



St Martin's Church, Welton

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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

	Today	24 December 11.00am Revd Canon Sarah Brown	25 December 11.00am The Ven. Richard Ormston, Archdeacon of Northampton.	31 December <u>10.00am</u> Holy Cross Daventry
Challis	Val Hamblin	Jean Somerville	tbc	Team Service
Sidesperson	Pam Broadhead	Bob Somerville		
Reader	Charles Broadhead			
Prayers	Vicar	Vicar		

CAROL SERVICE at 4.00pm

Following the bad weather last weekend this will be a combined Carol Service. Our most welcome guests will be members of the W.I from this area who in turn will be happy to provide the mulled wine, mince pies, ginger cake, etc., and hot drinks after the service. Come and join in what will be a joint venture between our church and a valued group in our community.

AFTERNOON SERVICES

Today	24 December	14 January	28 January
Carol Service 4.00pm	Crib Service 6.00pm	Evensong BCP 4.00pm	Sunday Teatime 4.00pm
<i>Revd Canon Sarah Brown</i>	<i>Revd Canon Sarah Brown</i>	<i>Gill and Keith Beardmore</i>	<i>Gill Beardmore and Jan Wall</i>
<i>St Martin's Carol Service together with members of the W.I.</i>	<i>All welcome</i>	<i>For those who enjoy the traditional language and peace of the Book of Common Prayer</i>	<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>All welcome.</i>			

First Reading **Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-11**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Gospel Reading **John 1, 6-8, 19-28**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

HAROLD THOMPSON

**The funeral service will take place at 1-30pm on Friday 22nd December
at Mid Warwickshire Crematorium, Oakley Wood, Bishops Tachbrook,
CV33 9QP.**

*Please continue to remember Sally, his family and friends in your prayers as they prepare to
celebrate his life and say their farewells.*



**You are warmly invited to
Christmas Services at St Martin's.**

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 these weekly pew leaflets. Thank you. Roslyn.