

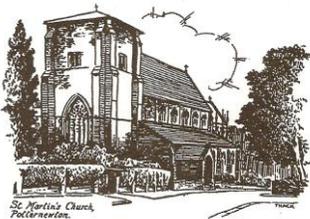
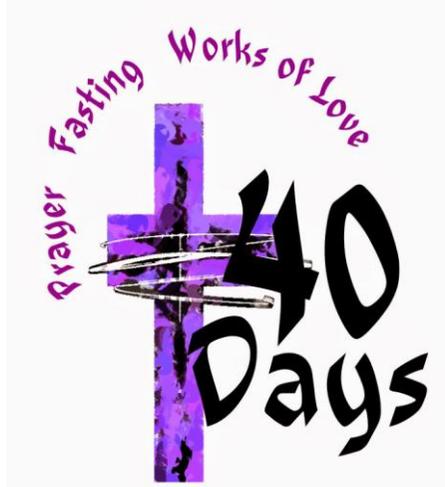
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## *Editors Comment:*

Welcome to the new, if slightly familiar, St Martin's magazine. We've tried to retain some of the old favourites whilst adding a new feel to it. Many thanks go to Caroline for all her hard work and effort in producing the previous magazine for so many years. We hope you like the new magazine – please let us know!

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### **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:**

I wasn't called to be successful; I was called to be faithful.

*(Mother Teresa during her 1992 visit to the UK)*

# **Pastoral Letter**

## **NEW BEGINNINGS**

Dear Friends,

I know that the idiom “new beginnings” is a bit of a cliché. I could have chosen others: To turn over a new leaf; To start anew; Nothing ventured, nothing gained; To break new ground; Out with the old and in with the new; When one door closes, another opens; Winds of change; and many more...

At the time of writing it is still January, so I think I can get away with such a title to this opening article. Moreover, as you read this it will be March, with spring definitely at the door and nature waking up again after the long winter sleep. Finally and more importantly, this article opens a new cycle in the history of our Parish Magazine: after 14 dedicated years Caroline has had to step down from her post as editor and Helen – with the assistance of an enthusiastic team – has taken up this role with this first issue.

New Beginnings all round, therefore! I am personally very grateful to both Caroline and Helen: the former for so much hard work in faithfully producing the magazine month after month for 14 years; the latter for her generosity in taking up the responsibility and challenging task of collating the publishing material and editing it before it goes to print with the newly purchased machine operated by Franklin.

I am sure you will enjoy reading our Magazine in this new incarnation, and I will welcome any feedback you may want

to offer, which I will duly pass on to the editorial team. We will continue to distribute it throughout the neighbourhood and to send it out to our subscribers.

New Beginnings is an apt title also for a couple of other reasons... plus one. As a parish Church we have embarked on two new initiatives: our Mothers' Union's "Come and See – Messy Church" (for people of all ages who may find it difficult to come regularly to a 10 o'clock service on Sunday mornings) and the St Martin's Youth Group (for youngsters aged 15-18). We have just started, therefore we need all the prayers you can spare so that these initiatives may be rooted in Jesus Christ, without Whom there is not much we can do and in Whom alone we can bear fruit and fruit that lasts. If you or people whom you know are interested in joining messy Church and/or the Youth Group, just give me a shout and I will give you more details.

The "plus one" reason for such a title is that with the first day of this month of March, Ash Wednesday, the Holy Season of Lent begins, a time of preparation for the celebration of the greatest new beginning ever: the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, the foundation of all our hopes.

Have a blessed and fruitful Holy Season of Lent!

Fr Nicholas



# Calendar



## March:

<b>Weds 1<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	10.30 am 7.00 pm	Home Communions Ash Wednesday service with imposition of ashes
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	4.30 pm	Outreach
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.30 am 2.00 pm 4.30 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer in Church Stations of the Cross in Church Youth Group
<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup></b>	12 noon	Community Kitchen in the Institute until 2.00 pm
<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>The First Sunday of Lent</u></b>	
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup></b>	7.00 pm	PCC meeting
<b>Weds 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 am 10.30 am 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Holy Communion Home Communions Mothers' Union meeting Choir Practice
<b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup></b>	6.30 pm	Baptism Preparation
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup></b>	2.00 pm 4.30 pm	Stations of the Cross in Church Youth Group
<b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup></b>	12 noon	Community Kitchen in the Institute until 2.00 pm

