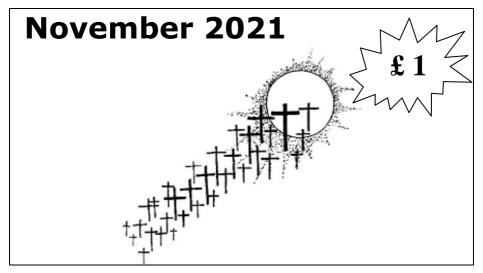
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St Martin's Church welcomes you to praise God and serve our diverse community together

Editor's Comment:

As we are approaching the end of another year we remember once more – those lost in conflict and those lost in peace, those close to us and those who we did not know; those who have given their lives for our safety. We pray that you continue to stay safe and well over these uncertain months.

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Calendar



November

Mon 1 st	All Saints' Day		
Tues 2 nd	All Souls' Da 6.00 pm	PCC on Zoom	
Weds 3 rd	9.00 am 9.30 am 5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Community Kitchen Communion Service in church Evening Prayer in church Potternewton Community Choir in the church until 7.45 pm	
Fri 5 th	9.00 am	Community Kitchen	
Sun 7 th	The Third Su 9.00 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Inday before Advent Morning Prayer in church Parish Eucharist in church (also streamed on our Facebook page) St Martin's Patronal Evensong with	
Weds 10 th	9.00 am 9.30 am 2.00 pm 5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Benediction Community Kitchen Communion Service in church Mothers' Union in the Institute until 3pm Evening Prayer in church Potternewton Community Choir in the church until 7.45 pm	
Fri 12 th	9.00 am 7.30 pm	Community Kitchen Quiz on Zoom – all welcome (Contact Rev Jane for Meeting ID and passcode)	

Sun 14 th	Remembrance Sunday		
	9.00 am	Morning Prayer in church	
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist in church (also streamed on our Facebook page)	
	12 noon	Holy Baptism	
	3.00 pm	Memorial Service in church	
Weds 17 th	9.00 am	Community Kitchen	
	9.30 am 5.00 pm	Communion Service in church Evening Prayer in church	
	3.00 pm	Evening Frayer in Church	
	6.30 pm	Potternewton Community Choir in the church until 7.45 pm	
Thurs 18 th	7.30 pm	Community Prayers – Church of God of Prophecy	
Fri 19 th	9.00 am	Community Kitchen	
Sun 21 st	Christ the King		
	9.00 am	Morning Prayer in church	
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist in church (also streamed on our Facebook page)	
	P.M.	Evening Prayer in church	
Weds 24 th	9.00 am	Community Kitchen	
	9.30 am	Communion Service in church	
	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Evening Prayer in church Potternewton Community Choir in the	
	0.30 p	church until 7.45 pm	
Thurs 25 th	7.00 pm	Deanery Synod (? At St George's)	
Fri 26 th	9.00 am	Community Kitchen	
Sun 28 th	The First Sunday of Advent		
	9.00 am	Morning Prayer in church	
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist in church (also streamed on our Facebook page)	
	P.M.	Evening Prayer in church	
Tues 30 th	St Andrew t	- ,	
	6.00 pm	Standing Committee on Zoom	

Pastoral Letter

Caring for God's earth part 2 and next steps

Harvest has been a time of thanksgiving and this year we have been able at least to have our harvest festival inside our church building, on the 3rd of October. Thanks again to our local nurseries and primary schools who have contributed in various ways towards our harvest, helping those members of our community who are on the margins. The month of October was also a time of celebrating Black history month, though it is one month out of twelve, it is a time we acknowledge the contributions of black people in our community and all over the world, I believe that this should be a regular occurrence. However, celebrating black history at the end of October was focused on showcasing the talents and gifts of our local community here in Chapeltown and Potternewton. All this is part of living in the world in which God created, and we see that

My last pastoral letter in May 2021 on the environment tried to give some of the reasons we might want to take care of God's earth. Different concerns have been raised with regards to the way in which we treat our environment. Building on this theme, what else can we do? Of course, we have done a lot already, in terms of thinking about the eco church scheme, recycling our waste, growing vegetables and putting together an environmental policy which is contextualised to our context. Suggestions have pointed out the need to be mindful of the impact of climate change beyond the walls of our church building.

Perhaps as part of our next steps, given our impressive record in taking action to address some of our concerns regarding climate change, who else can we partner with, so that we can in small ways contribute to the overall change we want to see in our city. I read of a parish in Liverpool who are partnering with energy companies so that they can help vulnerable members of their society to benefit from having a green energy gas and electricity supplier. This was encouraging for me, and I wonder what else we can do in our own context, in the light of all the concerns that we have shared with each other. Linking this thinking with what the bible says using the Berean study bible: "If you are harvesting in your field and forget a sheaf there, do not go back to get it. It is to be left for the foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands". (Deuteronomy 24:19).

