

✠ **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** ✠  
**FEAST OF ST MARTIN OF TOURS**

Matthew 25:34-40

**COLLECT**

God all powerful,  
who called Martin from the armies of this world  
to be a faithful soldier of Christ:  
give us grace to follow him  
in his love and compassion for the needy,  
and enable your Church to claim for all people  
their inheritance as children of God;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever  
**Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

*Deuteronomy 15:7-8,10-1*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

When you are living in the land the Lord your God is giving you, there might be some poor people living among you. You must not be selfish. You must not refuse to give help to them. You must be willing to share with them. You must lend them whatever they need.

So be sure to give to the poor. Don't hesitate to give to them, because the Lord your God will bless you for doing this good thing. He will bless you in all your work and in everything you do. There will always be poor people in the land. That is why I command you to be ready to help your brother or sister. Give to the poor in your land who need help.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now, brothers and sisters, we don't need to write to you about times and dates. You know very well that the day when the Lord comes again will be a surprise, like a thief who comes at night. People will say, "We have peace and we are safe." At that time destruction will come to them quickly, like the pains of a woman giving birth. And those people will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not living in darkness. And so that day will not surprise you like a thief. You are all people who belong to the light. You belong to the day. We don't belong to the night or to darkness. So we should not be like other people. We should not be sleeping. We should be awake and have self-control. People who sleep, sleep at night. People who drink too much, drink at night. But we belong to the day, so we should control ourselves. We should wear faith and love to protect us. And the hope of salvation should be our helmet. God did not choose us to suffer his anger. God chose us to have salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus died for us so that we can live together with him. It is not important if we are alive or dead when Jesus comes. So encourage each other and help each other grow stronger in faith, just as you are already doing.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead;  
to him be glory and power for ever and ever.  
**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said] Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 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, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

'Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?"

'The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

To you we come, Father of lights,  
with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite.  
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.  
**Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God, shepherd of your people,  
whose servant Martin revealed the loving service of Christ  
in his ministry as a pastor of your people:  
by this eucharist in which we share  
awaken within us the love of Christ  
and keep us faithful to our Christian calling;  
through him who laid down his life for us,  
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever  
**Amen.**

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

**And weeping o'er the grave we make our song:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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## ✠ ST GEORGE'S CHORLEY ✠ NOTICES FOR 10TH NOVEMBER

**WELCOME** - to everyone as we gather together to hear from God in His word, to receive God in the Sacrament, and to encourage one another in our faith.

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**LITTLE STEPS** - is our baby & toddler group which runs on Weds 10.30-11.30am in the Church Hall. All welcome.

**PRAYING** - with training and help you could lead our church in intercessions on Sunday mornings? If so please speak to John Bradley.

Our schedule for this week:

**Sunday - 9.30am Remembrance Sunday Eucharist**  
Wednesday - 10am Eucharist  
**Sunday - 9.30am Eucharist**

**ST GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS FAIR** - You are invited to join us on **Saturday 7th December** for the annual Christmas Fair, held again this year inside the Church Hall and inside St George's Church. The fair opens at **10.30am** by very special guests and closes at **1.30pm**. **Run-up to the big day:** You could help us make the fair a really successful event (and our main fundraiser for the year) by bringing in the following in the weeks running up to the fair: Bottles (all types, including toiletries and alcoholic/non-alcoholic); Chocolate for the chocolate tombola; Great condition teddies, children's toys and jigsaws (adult and children's). Drop off at back of church. Also - can you help us find some raffle prizes? We would be grateful for a raffle prize to add to the Grand raffle. Would your hairdresser donate a haircut, your garage a free MOT, your favourite restaurant a meal for two? Please let Carol Cox, or myself know if you could help with this. Please come and support the fair and bring your friends and family for a lovely festive event! - Sara Shingler.

**COMING SOON: BICENTENNIAL QUILT** - Are you good with a needle and thread? Have you skills with design you are desperate to use. Please speak to Carole Cox who will be at the back of Church at the end of this service for more info.

**MEMORIAL CHORAL EVENSONG** - on **Saturday 30th November 4pm** in All Saints' church for those who have died or lost someone across the parish in the last year. For more information please speak to Fr Jordan.

Our hymns for this morning:

**Procession - (494) O God, our help in ages past**  
**Gradual - (437) Make me a channel of your peace**  
**Offertory - (153) Eternal Father, strong to save**  
**Communion - (2) Abide with me**  
**(856) Kum ba yah**  
**Post Communion - (689) Thy hand, O God, has guided**

**THANKS** - to everyone who contribute to the Shoebox Appeal. **100 boxes** (plus £73 towards transport costs) from our parish (both churches). Brilliant!! - Mission & Discipleship Team.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - The next meeting of the Mens Fellowship on **Wednesday 13th November** will be an **open meeting**. All are welcome to hear the story of a best selling author entitled " From bedpans to books" - a fascinating story from a local lass made good. Lots of humour and some tugging of the heartstrings? 7:30pm in the Church Hall.



**PARISH YOUTH GROUP** - is for **10-18 years olds** and meets 5.30-7pm on Fridays. All welcome. For info speak to Fr Jordan.

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR** - will be on **14th December**, beginning at **10.30am**. All welcome.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP** - meeting third Wednesday of each month, **7.30pm** in **St George's Hall** (back room), beginning **20th November**. We will be praying for various people and areas of our parish in an easy and informal way. All welcome.

**NOVEMBER PARISH MAGAZINE** - is available for free on our website here: <https://stgeorgechorley.co.uk/news>

**ADVENT WREATH MAKING** - at All Saints' Church, **7pm, Tuesday 26th OR Thursday 28th November**. £15 pp. For more info, speak to Kaitlenn on 07861 726409.

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY** - during Advent we'll be meeting together to study the passages from the Sundays and then pray together on Wednesdays, 7.30pm at St George's Vicarage. If you'd like to be involved speak to Fr Jordan.

For those who are ill, especially:

**Marian Crossthwaite, Matthew McMurray (Priest), Steve Cox, & Ian Norman.**

For the families of those who have died recently inc:

**Alex Gill, Roy Mort, Barbara Kirby, Cyril & Leonard Waddington, Margaret Towner, & Dennis Onslow.**

Also for the families of those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

**Colin Monk, Herral Wilby, May Heald, Harold Addison, Doris Lowe, & Joyce Bullen.**

Please also pray for those who are housebound.