<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>The Second Sunday of Lent</u></b>	
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
<b>Weds 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 am	Morning Prayers
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod at St Barnaba's
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup></b>	2.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
	4.30 pm	Youth Group
<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup></b>	12 noon	Community Kitchen in the Institute until 2.00 pm
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>The Third Sunday of Lent</u></b>	
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
<b>Weds 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup></b>	2.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
	4.30 pm	Youth Group
<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup></b>	12 noon	Community Kitchen in the Institute until 2.00 pm
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Mothering Sunday</u></b>	
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist with children
	4.00 pm	"Come & See" - Messy Church in the Institute
<b>Tues 28<sup>th</sup></b>	7.00 pm	Standing Committee
<b>Weds 29<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup></b>	2.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
	4.30 pm	Youth Group



# News

## Confirmation Service 29.01.2017

Three members of St. Martin's congregation, Tracey, Vincent and Sybilla, were confirmed at the beautiful church of All Souls on Sunday 29th January 2017. The service which included the giving of communion was conducted by the Rt. Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds. Revd Dr. Nicholas Lo Polito, the priest in charge at St. Martin's assisted at the service.



Vincent and Tracey just before the start of the service

Members of the congregation from St. Martin's were in attendance to give their support and encouragement to Tracey, Vincent and Sybilla on this important occasion. In the photo to the right Vincent is kneeling to be confirmed by Bishop Nick.



The service was a moving one with the hymns and the readings reflecting the purpose and the joy of the confirmation. We welcome Tracey, Vincent and Sybilla as confirmed members of the Church.

Our thanks go to All Souls, Bishop Nick, Father Nicholas and all who made the confirmation such a rewarding and enjoyable experience.



(Article and photos provided by Jennie Collins)

# News

## PCC SUMMARY

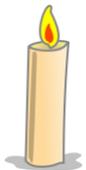
On Tue 17/01/2017 the Parochial Church Council met. Here is some information about its deliberations.

- This was the first meeting after the Annual General Meeting, so we proceeded to the appointment of a Vice-chair (Franklin Pond), a Secretary (Sue Bain), a Treasurer (Carrie Rowsell) and an Electoral Roll Officer (Monica David). Maureen, Carrie and Monica were also co-opted into the PCC.
- St Martin's participation with All Souls and Roscoe Church in the Winter Shelter initiative was concluded successfully with three members of our congregation taking part: Emily, Maddy and Carrie.
- Parish finances continue to remain a priority as we intend to carry out necessary and expensive repairs to the roof and to maintain our regular contributions to the Diocesan Common Fund. Thanks to Carrie's strenuous effort we are now receiving some rebates from the Tax Office that should considerably contribute towards the extinguishing of our debt with the Diocesan Board of Finance.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 7 March at 7 pm.

## Messy Church

St. Martin's first Messy Church session was held on Sunday 29th January 2017 from 4.00pm in the Institute. Messy Church aims to attract young families and children. Fr Nicholas and Revd Jane together with members of the Mothers' Union kept the participants busy and occupied. The theme was Light - Jesus being the Light of the world. There was singing and chanting followed by the telling of the bible story about Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus when he saw the Light.



We were encouraged to express our creativity and thoughts by drawing or writing on paper lining the lower walls of the room.

Refreshments were provided and included pizza, fruit, biscuits and cakes together with tea, coffee and fruit juice.

Both children and adults enjoyed the Messy Church! Do come along and join in on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 4.00pm in the Institute.

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## From All Souls:

It is good to be able to share with St Martins some of our activities from All Souls over the last couple of months. We had a busy Christmas with some uplifting services to celebrate the Birth of our Saviour, including a Christingle service and Epiphany celebrations.

For some time we have been trying to increase our outreach to local schools as we have Blenheim Primary School on our door step. In the Autumn, one group of pupils came to visit to enhance their study of Religious Education; a lovely visit in which we were amazed at the questions which were thrown at us and the curiosity of the pupils, as they looked round our splendid building.

