For St Martin’s, highlights of this season include the Lent Study Programme, which this year explores Richard Carter’s new book *The City is My Monastery*, which describes the ethos of our own Nazareth Community. Our attention focuses on the services to mark Jesus’ Last Supper and crucifixion; this year Revd Dr Sam Wells is the preacher at our Three-Hour Passion service on Good Friday. The Palm Sunday passion drama is always a highlight of the year; and everything builds towards the celebration of Easter morning at dawn and at 10.00am.

A special part of our congregational life is our regular Theology Group. On 21 March we have a Theology Day exploring one theme in more depth. Each Wednesday we have our 6.30pm Bread for the World service, and each Thursday at 1.00pm our 35-minute Great Sacred Music event. Find out more about Great Sacred Music and our concerts on our website and our concerts brochure.

Now in its sixth year, our annual service for those affected by suicide, Time to Talk, has become a very precious moment in our calendar. This year’s service is on 7 March.

Whatever you’re doing at St Martin’s – sightseeing, worshiping, shopping or taking a rest – do make the most of the breadth of our life by joining a free lunchtime concert, sampling our value-for-money food in the Café in the Crypt, or trying out a brass rubbing. We are delighted to welcome you into the heart of this vibrant community.

**Revd Dr Sam Wells**
*Vicar, St Martin-in-the-Fields*

“Easter this year falls on 12 April. It’s the hinge of the year: for six weeks before it we mark the disciplines of Lent and the intensity of Holy Week; for seven weeks after it we mark the celebration of the resurrection.”
Weekly Worship

**Sunday**
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist
- 1.30pm Joint Service in Mandarin and Cantonese
- 5.00pm Choral Evensong
- 7.00pm Sacred Space (1st Sunday of the month)

**Monday**
- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 1.15pm Holy Communion (DSC)
- 4.30pm Choral Evensong

**Tuesday**
- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 1.15pm Holy Communion (DSC)
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer (DSC)

**Wednesday**
- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 1.00pm Choral Eucharist
- 6.30pm Bread For the World

**Thursday**
- 8.30am Morning Song
- 1.00pm Great Sacred Music
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer (DSC)

**Friday**
- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 1.15pm Holy Communion (DSC)
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer (DSC)

**Saturday**
- 9.00am Morning Prayer

As well as our regular daily service times, the Dick Sheppard Chapel (DSC), at the far end of the lower crypt, is available for prayer throughout the week.

All are welcome to attend any of these services.

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**Regular Services**

**Wednesdays, 6.30pm**
**Bread for the World**

A weekly informal Eucharist on Wednesdays, with reflection, worship and the beautiful music of the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields, followed by supper and small groups for listening and reflection. All are welcome to join us for this inclusive and creative service.

**Thursdays, 8.30am**
**Morning Song**

Morning Prayer according to Common Worship, with music from St Martin’s Voices interspersed with readings and prayers. A beautiful, contemplative and peaceful way to begin the day.

**Thursdays, 1.00pm**
**Great Sacred Music**

Revd Dr Sam Wells explores through word and song, the great classical music of our religious heritage with St Martin’s Voices. See our concerts brochure for details.

**Sundays 5 Jan, 2 Feb, 1 March, 5 April**
**7.00pm**
**Sacred Space**

On the first Sunday of the month we invite you to Sacred Space, a time of silence, reflection, music and prayer to draw close to God and experience stillness and peace at the heart of this city. With the sung prayers of the Taizé community.
Worship at St Martin’s

**Sunday 5 January**

Epiphany Carols  
5.00pm

With reflections by **Revd Jonathan Evens** and music by the **Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields**. Followed by **Sacred Space** at 7.00pm.

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**Sunday 26 January**

Homelessness Sunday  
10.00am

In this service we reflect upon the increasing rise in the number of people who are homeless in our society and the struggles they face. What can we do to help and what can we learn from them about our society and the Gospel. Preacher **Revd Richard Carter**.

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**Saturday 7 March**

**Time to Talk**

A Service of Reflection for Those Affected by Suicide  
10.30am

A 60-minute sequence of words and music to offer space, solidarity and opportunity to reflect and connect for those affected by suicide, followed by a reception with tea and coffee and an opportunity to link to organisations offering advice and support.

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**Sunday 8 March**

Schools’ Service  
10.00am

Our annual schools service celebrating the life and witness of the two schools founded at St Martin’s in the seventeenth century and now based south of the river, Archbishop Tenison’s School, Kennington, and St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls, Tulse Hill.

