St Nicholas' Hospitals will preach. The service will be followed by *even nicer-than-usual* refreshments. Whilst the festivities are centred at St Martin's, there will be a *slight* celebration at the 10.30am where we will also keep the feast by following the St Martin's readings.

Choral Evensong and Supper – Sunday 15th November at 5.00 pm
Do join us as we welcome The Reverend Dr Charlie Bell, as our guest preacher. Fr Charlie is a high-profile member of the General Synod, a psychiatrist, a Lecturer in Medicine, an author, a theologian and associate priest of St John the Divine Kennington and brings all these strands together as a very engaging preacher. Do come along.

Learning Together in Advent
There will be series of stand-alone events for you to dip into during the Season of Advent. On Monday evenings there will be Compline. On Tuesday mornings there will be 'Living in the Light' Bible Study. On Wednesday evenings and repeated on Thursday mornings will be 'Preparing for the Feast of Christmas' talk and discussion. Chances for everyone to learn, pray and share together in preparation for the special day! Further details will follow in the coming weeks.

Diary

Monday 2nd	9.00am Morning prayer at St Paul's
Wednesday 4th	10:30am Prayer Book Eucharist & Coffee at St Paul's
	2pm MU Monthly Meeting in the Parish Centre
Thursday 5th	12 noon Midday Prayers at St Martin's
	8.40pm Zoom Compline Zoom https://bit.ly/ThursdayCompline
Friday 6th	9.00am Morning prayer at St Paul's
	7.30pm Choir Practice at St Paul's
Saturday 7th	9.30am MU Corporate Communion at St Paul's
Sunday 8th	**Remembrance Sunday**
	9am Said Eucharist at St Martin's
	10:30am Sung Eucharist at St Paul's
	3pm TeaTime Service at St Paul's

Diary Dates
Martinmass at St. Martin's - 15th November, 9am
Evensong and Supper at St. Paul's - 15th November, 5pm
Parish Christmas Market - 21st November 10.30 -1.30pm
Advent Carols, Cake and Cocoa, at St Martin's - 29th November 5pm
Parish Christmas Lunch – Sunday 7th December 12.15pm

The Parish of St. Martin & St. Paul Canterbury
Sunday 1st November 2026
All Saints Day

Today

9.00am Sung Eucharist at St Martin's
Celebrant and Preacher**: Reverend Peter Ingrams**
Hymns: 227, 482, 232 (omit verses 5 and 6) Organist: **Christopher Gower**

10.30am Sung Festal Eucharist at St Paul's
LIVE STREAM
Celebrant: **Reverend Dr Mary Kells** *- Rector*
Preacher: **Samuel Keeler Walker** *– Lay Reader*
Hymns: 305, 306, 296, 300 Organist: **David Rees-Williams**
This service is live streamed on YouTube. Search MartinPaulChurches

5.00pm All Souls Service at St Paul's
A service to remember those whom we love but see no longer.

Parish Prayers: *Erika and family, Alison, Nicola, Dawn, Marylyn, Cathy, Chris* and all who are unwell. For *Norma McMurdo* and all who have recently died, remembering especially their families and all who mourn. We remember the memorial anniversary/year's mind of *Audrey Ely, and Shannon Alleyne.*

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 of all people from every tribe and language you call true witness who sing your praise, live your grace and work for peace: may we share their faith and know our need for you that we might be a blessing to the hunger of your world; through Jesus Christ, whose body we are. Amen

First Lesson: Revelation 7 9-end

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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

Psalm: 34 1-10

I will alway give thanks unto the Lord : his praise shall ever be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord : the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O praise the Lord with me : and let us magnify his Name together. I sought the Lord, and he heard me : yea, he delivered me out of all my fear. They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him : yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him : and delivereth them.

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is : blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints : for they that fear him lack nothing. The lions do lack, and suffer hunger : but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

(We stand for the Gloria): **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: 1 John 3 1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Gospel: Matthew 5 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

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

Post Communion prayer:

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: May we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Notices

All Souls Service - tonight 5pm: Join us at St Paul's for our annual All Souls Service, a quiet and reflective time to remember before God those whom we love but see no longer. During the service, the names of loved ones will be read aloud as we give thanks for their lives and commend them to God's care.

Help required: If you are able to help serve refreshments in church after this evening's All Soul's service please speak to a churchwarden.

Shoebox Appeal

The Mothers' Union members are collecting items to fill shoe boxes to support the Blythswood Christmas Appeal. If you would like to donate any gifts, please leave them at the back of the churches. A list of items required is available. We will be packing the boxes on Wednesday 4th November.

More shoe matters - Souls of my Shoes

The Mothers' Union are collecting shoes for a forthcoming exhibition at the Cathedral during their Safeguarding week to highlight Domestic Abuse. Any shoes are most welcome, but they must be donated as you won't get them back!

St Paul's at Tea Time Family Service – Sunday 8th November 3pm

Join us for our Tea Time Family Service, with the theme of 'I am the Good Shepherd.' A warm, welcoming service particularly for families.