We were delighted to receive another request for a visit; this time to look at the stained glass windows, as the pupils were engaged in a project on the making of stained glass and what the windows represent. A group of 58 pupils arrived, enthusiastic and eager to explore the church. As we have some splendid windows, the pupils were fascinated by the colours, the images and the stories behind each subject. They had been given questions to answer and at the end of the session we had the opportunity to tell the pupils something of the Christian faith – using the images as a catalyst to help understanding. It was lovely to see the excitement on the children's faces as they learned more of the history of the church, and as their questions were answered. We hope that we can develop further our involvement with our local schools.

Another initiative which is slowly developing is our 'soup kitchen' reaching out to those in need to offer soup, a warm space and friendship. We have taken the work you do at St Martin's as an example for us and we are grateful for the hints and tips we have received. More news on this initiative as this work begins.

Our joint confirmation with you at St Martins took place on January 29th and we welcomed Bishop Nick, our Diocesan Bishop, to the service.

Ann Nicholl (Reader @ All Souls)

# News

## From Bishop Nick:

### **Our new diocese – how's it going?**

So much has been achieved since the Diocese of Leeds was created just two and a half years ago. Bringing together three very different dioceses was a hugely complex procedure, but we are all now part of a large, coherent body, whose benefits are being increasingly revealed.

The bishops and archdeacons are working closely with their areas, and the combined spiritual wealth of 656 churches, over 240 church schools and three cathedrals has brought increased creative energy. We now have a central office in Leeds (complete with a charitable coffee shop that's open to all), a new parish share system, new governance and further delegation of authority from the diocesan bishop to the area bishops.

Some of the challenges we face include: getting the right balance between one diocese and the five episcopal areas, tackling the anticipated fall in clergy numbers, growing our churches and maintaining parish share. And it remains vital to reach children and young people with the Gospel in order to build future generations of strong Christians.

At the heart of all we do are the values captured in our diocesan strap line, 'Loving, Living and Learning'. It's a useful list to check against everything we do. What does that mean for you and your church?

*+Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds*

### **Loving, Living, Learning**

We aim to:

**Love** God, the world and one another.

**Live** in the world as it is, but, drawn by a vision of something better, we want to help individuals and communities flourish.

**Learn** when we get things wrong, by listening and growing together.

# Articles

## WHY UNITY MATTERS

An article by Julie Etchingham - presenter of ITV News at Ten – from *The Tablet*: The International Catholic News Weekly. Reproduced with permission of the Publisher. Website address: <http://www.thetablet.co.uk>

**IT HAS BEEN** a whirlwind 48 hours in Rome, and Archbishop Justin Welby seems thoroughly invigorated by it. Fresh from private discussions with Pope Francis, and a Mass celebrated in St Peter's, we meet in the very British surroundings of Villa Wolkonsky, residence of the UK ambassador to Italy, to talk about both the joys and the pains of the historic visit.

On his right hand is the glittering ring given 50 years ago by Pope Paul VI to Michael Ramsey, one of Justin Welby's predecessors as Archbishop of Canterbury, to seal a turning point in the relationship between the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion. It is a large, square, green stone divided by a gold cross and studded with four diamonds – rather unwieldy on Archbishop Welby's slim right hand, and you occasionally catch him turning it in his fingers.

There is little doubt that the personal connection between Welby and Pope Francis is a key driving force in these renewed efforts for Christian unity. Those of us who saw the pair before they spent time in private conversation witnessed them roaring with laughter at a shared joke. So what insight can the archbishop offer into their friendship?

"It's very personal – obviously not private because it's too official – but it is very warm and there's a lot of joking. At every conversation I seek his advice on something – because he's very wise and very experienced. He has a breadth of view that I can't get close to, and a depth of thinking, a spirituality which is profoundly moving – so I will sometimes seek his advice in personal terms – and sometimes in the things that we do."

The two had just signed a Common Declaration charting the next steps towards unity – with the practical outward sign of commissioning 19 pairs of bishops from the Anglican Communion and Roman Catholic Church to work together in the world on issues

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such as poverty and injustice. But Archbishop Welby acknowledges – as in the declaration – that because of issues such as women’s ordination and human sexuality, full union between the Churches seems a distant dream.

“Oh absolutely – yes it really is. Women’s ordination particularly is a major blockage. And there are other things around authority and some dogmatic doctrinal problems too, things of significant importance.”