Let us remember that the good that we do needs to be shared with us.

God bless you all, as we listen for God's leading as we seek to do his will.

Fr. Ericcson



Safety protocol in church

- The Parish Council (PCC) continues to recommend physical distancing in church, sanitising your hands at entry, observing the one-way system at the time of Holy Communion
- The PCC asks that we continue wearing a mask in church, except for health reasons, as a matter of courtesy towards others.
- Please do not touch objects or furniture unnecessarily.
- After the service, please leave the Order of Service and the Hymnbook on your seat; please take the Sunday Sheet away with you or leave it on your seat.
- If you are coming to the rail for Holy Communion, you may indicate (for instance saying yes or no) if you prefer Communion not just by bread alone but with bread slightly dipped in the wine and deposited on your hand"

Thank you for your co-operation and patience.

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News

PCC DIGEST

On Tuesday 5th August the PCC met online via Zoom and here is some information about its deliberations:

- The PCC voted unanimously in favour of appointing All Souls' treasurer Dave Horsman as treasurer for St Martin's as well, following the sudden retirement of Carrie Rowsell. Everything is being done to make this difficult and important transition as smooth as possible.
- The PCC voted unanimously for the felling of two dangerous trees that may cause damage to property, located on the church grounds. We have obtained written permission from Leeds City and from the Archdeacon.
- Fr Ericcson is organising a Black History Month event for Saturday 30 October from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. The event will include guest speakers, songs and a promising open mic time. All welcome.
- The PCC heard that the first Potternewton Community Choir rehearsal was extremely well attended and was "good fun". It is not too late to join on Wednesdays at 6:30 in church.
- The PCC heard of the need to find a person happy to help the current church cleaning team by overseeing the need for toilet equipment in the church toilets.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 2nd November at 6 pm on Zoom.

Confirmation

On Sunday 3rd October one member of our congregation, Mal Rhodes, was confirmed by Bishop Paul at All Souls', alongside members of their congregation.

Congratulations to Mal.



Fr Nicholas



2022 Calendar

Please support St Martin's Church – buy Our 2022 Calendar of Floral displays!

Each month celebrates a particular event or theme and showcases an amazing floral display which has been created by our talented church flower team.

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2022 Calendar Floral displays St Martin's Church, Potternewton, Leeds.



January	February	March	April
Celebration of Travel	Celebration of Love	Celebration of Mothering Sunday	Celebration of Spring
May	June	July	August
Celebration of Independence	Celebration of Marriage	Celebration of Memories	Celebration of Carnival
September	October	November	December
Celebration of Colours	Celebration of Harvest	Remembrance Sunday	Celebration of Flowers

Regulars - Mothers' Union

Harvest

Harvest is the season for gathering in the corn, wheat, oats and barley. The combine harvesters cut the corn and thresh the ears of the corn, leaving the bales of straw to be



gathered in and stored in the barns in stacks, to keep dry for the cattle in the winter.

This year, there is less corn and straw and not as many people to drive the combine harvesters. There is also a shortage of people to pick the fruit off the trees and to gather the vegetables – cauliflowers, cabbages, asparagus, carrots, swede, turnips and parsnips.

Usually, Harvest time is a friendly, happy time. A meal is shared in church. The congregation bring food to share. Tinned foods are brought for dinners for people who have not got enough food. Tinned foods are also put in parcels to give to those struggling to find food and to those that are in need. This year, we did not have a meal but that did not stop us from giving thanks for our Lord's goodness, in worship, prayer and song. We thank our Lord for food and friendships at this time.

In church, the window sills are decorated with fruit, vegetables and flowers to say a big 'thank you' to our Lord for what we have and can share.

Mothers' Union groups abroad share what they have with each other. They visit those who are lonely and those in need and thank God for what they have and can do for others.

Even though this year has been difficult and sometimes food seems lacking in some cases, we are very lucky and have a lot to thank our Lord for.

As a seed dies to give birth to the fair flowers of tomorrow, so it is that through suffering, we are made perfect.

Mothers' Union Prayer - Caring for Our World.

Father, thank you for all who work hard to keep food on our tables.

The farmers, the fishermen, the fruit and vegetable pickers, the gardeners and those who tend the flowers.

Constant expressions of thanks and good cheer bring joy to the heart and serenity to the soul.

Dear Heavenly Father, how great is your faithfulness day in and day out,

May our whole life be an offering of worship to you. Lord, in our prayers, help us always to remember to give thanks for what you have done for us and for all the good things you provide.

Amen.

Provided by Maddy Hunter





From All Souls

Mother Teresa once said

"We are all pencils in the hand of a writing God, who is sending love letters to the world"

This month let us reflect on our benefice and what we share together, so that as Mother Teresa has said, we are God's messengers in our local world.

