



St Martin's Church, Welton

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Advent Sunday

WELCOME!

11.00am Service of Communion

This morning we welcome Revd Canon Ann Slater
and thank her 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 Advent Sunday	10 December	17 December	24 December
Challis	Gill Beardmore	Morning Service	Val Hamblin	Jean Somerville
Sidesperson	Jean Somerville	Joan Roberts	Pam Broadhead	Bob Somerville
Reader	Bob Somerville	Joan Roberts	Charles Broadhead	
Prayers	Vicar	Keith Beardmore	Vicar	Vicar

AFTERNOON SERVICES

Today	10 December	17 December	24 December
Family Communion 4.00pm	W.I. Carol Service 3.00pm	Carol Service 4.00pm	Crib Service 6.00pm
<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>

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 64.1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Gospel Reading

Mark 13. 24-end

'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'



You are warmly invited to:
Christmas Services at St Martin's, Welton

Sunday December 10th at 3pm W.I. Carol Service

Sunday December 17th at 4pm Carol Service

Sunday December 24th at 11am Holy Communion

Sunday December 24th at 6pm Crib Service

Monday December 25th at 11am Christmas Day Holy Communion

Sunday December 31st at 10am Team Service at Holy Cross, Daventry

If you have any news or forthcoming events: email ros@rosirius.co.uk. Please let me know if you would like your name adding to the email list to receive weekly pew leaflets. Thank you. Roslyn.