Nowhere are they more manifest than at the altar rail. Just that morning in St Peter’s, at a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Koch, this was driven home starkly, as Catholics received Holy Communion while Anglicans could not.

It is a source of sorrow for the archbishop. “We live with this, and every single day we feel the pain. And that is good – because the moment these wounds stop hurting, we have really lost the plot. They stop hurting when we are dead, and we are emphatically not dead.”

**SUCH DIVISIONS** and the profound hope of one day overcoming them can make such encounters in Rome deeply emotional, as happened at the Church of San Gregorio al Celio on Wednesday evening at vespers.

“That moment ... when Pope Francis handed me the gift of the bishop’s staff and I took off my cross of nails and gave it to him – and he kissed it and put it over his head – I could see the faces of really pretty tough bishops and archbishops all round with tears pouring down their cheeks. It spoke about a functional, relational unity which is completely different from the dysfunction we suffer in many areas.”

Archbishop Welby again and again underlines that, despite the obstacles to unity, much can still be achieved.

“There is institutional unity and what you might call operational working unity. It’s easy to play up the differences – they are profound and very real, but it’s easy to forget the extraordinary unity which has developed over the last half century.”

But what of his own Anglican Communion? What hope can there be of union with the Catholic Church when his own institution

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is so riven with disagreement? Is it easier to come to Rome than face the reality of his own Church? He laughs loudly.

“It’s a reasonable question. Funnily enough I think the reason Anglicans appear so riven is that we tend to do our arguing very loudly and in public. The synod of bishops showed some pretty severe signs of tension within the Catholic Church – it’s just that they tend to do their arguing more quietly behind closed doors. We go into the back garden and shout at each other – it’s more ‘out there’. It doesn’t mean it’s more profound – we struggle with walking together, but we are doing it.

“The Anglican Communion is in 165 countries – 70 to 80 million people – everything from people in the mountains of Papua New Guinea, through to Manhattan and San Francisco. The idea that you would look at the world in the same way is ridiculous. What is extraordinary is not the depth of division, but the depth of the unity. Talk about climate change, talk about prayer, talk about worship and service to the poor – talk about meeting Jesus Christ, and you find people come together like rock.”

In their audience together, Pope Francis alluded to the discussions the pair had had on conflict and war. He spoke of a world “thirsting for peace”, with the horror of Aleppo unfolding as we spoke.

“What is being done is evil, both in the strict theological sense and in the general sense. It is demonic. It is the absolute contempt for the human spirit. For the dignity of the human being. It is the brushing aside of the poor and the weak and the fragile in a way that is as bad as anything we’ve seen in the last century.”

So in a time when the world faces such bleakness, why should the world care about the nuance of what is happening here in Rome between the Churches?

“I think those who care about justice in the world, about holiness, about the protection of the weak and about mercy – should care. “If you’re a Christian you believe that Jesus said that when we are working together and we are at one, the work of God in the world is transformed – and is so much more effective. This is not about human politics, it’s about making space in our world, in

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our politics, in our trade and in our economies, for mercy, grace and love. That's why it matters."

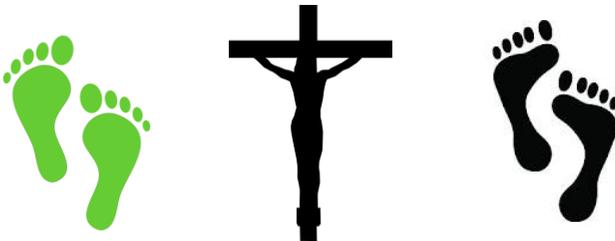
**AND WHAT OF** his own faith? A man with a Roman Catholic monk as a spiritual director, with a clear personal closeness to Pope Francis – has he ever contemplated a conversion to Roman Catholicism?

"Well I certainly wouldn't tell you if I had!" he laughs. But for him there is a clear and personal dividing line. "We differ very profoundly between Catholics and Anglicans – particularly around the ordination of women which is something I feel very strongly about. I was very involved in the end of the process of enabling the ordination of women to the Episcopate as bishops. That's something that I think is right and proper theologically on Christian terms, and we disagree on that.

"But if we ever reached a point where the two Churches in my lifetime were able to have visible unity and had reached agreement on these issues where it was not a compromise on some of the things that they feel are essential and that we feel are essential – if there was that great spirit-led moment of unity – it would be probably the greatest moment I could imagine."