All Souls has been able to support the monthly Compline services by offering the appropriate resources as well as contributing to the choir.

We have been able further to resource the worship at St Martin's on an occasional Sunday by helping with an organist.

Our joint confirmation service at All Souls was a joy, with both members of St Martin's and All Souls being confirmed by Bishop Paul. The church was full and the candidates welcomed into our church's communities.

A new initiative sees support from All Souls into stewardship help St Martin's.

Both churches benefit by the shared leadership of Father Nicholas and Mother Lynne, who collaborate to ensure that out worship is consistent and reliable. All Souls welcome Father Nicholas on a monthly basis to preach and celebrate and we are always assured of his wise counsel.

Let us continue to work together as two churches to do God's will for our communities – all ideas for this will be well received!

"There is no principle of the heart that is more acceptable to God than a universal ardent love for all people which seeks and prays for their happiness" William Law

> Ann Nicholl LLM @ All Souls

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

From the book: *Peace of Heart in All Things*, by Brother Roger Shutz, founder of the ecumenical community of Taizé, GIA Publications

Arise, let your soul live! We never wish to choose darkness or discouragement.

Articles

The Birds in your Garden - Mike Gray

If, like me, you keep a fairly close eye on which species of birds are in and around your garden, you'll have your own memories, written or remembered, of what you have and have not seen over the last few months.

You might also be wondering whether your garden is typical or whether it is an outlier. The British Trust for Ornithology has recently published its Garden BirdWatch (GBW) report for the second quarter of the year and it's interesting to see which species have changed their behaviour, and maybe speculate on why.

To me, it seemed as though the usual late summer/autumn lull in activity was more pronounced than in most years. Blackbirds, amongst others, always desert us at this time of year, both because there is an abundance of food in the countryside, and because they are hiding away during their annual moult, but my garden was almost empty: even the pigeons were absent. (They are of course back now I have started feeding again.)

It's quiet too. Robins still sing, albeit less stridently, defending territories all year round as they do, though now for food not breeding reasons. Blackbirds can also be heard along with the odd Dunnock and even a Wren, but that's about it: there's no need for them to advertise or defend for a while. Contact calls are still frequent, whether between tits in the flocks that are whizzing around at the moment, or between Starlings which like to sit in trees in late afternoon and chatter before going off to roost.

Looking at the GBW list of results the three most common garden species - Blackbirds, Woodpigeons and Blue Tits all behaved as in previous years, whilst House Sparrows, Starlings, Collared Doves, Chaffinches and Song Thrushes were all less often observed. Doves and finches are thought to have been the most affected by trichomonosis, a very contagious parasite which has caused significant declines in their numbers over several years. House Sparrows, Starlings and Song Thrushes continued their long-term declines which have multiple causes, due mainly to changes in farming practices.

On the upside there were more sightings of Robins, Coal Tits and Wrens, all smaller birds, so possibly due to a succession of mild

winters, also of Magpies and Jackdaws for no obvious reason that I can think of, and probably not so welcome to most of us. The greatest increase was in sightings of Goldfinches though. On the face of it quite surprising, as they were affected by trichomonosis too, but this is a case where a combination of our offerings of oilrich seeds and a reduction in their natural food in the countryside has attracted them into gardens.

Nuthatches too were seen more often – it seems that they are increasing their range, maybe in response to climate change.

I don't know whether any of that sounds familiar to you, and perhaps explains some of what you experienced or, whether you are thinking 'that's not what I remember!'

For me, it was a mix – Nuthatches yes, Collared Doves have been absent for the last few years, but it was the presence of up to half a dozen Dunnocks that most surprised me. Hooligans the lot of them!

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of real interest, and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please visit the BTO Garden Bird Watch website (www.bto.org/gbw). If you know of an organisation no more than 30 miles from York which would like a talk on garden birds contact Mike Gray via gbwmike@gmail.com.

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Good COP, bad COP - What is COP26 and why is it so important?

Jemima Parker, Diocesan Environment Officer

In just a few short weeks one of the most important conferences to be held in recent years will take place. The global climate summit, known as COP26, will be held in Glasgow during the first two weeks of November.

The importance and relevance of COP26 cannot be underestimated given the domination of our news headlines, over recent months, by one environmental crisis after another - from extreme heat events and frequent wildfires, to catastrophic floods and biodiversity loss.

Events like these are becoming increasingly commonplace and, as our scientists predicted, are a result of climate change, they are now a reality for us here in Yorkshire, just as much as they are in distant lands. If left unchecked climate change will make life on earth at best far less comfortable and at worst unbearable.

There is however, still time to do something about it, if we can act more swiftly and implement the big global wide changes that are needed to curb fossil fuel emissions and boost nature recovery.