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**Saturday 28 March**

Saint Oscar Romero Ecumenical Service  
11.00am

In October 2018 Archbishop Oscar Romero was canonised by Pope Francis in Rome. This year’s ecumenical service celebrates his sainthood and the inspiring influence St Oscar Romero has had on the whole church and his voice for the voiceless. All are welcome as we come to celebrate his legacy and be challenged by his vision for social justice.
Using Richard Carter’s new book *The City is My Monastery*: A contemporary rule of life, this year’s Lent Course focuses on how we might deepen our lives of contemplation and action at the heart of the city. Charles de Foucault once famously remarked that if we need to go to desert to find God, then everyone trying hard to survive in a bustling city would need to have a little strip of desert with them. We need he said ‘to create the desert in the heart of the city... contemplation in the streets that is our task.’ How can we become more attentive to the continuous presence of God and create the space to bring our lives before God? Over the seven weeks of Lent we will be exploring own our spiritual paths: the places of encounter, forgiveness, nurture, compassion, generosity and growing depth, and the challenging discovery of the Word made flesh in one another. Each week will focus on a different chapter of Richard’s book:

26th February Ash Wednesday – With Silence

4th March - With Service

11th March – With Sacrament

18th March - With Scripture

25th March - With Sabbath

1st April - With Sharing

8th April - Staying With

‘This book is about being caught up in the infectious holiness of God and inspired by these narratives and these poems, prayers and promises to believe that you too can be suffused with the Spirit, not alone but in community and the city can become your monastery too.’ Sam Wells

‘This wonderful book is both recognizable and startlingly new. What we are given here is a workbook for living in and with meaning, Christian meaning, Jesus shaped meaning.’ Rowan Williams

The cost of the course for all seven weeks including a copy of the book is £20 or £10 if you already have a copy of the book. Free places are also available on request.

The evening begins with Bread for the World at 6.30pm in which the theme is introduced, followed by a simple shared supper then listening groups. The evening ends with an optional Silent Contemplative Hour in church (9-10pm).

To sign up for the Lent Course please fill in the application form in the flyer at the back of the church or register on line at [www.smitf.org](http://www.smitf.org)

All are welcome.
Worship at St Martin’s for Lent, Holy Week and Easter at St Martin’s

Wednesday 26 February
Ash Wednesday

8.30am  Said Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
1.00pm  Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
Preacher: **Revd Richard Carter**
6.30pm  Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Sunday 5 April
Palm Sunday

9.45am  Palm Sunday Procession
We meet at the corner of St James’s Park near Admiralty Arch. Join the Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields and the Salvation Army Band for a procession with palms, lead by a donkey, into church.
10.00am Eucharist
With Passion Gospel Drama performed by members of the St Martin-in-the-Fields Community
1.30pm  Joint service in Mandarin and Cantonese
(No Choral Evensong at 5pm)
5.00pm From Creation to Salvation
A powerful service of readings and music as we enter into Holy Week, telling the story of salvation, with the Choir of St Martin’s.

Monday 6 April
Holy Week

8.30am  Morning Prayer
1.15pm  Holy Communion (DSC)
4.30pm  Choral Evensong
6.00pm  Evening Prayer (DSC)

Tuesday 7 April
Holy Week

8.30am  Morning Prayer
1.15pm  Holy Communion (DSC)
6.00pm  Evening Prayer (DSC)
Monday 6 April
Holy Week

8.30am  Morning Prayer
1.15pm Holy Communion (DSC)
4.30pm Choral Evensong
6.00pm Evening Prayer (DSC)

Tuesday 7 April
Holy Week

8.30am  Morning Prayer
1.15pm Holy Communion (DSC)
6.00pm Evening Prayer (DSC)

Wednesday 8 April
Holy Week

8.30am  Morning Prayer
1.15pm Holy Communion
6.30pm Bread for the World in Holy Week

Revd Dr Sam Wells leads the final session of this year’s Lent Course.

Thursday 9 April
Maundy Thursday

8.30am  Morning Prayer
1.00pm Great Sacred Music: Stabat Mater
   Exploring Pergolesi’s much-loved work with St Martin’s Voices, led by Revd Dr Sam Wells

Friday 10 April
Good Friday

8.30am  Morning Prayer
10.00am Good Friday Service for All Ages
12noon Boasting of Foolishness: Christ’s Cross in the New Testament Epistles
   Preacher: Revd Dr Sam Wells
   With the Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields.
12noon The Passion of Jesus, Trafalgar Square
   A free open air play presented by a cast from the Wintershall Estate at 12noon and 3.15pm.

Saturday 11 April
Holy Saturday

9.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 12 April
Easter Day

5.30am The Easter Vigil and the First Eucharist of Easter
10.00am Easter Eucharist
   Preacher: Revd Dr Sam Wells
   With the Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields.
1.30pm Joint service in Mandarin and Cantonese
5.00pm Choral Evensong with the Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Wednesday 15 April

6.30pm Bread for the World
   With guests from the Cathedral Church of St Mary the Virgin, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Sunday 19 April
Easter 2

10.00am Eucharist
   Preacher: Revd Dr Sam Wells
1.30pm Joint service in Mandarin and Cantonese
5.00pm Choral Evensong
Regular Groups, Events, and Courses

Sundays 12 Jan, 9 Feb, 8 March, 5 April

Theology Group
Austen Williams Room
12noon - 1.00pm

Each time a different member of our community takes the chair and raises questions about truth, faith and justice. Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin’s and Visiting Professor of Christian Ethics at King’s College, London, responds, explaining the theological reasoning of his answers, before the whole group engages with the questions themselves.