A moment when you could be at one with the Roman Catholic Church? "We would all be part of that One Church," he smiles. Meanwhile, Pope Francis' words to him that morning will doubtless sustain his efforts.

"He kept emphasising that we will walk together. We will deal with the problems over time – some of them are huge problems which we don't see a way forward on at the moment. But the emphasis was: we will walk together."



# Regulars

## Mothers' Union

### **Looking to the Future with Love and Hope.**

*Mothers' Union Worldwide President, Lynne Tembey looks to the future with Love and Hope.*

In our Mothers' Union Prayer, we use the words "empowered by your spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world". In John 15:11-17, Jesus commands us to love each other as He himself loves us.

The community of the Cross of Nails in the diocese of Coventry is a powerful and inspirational symbol of forgiveness and reconciliation. Members are reminded to be "kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you".

On Armistice Day on the 11th November 2016, Mothers' Union members and staff at Mary Sumner House met together in the chapel for an act of worship to give thanks for all who had given their lives in World wars and conflicts for the freedom of so many. A poem called 'Poppies, the Innocence of a Child' was read. In the poem, the child asks her mother why she is crying. Her mother replies "My tears are my fears for you, my child, for the world is forgetting again". Although we should not forget the past, we should live peacefully in the present and look to the future with love and hope in our hearts.

We hope and pray that the Mothers' Union can be used as channels of peace and reconciliation so that the world does not forget again.

#### Prayer:

Let our love for God be displayed in  
practical care for his people  
Let our words of love for God be  
written in acts of compassion  
May the truth of our love for God be  
confirmed by generous deeds.  
Amen.



(Article provided by Jennie Collins)

# Children's Page

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How many times can you find the words LENT,  
PANCAKE or PRAYER in the above grid?

## A Prayer for Lent

Lord, please show me what I should give up  
for Lent  
And when I've given it up, remind me to pray  
to You instead  
To thank You; To love You; To hear from You  
Each and every day in Lent  
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## Church Notice Board

**Weds 1<sup>st</sup> March: 7.00 pm** – Ash Wednesday  
Service in Church

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> March: 10:30 am** - Women's World  
Day of Prayer service in Church

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> March: 10.00 am** – Mothering  
Sunday Eucharist

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> March: 4.00 pm** – Messy Church in  
the Institute

**Every Friday at 2.00 pm** – Stations of the  
Cross in Church

**Every Friday at 4.30 pm** – Youth Group

## From the Registers

### **Baptisms:**

8/01/2017 Anayah Walwyn

### **Confirmations:**

29/01/2017 Vincent Campbell  
Tracey Hunte  
Sibylla Tharpe-Hinds

### **Funerals:**

20/01/2017 Eileen Evelyn  
27/01/2017 Lashay Gordon  
Christiana "Betsy" Aymer

# Rotas

## Readings



<b>March 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	<b>S Findley James</b> <b>E Allen</b> <b>Priest</b>
<b>March 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	<b>M Lazenby</b> <b>A Hylton</b> <b>Priest</b>
<b>March 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	<b>J Collins</b> <b>M Barrlett</b> <b>Priest</b>
<b>March 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Exodus 2:1-10 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 Luke 2:33-35	<b>M Hunter</b> <b>F Pond</b> <b>Priest</b>

## Sidespeople

<b>March 5<sup>th</sup></b>	M Rey; P Adams; L Willie; I Manners
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	D Herbert; M James; M France; J Dean
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	E Glasgow; M Hunter; J France; H Baxter
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	Y Archibald; I Maynard; M David; V Richards

## Refreshments

<b>March 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>L Thompson; E Mills</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>M Hunter</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>J Collins; P Adams</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>H Baxter; K Saggu</b>



## Sunday Club

<b>March 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Caroline & Myrla
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	Georgette & Apostle
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	Caroline & Myrla
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	Children in Church





## Transport

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## Community Kitchen

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in"  
(Matthew 25:35)

Started in July 2014, The Community Kitchen is open on Saturdays from 12.00 to 2.00pm. A free three course meal of soup, a main course and dessert is normally provided. Tea, coffee and fruit juices are also served.



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