These summits, known as the UN's Conference of the Parties (COP) are where amendments to the global agreement on climate change are negotiated. The first COP was in Berlin in 1995 when most of the world had yet to register the significance of climate change. Twenty-six years later, COP26, co-hosted by the UK and Italy, will be the most significant since COP21 in Paris in 2015.

What emerged from COP21 is referred to as the Paris Agreement, a landmark in the multilateral climate change process, because for the first time a binding agreement brought all nations into a common cause, to undertake ambitious efforts to combat climate change and adapt to its effects.

The Paris Agreement was a breakthrough because it allowed all nations to make a pledge – or a nationally determined contribution – which if delivered (a crucial point) should start to slow the rate of global warming, with the ultimate aim of limiting the average level of warming to at least 2°C, and ideally to 1.5°C.

These figures don't sound like much, but they are massively significant for two main reasons. First, they are global annual averages and there will be big variations around the world, with the extremes being much higher and enough to trigger massive

disruptions, including making some areas effectively uninhabitable. Second, the science is clear that 1.5°C of warming is a crucial tipping point. Stay within 1.5°C and we retain control of our future climate – but go beyond it and we risk triggering 'run away' climate change. In other words, if we go beyond 1.5°C of warming we lose control of our future, as a range of feedback loops kick-in where warming unlocks natural cycles that then drive further warming. One key natural cycle (there are many) relates to the melting of extensive areas of permafrost which currently contain huge quantities of methane that if released would drive further warming. Before the Paris Agreement, the world was headed to 4° or 5°C of warming - well into the range of runaway climate change. The pledges made at Paris (if they are delivered) should limit warming to around 3°C - still well beyond that crucial threshold. But Paris included provision for these commitments, and their delivery, to be reviewed after five years. Glasgow is the Paris-Plus-Five COP, where this review happens, so it is crucial that the commitments are upgraded and each country explains how it will deliver on these carbon cutting promises.

The prospect of accelerating climate breakdown, caused by our fossil fuel emissions into the biosphere, and biodiversity loss, is an unpleasant one to think about. In its most extreme form, it would mean the end of organised human society. It's not the earth we need to save - it will save itself - but ourselves, from being annihilated, as a result of making earth's climate uninhabitable.

Big changes are needed in humanity's relationship with the earth - our only home. Our ancestors were not capable of affecting 'earth systems', but we are, and right now our fossil fuel greedy societies are doing just that. Times of change can be turbulent and hard for all of us, but pretending climate change will not affect us and delaying action, as we have seen with the Covid pandemic, will lead to harder and more costly decision further down the line.

The good news is we have all the scientific knowledge and technology we need to transition to a thriving carbon neutral economy, powered by renewable energy. All that is needed is the political will to make it happen.

At COP26 we will be looking to our global leaders for clear strategic action, based not on wishful thinking, but on proven pathways to rapidly curb fossil fuel emissions, and boost nature recovery, to be rolled out at scale and at pace.

It is up to governments of the world to work together to forge these international agreements. Whilst we, as citizens, have a responsibility to remind our government - our political representatives - of the future we want for our beautiful Yorkshire and to show them that we are ready and willing to play our part by embracing carbon action each of our cities, towns and villages. A good COP would see a global commitment from all countries to stop subsidising fossil fuel industries and the setting in place of an equitable agreement, where the 'carbon polluters' support and finance those nations and areas of the UK where climate change will have the most climate impact. The outcome of a bad COP is not even worth contemplating.

Eco top tips

November - Around the home

- 1. If in doubt switch to off: it is never more efficient to leave appliances running when you are not using them. Make sure you switch everything off at the plug before you go out and before you go to bed.
- 2. Ensure your heating is switch off at night and when you are away from your home (except in sub-zero conditions) and save 500kg CO2e a year. Don't heat rooms you don't use, turn the radiator off and close the door.
- 3. Read your meters monthly to check how much fuel you are using. This kind of monitoring can save on your fuel bills and also up to 250kg CO2e a year, as you keep a closer eye on your energy use.
- 4. Find out if you have any unfilled cavity walls and (if yes) have them filled. This extra insulation can make a significant difference to the comfort of your home and save over 1 tonne of CO2e.

Jemima Parker, Diocesan Environment Officer

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November 14 th	Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 Mark 13:1-8	P. Daniel P. Daniel Priest
November 21 st	Daniel 7:9, 10, 13, 14 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37	J. Bvute J. Bvute Priest
November 28 th	Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:9-end Luke 21:25-36	A. Hylton A. Hylton Priest

From the Registers



Confirmations:

03/10/2021 - Mal Rhodes

Funerals:

21/09/2021 - Lillabelle Beckford 20/10/2021 - Norma Forbes



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)

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