Children’s C-Club Programme
Dick Sheppard Chapel
Sundays, 11.30am

The C-Club meet each week, following the Parish Eucharist, to earn more about the day’s readings.

Junior Theology
Benenson Room
Sundays (fortnightly) 11.30am

A group for older C-Club members where they can bring their questions and explore the Christian faith in an informal way.

For more information, contact Francesco: francesco.aresco@smitf.org

Archers
Austen Williams Room
Thursdays (monthly) 7.00pm

We meet for Holy Communion followed by a delicious supper and a space for discussion. We are a very friendly and welcoming group. Please contact Michael Moran (mtj_moran@yahoo.co.uk, 07810 261686) to join us.

The Nazareth Community

The Nazareth Community is a gathered community at, but not exclusive to, St Martin-in-the-Fields. Members are admitted to join the community twice each year. As part of the community we aim to deepen our faith through a simple rule or path of life. We follow seven life-giving disciplines which can be integrated into your life and context: contemplative silence; sacrament; scripture; compassionate service; sharing; creative rest; and staying faithful to this way of life. We call this community ‘an experiment in being with’.

Times of contemplative silence take place each week which you are welcome to join and we gather on Wednesday nights at 6.30pm for Bread for the World. Each month the community meets on a Saturday morning to share and pray together. If you are interested in joining or want to find out more please contact Revd Richard Carter who is the Associate Vicar for Mission at St Martin’s: nazareth@smitf.org

Lampedusa Cross, given to each member of the Nazareth Community

Club Wednesday

A chance to share worship, food and fellowship. All are welcome on the first Wednesday of every month at 1.00pm for Choral Eucharist followed by lunch, a talk and discussion.
Thursday 16 January
Picturing the Buddha - An illustrated talk (in English) by Beth McKillop, Senior research fellow, Victoria & Albert Museum
St Martin’s Hall
6.30pm

The next speaker for the Chinese Art Talk is Beth McKillop from the V&A, who will speak about ‘Picturing the Buddha’. The talk will cover the contents and materials in which images of Buddha bodhisathras and disciples were created. She will look at books, manuscripts, sculpture and Temple arts, examining differences between China and S.E. Asia.

All are very welcome; please register for your free ticket at bit.ly/2OqkOzY

13 - 15 March
Silent Retreat: Praying the Psalms
The Diocesan House Of Retreat
The Street, Chelmsford CM3 1HA

Led by Patrick Woodhouse, with worship and contemplative prayer led by Revd Richard Carter. Please see flyer or the website for details, including cost, and to register.

Saturday 21 March
Theology Day: Improvising the Kingdom
Royal Foundation of St Katharine’s, 2 Butcher Row, London E14 8DS

Led by Revd Dr Sam Wells. (£25 for the day including lunch) Please see flyer or the website for further details and to register. All are welcome.

Monday 17 February
Insights from History for a Divided Nation
7.00pm

Sir Diarmaid Macculloch Emeritus Professor of the History of the Church at the University of Oxford, in conversation with Roger Bolton, reflects on the state of British society. What light does history shed on our currently divided nation and does it give us any hope for a more united future?

This event is organised by the Religion Media Centre in partnership with St Martin-in-the-Fields. Please contact info@religionmediacentre.org.uk for more information.


Professor Diarmaid Macculloch
Other things to do at St Martin’s

All profits from the Café, Shop and Brass Rubbing support the work of St Martin’s.

London’s Hidden Café

St Martin’s Café in the Crypt is London’s hidden café. Tucked away downstairs the Café in the Crypt features original Georgian architecture and is the perfect accompaniment to a visit to St Martin’s or one of the nearby theatres or galleries. The menu includes light breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. With meat, vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options.

Visit our website www.smitf.org/cafe for menus and opening hours. Read what our customers think on TripAdvisor or follow us on social media.

Brass Rubbing
Using specialist paper, waxes, a choice of over 100 brasses and some help from the St Martin’s team you can create your own work of art. Visit www.smitf.org/brassrubbing for opening hours and pricing.

Shop at St Martin’s
Discover religious and musical gifts, thought-provoking books and Fair Trade and British-made collections. Visit www.smitf.org/shop for opening hours or to make a purchase from our online shop.
Your support is our future

St Martin’s is a church like no other. We change lives every day through our building, ministry and support for people on the edge of society.

We’re determined to continue supporting musicians, asylum seekers, homeless people and communities of different faiths. We want to bring joy to those who come to our church, no matter what the reason.

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