

St Martin's Church

1st September 2024

8.30am

Holy Communion

Revd Alan Hargrave

10.30am

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Preaching:

Revd Alan Hargrave

Leading:

Revd Alan Hargrave

Revd Sue Pendenque

Songs of Songs 8.6-7

Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*Rooted in
Christ,
Reaching out
in Love*

Coming up

Morning Prayer

Facebook; 9am Mon- Fri

Prayer ministry

Each week in the Chancel
after 10.30am Sunday
services

Nourish Cafe -

3 – 4pm every Monday:
come & join us for a chat
over a cuppa.

Alpha

6 sessions exploring the
fundamentals of the
Christian faith. No
question too small!
Begins at
St Martin's 26th Sept,
7pm.

Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm;
for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave.
It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame.
Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot sweep it away.
If one were to give all the wealth of one's house for love,
it would be utterly scorned.

Song of Songs 8. 6-7

Notices

For your prayers during the coming weeks – the family and friends of Lorraine; a regular helper at Nourish, Beryl Morgan's brother and family as they go through a difficult time with health, Sarah Conte, Gill James and family, The Higgins family, Judith Swift, Jodee Best, Frances & David Clayden and Karine Thornhill.

The Hickman family would like to thank everyone for their faithful prayers for Gillian's recovery from breast cancer as she moves into after care.

Freddie Kofi - Our youth minister Freddie has made the decision to finish his time with us. His employment with us comes to an end this week as August comes to a close. Freddie has brought life, challenges to our thinking and some new creativity to our youth group. We are grateful for his input to our life here and we are sad to see him moving on. Freddie's passion is predominantly music and he is a very gifted musician. He is moving on to pursue where he feels God is leading him, into more fully using his musical gifts. We pray for Freddie as he moves on. We will say thank you to Freddie this coming Sunday evening (1st Sept) with our youth group.

Our amazing team of youth volunteers will continue to lead the group, however, the team are all people who are busy in their home lives and very active in the life of the church – there is room for more! Please pray whether God might be asking you to join the youth team and help us grow this next generation of disciples. Please chat to Sue P or Sue E if you want to know more.

Swimathon - Jeannie Hickson is doing really well on her 26 mile swim marathon for water aid. It started on the 1st August & has to be completed in 12 weeks; by late October. You can access the page hereto support her and Water-aid - <https://wateraid.enthuse.com/pf/jeannie-hickson>

QMC Charity Bungee – Hope’s 15yr old son Zech is doing a bungee jump in October half term, and is fundraising to provide special stoma teddy bears and young adult care packs, for other children and young people having stoma surgery at QMC, after receiving one after his own stoma surgery this year. If you’d like to support him and others like him you can do so via this link: <https://shorturl.at/vlG5A>

Alpha – St Martin’s is offering a meal and an exploration of the fundamentals of the Christian faith for 6 weeks this autumn. No question too small to ask! Begins 26th Sept, 7pm.

Because we are providing a meal for each week of the Alpha course we’re calling for volunteers. If you’re able to help with cooking, setting out, or washing up, please note your name on the sheet in the lobby and help us make Alpha a real hit this year.

Quiet Day - Saturday 28th September at Mount St Bernard Abbey – come and join us for a day of quiet reflection together in the presence of God, and surrounded by beauty. For further info contact Lesley and sign up on the sheet in the lobby if you’re interested in coming (max 20 spaces available)

Upcoming Cursillo Diary - Saturday 28th September 10am-3.30pm - *Day of Deeper Understanding* (day retreat) at St Martin’s Sherwood.

Next Cursillo Weekend will be at Launde Abbey; Friday 1st August 2025 3pm - Sunday 3rd 4pm. Please chat to Helena Shipston for more info.

The Oakes Weekend – we still have 10 places for boys on this trip. The dates are 15th - 17th Nov 2024 for children who will be in school years 5-10. The price of £50 per child includes accommodation, lovely meals, activities from archery to crafts to muddy obstacle courses, and great Bible teaching from the Oakes staff team. If you know a child who'd like to take part please let Sue Estella know: sgfruitc@yahoo.co.uk www.oakes.org.uk

Our church vision

To be a welcoming God centred church, where people are transformed by the love of Christ, to nurture God’s love, hope and justice, for the flourishing of Sherwood, our City and our World

Upcoming Readings

8th Sept

Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23

James 2.1-10, 14-17

15th Sept

Joel 2.21-27 (8.30)

Matt 6.25-33 (10.30)

Christian Aid Family Fun Fund Raiser - Many thanks to the people who have signed the sheets so far to help with the proposed Family Fun Fund Raiser for Christian Aid on the 5th October. There is still plenty of opportunity to offer your help to make this event happen. Please do look at the sheet and add your name if you want this event to go ahead. At this stage signing the sheet is just an indication of your support. Many thanks, Tony R.

Arnold Foodbank -our collection box is under the table in the church foyer. Here's the list of foods they're looking for:

Tinned Meat - corned beef, hotdogs, chilli etc, Noodles (Packets and Pot Noodles), Pasta Sauces, Tinned Fish, Squash/Juice Tinned Fruit and Rice Pudding/Custard, Tinned Veg - carrots, sweetcorn and peas, Soup, Coffee, Chocolate & Snacks, UHT Milk, Toiletries (toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and toilet rolls)

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