



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bryan Jordan and family
 Andy and Dee McDowell
 Joan and Ken Whitehouse, Amy and Tyler
 Edwin Mayo, Gary's father
 Gary Mayo

If you wish to add a person to the prayer list, please ensure you have their consent before e-mailing Penny with the details.

This week we pray for all those who live and work on:
 Daisy bank Crescent
 Barry Road
 Park Hall Close

HOW TO DONATE MONEY REGULARLY TO ST MARTIN'S

If you'd like to give to the work of St Martin's you can donate direct from your bank account with a standing order, you can place money on the plate each week or you can give via our [Just Giving page](#). Chat to Jenny, or Chris and Sue for more details. Please give as generously as you can as regularly as you can and remember to gift aid if you are eligible. **THANK YOU.**

ST MARTIN'S CHARITY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

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Relationships

In the Gospel of John, Jesus affirms that when we become a Christian it involves commitment. He continues "no one can come to me unless the Father has sent him". (John 6).

A relationship or any commitment is not just about paying lip service, (to be seen to be doing the right thing), it's not just about going through the motions e.g. going to church every Sunday and receiving the bread and wine. It's about living and breathing God's word every single day.

Being a Christian means that we treat each other as brothers and sisters, with love and understanding. We look out for those who are ill, lonely, or in a threatening relationship, in financial difficulty or grieving.

The most important relationship we can ever have is with Christ. He loves us, without judgement - JUST AS WE ARE. Amen.

God's blessings.

Margaret.

MEN'S BREAKFAST The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, 7th September at Heavenly Baking, Walsall Garden Centre, Sutton Road. We meet around 9:00 and I am sure that Walsall F C will be a topic seeing as I write this, they are top of the table (yes, I know there has only been two games played, but we will bask in this glory as long as it lasts!). Other topics of conversation will be available. If you want to join us, then you are more than welcome. Any questions, please ask Martin King.



7pm, Saturday 7th September
Broadway United Reform Church
Gillity Ave, Walsall WS5 3PH

£8 a ticket, including a fish and chip supper*
from the local chippy.

*please do tell us about any dietary requirements

For teams of up to 8 members.
Contact Meg on 07771 570313 for tickets and info.
If you don't have a team, we'll find one for you!
All are welcome.

Can you help with raffle prize donations?
Please do let us know.



Welcome to St Martin's
10.00am Holy Communion
Thursday 10.00am – Holy Communion

In August we celebrate the birthdays of Les Budding (1st), John Duder (5th), Suzanne Platt (13th), Colin McIlwaine (15th), David Lynam (22nd), Jackie Coles (23rd), Dorothy Doody (24th), Debra Mayo (25th), Philip Hodgkinson (29th). A very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to you all. **Congratulations** on their wedding anniversaries go to Carl and Jen Whitford, Lyndsey and Iain Thornley on 12th and Chris and John Proctor on 14th.

This year's **Christmas Fair** will be on the 30th November, starting at 10am until 1pm, all proceeds raised will go towards the work and ministry of St Martin's. More info coming soon, put the date in your diary!

Pew Bible Replacement Project

If you are interested in donating the £10 cost of a new edition pew Bible for St. Martin's, please read letters available from church. If you would like to have a copy of one of our old pew Bibles, let Sue Davidson know – davidsonsc@btinternet.com Thank you.

Reminder – Doorknobs Swing Band Friday 18th October @ St. Martin's

The Doorknobs will be entertaining us again! Tickets will go on sale during September, £10 to include food. If you can offer any help at this event, please let Sue Davidson know. More details of this fun fundraising event to follow.

Coming up at St. Martin's
- extra-family-friendly services at 10am

Book Bag Blessing 1st September

Bring your book bags, school bags, work bags, hand bags etc to be blessed for the coming academic year. We're also starting our service focus of creation which runs through to the beginning of October



Pet Service & Café Church 8th September



Church for 'All Creatures Great And Small'. Bring along your pets to join in this service with their humans seated around tables in the church hall.

Harvest Festival 29th September

Come and celebrate all the good things we have. To share our harvest you are welcome to bring donations for the Ablewell Food Bank. Items to include savoury and sweet canned foods, long life UHT milks and hygiene items.



St. Martin's WS5 3DQ

Church flowers The flowers for Sunday 25th August have been donated by Pat Stokes in memory of her sister, Sue Roberts.

Daffodils Community Garden and Allotments will be holding another Barn dance on 28th September, 7pm. Please put the date in your diary and plan to come. Tickets £5 (non-refundable) from Lesley Bates on 07939553590. Including refreshments, bring own alcoholic drinks.

St Martin's prayers 25th August 2024

Prayers for God's Peace

Father God, we bring you our prayers today and ask for your peace in our hearts and in our lives. We pour out our worries, anxieties, and fears at your feet. The world seems so full of darkness and hatred at the moment, and we ask you to calm our fears with the assurance of your presence with us. Amen.

Gracious Father, we pray for peace in your world, where there is often conflict and strife. Bring an end to violence and injustice, both here in our own country and those countries many miles away, whose suffering we see on the news each day. Inspire all leaders to work for the well-being of all people. May your message of love and compassion unite nations in a common pursuit of peace. Amen.

Loving God, we bring before you our relationships. Those filled with tension and stress, those filled with worry and concern for those we love. Pour out your peace on us all, softening our hearts and giving us understanding of each other's needs. May your love guide our words and actions. Give us the wisdom to forgive and the humility to seek peace. Amen.

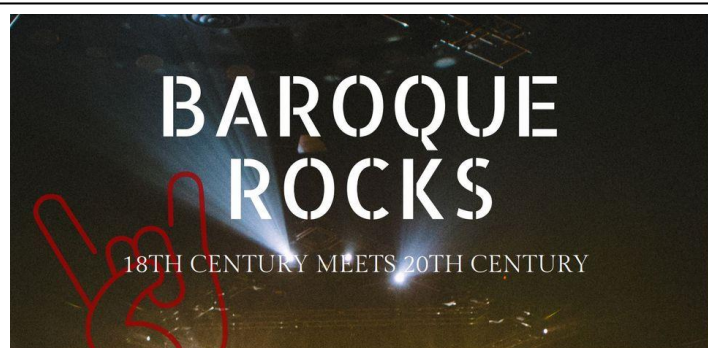
Comforting God, surround us with your peace in times of illness and suffering. We pray for all who are ill, especially those with terminal illness. Help us to support our loved ones in their weakness. Grant us the strength to endure, knowing that you are our refuge and our strength in times of distress. Amen.

Eternal Father, in times of uncertainty and fear, we seek your peace that overcomes all circumstances. Help us to trust in you and find security in your promises. Quiet our anxious thoughts and fill our hearts with your peace that guards our minds and souls. We surrender our worries to you, knowing that you are in control. Amen

The Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



Saturday 21st September 7pm at St Martin's church,
Walsall. WS5 3DQ

We are kicking off the new academic year with **another rendition of Baroque Rocks**, this time at St Martin's! We are bringing to you **3 wonderful concertos by Vivaldi** with all young soloists from NBSS followed by a second half of some of the **best Rock pieces written** by Metallica, Queen and Coldplay!

Tickets for this church fundraising event costing just £5 will be available to purchase in church from 1st September.