



South Wye Benefice Newsletter

26th October 2025 – Bible Sunday

Everyone St. Martin's would like to say a huge thank you to Anne Bishop, for her many years of brass cleaning duties! Her quiet dedication to keeping the brass looking shiny and splendid has been very much appreciated.

If anyone would like to volunteer to become a brass polisher, please speak to the Churchwardens or the office.

Margaret Milne

The funeral service for Margaret Milne will be held at 3.15pm on Thursday 30th October at Hereford Crematorium. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Clean Our Church!

To save money we need volunteers to clean St. Martin's church regularly as our cleaners have retired.

We plan to have 2 teams, with each group cleaning a maximum of once a month.

Our next clean-up is on the 5th November.

Please contact Gillian or the office as soon as you can if you are able to help. Thank you, Gillian.

Bonus Ball Scheme

The next payment for the bonus ball scheme is due at the beginning of October, for the period October 2025 to March 2026. If you do not pay by standing order, could you please pay your £26 for each ball you have to the office by cash or cheques. Cheques should be made payable to St. Martin with St. Francis Roof Account. Alternatively, you can pay directly to the account: sort code 30-80-55, account number 42121368.

There are numbers available if you wish to increase your chances of winning and to raise more money for the church. Please contact the office or myself.

Many thanks for your support, Sue Cockroft.

South Wye Services and Events week beginning 26th October

Sunday 26th	9:30am	Morning Prayer at St. Martin's (streamed on St. Martin's FB page)
Monday 27th	12noon	Foodshare in St. Martin's church and hall
Tuesday 28th	1pm	Bible Study in the Narthex
	2pm	Coffee in the Narthex
Thursday 30th	3.15pm	Funeral at Hereford Crematorium for the late Margaret Milne

For our Prayers

Those who are ill or in need of your prayers, including:

Brenda Baylis Maureen Gerard Peter Eddie June M Susan G

Those who have died and those who mourn their loss:

Margaret Milne.. Colin. Kieran. 'Dougie' Vince

I am updating the prayer list. If you would like to remain on the prayer list, or would like a loved added to the list, please contact me via the office. Thank you, Sharron

Collect for Bible Sunday

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Bible Sunday

Isaiah 45:22-25

²² Turn to me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.
²³ By myself I have sworn,
from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness
a word that shall not return:
'To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear.'
²⁴ Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me,
are righteousness and strength;
all who were incensed against him
shall come to him and be ashamed.
²⁵ In the LORD all the offspring of Israel
shall triumph and glory.

Psalms 119: 129-136

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.
¹³¹ With open mouth I pant,
because I long for your commandments.
¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me,

as is your custom towards those who love your name.
¹³³ Keep my steps steady according to your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.
¹³⁴ Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.
¹³⁵ Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.
¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears
because your law is not kept.

Romans 15: 1-6

Please Others, Not Yourselfes

¹ We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. ³ For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 4: 16-24

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' ²³ He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' ²⁴ And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.