



St Martin's Church, Welton

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Sunday before Advent Christ the King

WELCOME!

11.00am Service of Communion

This morning we welcome Revd John Stevenson
and thank him for leading our worship.

If you don't normally take communion but would like God's blessing,
please come up to the altar rail holding your service booklet.

Please stay for tea or coffee after the service — we would love to chat with you.

MORNING SERVICES. All commence at 11.00am

	Today	03 December Advent Sunday	10 December	17 December
Challis	Val Hamblin	Gill Beardmore	Morning Service	Val Hamblin
Sidesperson	Rachel Horder	Jean Somerville	Joan Roberts	Pam Broadhead
Reader	David Horder	Bob Somerville	Joan Roberts	Charles Broadhead
Prayers	Keith Beardmore	Vicar	Keith Beardmore	Vicar

AFTERNOON SERVICES

Today	03 December	10 December	17 December	24 December
Sunday Teatime 4.00pm	Family Communion 4.00pm	W.I. Carol Service 3.00pm	Carol Service 4.00pm	Crib Service 6.00pm
<i>A meeting of Christians of all ages around the tea table. Tea and cake accompany informal discussion, games and storytelling to link faith with everyday life. Worship a different way.</i>	<i>A slightly shorter communion service with lively message and delivery for all ages.</i>	<i>W.I. Carol Service. All welcome.</i>	<i>St Martin's Carol Service. All welcome.</i>	<i>All welcome.</i>

Volunteers are required for the Rota to help to keep our church clean and tidy. If you feel you have some spare time to help, please contact Joyce Mossop on 01327 878712 for further information.



First Reading Ephesians 1. 15-end

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel Reading Matthew 25. 31-end

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

PARISH CHURCH ELECTORAL REGISTER

The Electoral Roll for St Martin's is currently being updated. If you are unsure whether your name is included, or wish to be included, please contact Fran. There are relevant forms on the noticeboard (Application for Enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll) which you can hand to Fran or post through her door (in an envelope please to ensure privacy), by 30th November.

Fran Deeley, 6 Elms Dyke, Welton. Frazdeeley@hotmail.com. 01327-310142 or 07725 901282.

UPDATE ON A NEW VICAR

Interviews will be held in the first half of December. If a candidate is appointed then we can expect a short interregnum of just three or four months during which the mission and worship of the church will continue uninterrupted. Please pray for discernment on all sides and note that visitors during this period may be having a quiet look at the churches so may our worship continue to glorify God with the best efforts of our hearts.

Welton History Group: Anthony Addams, a former member of the Church, will be speaking on Monday 27th November (7.30pm, Village Hall) on "The Addams Family". All welcome.

If you have any news or forthcoming events: email ros@rosirius.co.uk. Thank you. Roslyn.