

# ST MARY'S AND ST MARTIN'S

## 23 February

### 2nd Sunday before Lent

St Mary's 8am service - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays - Holy Communion (BCP)  
St Mary's 4pm Second Sunday of month - Evensong  
St Martin's 10am service - Parish Communion

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am	St Martin's	All Age Communion
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9am	St Martin's	Morning Prayer
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St Martin's	Holy Communion followed by refreshments
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8am	St Mary's	Holy Communion BCP
	10am	St Martin's	All Age Communion
	1.15pm	St Mary's	Baptism of Hermione Lytton Cobbold

#### READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Luke 8. 22-25

**COLLECT:** Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### OUR NEWS

##### 2025 ELECTORAL ROLL

Each six years the Parish Electoral Roll has to be revised. This means that everyone already on the roll has to reapply and there are letters, with an application form, for them in church. Application forms for the Electoral Roll are available also in both churches if needed.

##### PRAISE SERVICE SUNDAY 2 MARCH, 4:30pm

Join us as we gather for a time of singing, prayer, rest and reflection in God's presence. This will be a freer space to worship, so do come as we experiment with new forms of worship together.

##### SERVICE OF INSTITUTION FOR CHARLES AS RECTOR, St Martin's, Saturday 8 March, 5pm

You are all warmly invited to this special service as we gather with Bishop Jane and Archdeacon Janet, followed by suitable refreshments. Some have asked what the change from Priest-in-Charge to Rector really is. I think I'd say that day to day it is none! However, the formalities do mark a real next step in our life as a parish together as we continue to look forward in faith to the future, and this is something we can celebrate.

## PANCAKE DAY – 4 MARCH

This event has proved very successful in past years; so let's get going for a bumper year in 2025!! If anyone can offer their time to help OR to provide some yummy fillings please add your names onto the lists at the back of church. All the monies go into Church funds. Many thanks for your help.

## YOUTH EVENT: ILLUMINATE CATHEDRAL!

Saturday 15 March, 6:30-10pm, St Albans Cathedral. A fabulous event to hang out for one-night only in our 1000-yr-old cathedral, transformed for young people. Inflatable challenges, silent disco, mini golf, prayer space, discussion zones, great food and much more... School years 6-13. Tickets just £7.00 incl food, at [illuminateyouth.co.uk](http://illuminateyouth.co.uk)

## CHRISTIAN AID FRUGAL LUNCH

The lunch will be held in St Martin's Parish Centre on Sunday 27th April 12pm for 12.30pm. **Please make a note of the date!** A lunch of soup, roll, cheese & biscuits will be provided. Donations appreciated for the Sudan appeal. There will also be a speaker coming who has recently returned from aid work there.

## 2025: YEAR OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL AND WELLBEING

Our diocese is this year offering specially designed retreats, quiet days (some especially for churchwardens), pilgrimage walks, talks, online accompanied prayer weeks, courses and a special summer Cathedral celebration. Also included are resources for prayer as well as guidance and encouragement to help you care for your own wellbeing. Full details at [year.stalbansdiocese.org](http://year.stalbansdiocese.org) You can book directly yourself, but if there's something that takes your fancy and you'd like company, let us know and we'll see if others wish to join in.

## FOODBANK FEED UP WARM UP

charity number 1186381

**Supplying the homeless and those in need locally. Generally needed:** Tinned soup, beans, meat balls, tinned meats, tinned fish; tinned fruit; biscuits; pasta; microwave rice; breakfast bars; toilet roll. Could you get an item when you go shopping? **Thank you for your continuing support.** Your one tin or packet a week can make all the difference to someone in need.

### Please remember in your prayers:

- All those known to us who need **healing** at this time, including: Jane Gilbert, Orla & her family, Mick & Sue Willis, Father Philip and Helmut Proff.
- Thanksgiving for the healing of Janet Wright.
- Those who have died.
- The Diocese of St Albans, Bishop Alan; Bishop Jane; Archdeacon Janet, and all those who support us in our worship and ministry.
- Baptism of Hermione Lytton Cobbold, and her family and friends
- Places suffering from war, conflict and strife, among them: The Holy Land – Israel and Palestine, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Mali, Yemen, and Sudan.

Please email any contributions for this e-leaflet by **12.30pm Tuesday**  
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