



# St Martin's Church, Welton

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## **3rd Before Lent**

**12 February 2017**

**WELCOME!** There are 2 services at St Martin's today.

### **11.00am Morning Service Holy 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.**

#### **MORNING SERVICES. All commence at 11.00am**

<b>ROTAS</b>	<b>TODAY</b>	<b>19 February</b>	<b>26 February</b>	<b>05 March</b>
Chalice	Val Hamblin	Morning Service	Val Hamblin	Gill Beardmore
Reader	Margaret Jones	Margaret Jones	David Horder	Margaret Jones
Sidesperson	Harold Thompson	Keith Beardmore	Roslyn Loades	Jan Wall
Prayers	Vicar	Gill Beardmore	Vicar	Keith Beardmore

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### **4.00pm Afternoon Service Evensong. Book of Common Prayer.**

**This afternoon we welcome Revd Canon Sarah Brown,  
 and thank her for leading our worship.**

#### **AFTERNOON SERVICES. All commence at 4.00pm**

| <b>TODAY</b>                                                                                | <b>19 February</b>                                                                         | <b>26 February</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>05 March</b>                                                                            |
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| <b>Evensong<br/>BCP</b>                                                                     | <b>Family<br/>Communion</b>                                                                | <b>Sunday Teatime</b>                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Family<br/>Communion</b>                                                                |
| <i>For those who crave the traditional language and peace of the Book of Common Prayer.</i> | <i>A slightly shorter communion service with lively message and delivery for all ages.</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>A slightly shorter communion service with lively message and delivery for all ages.</i> |

**First Reading Deuteronomy 30. 15-end**

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

**Gospel Reading Matthews 5. 21-32**

'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. 'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

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**REVD. SARAH WRITES**



I'm still enjoying slowly getting to know you all and will be going into Welton School this week for the first time to meet the children of the village. I hope you are feeling as comfortable with me as I am with you. Despite having been praying about it since May when I first realised that we might be called together, I have been more than a little anxious about the need to expect you to accept "instant change". Normally I would wait a year in a new parish before changing ANYTHING but under these circumstances we do not have that luxury- at least as far as service times go. However as long as we trust each other then we will find a way through. I am deeply grateful to you all for your willingness to try. Actually I was rather chuffed to discover from a training course on Church Growth this week that THE recommended missional thing to do for growing churches is to build new congregations at different services. We are unwitting trend-setters it seems, even if it is all a bit soon!

**I want to be very clear with you that the 4pm service is NOT a sneaky attempt to kill off the 11am!!** The traditional Communion Service works well for those who come and I do not expect most people to change their habits. Indeed I hope that with some meaty gospel preaching from Revs John and Ken those who drifted away over the past few years may return to church. Apart from Evensong the 4pm services are aimed at a new, less traditional congregation and will be very different. Music will be different, Communions will be informal and not celebrated at the high altar and the emphasis will be on explanation, more congregation involvement and exploring together what it means to be a Christian today. It is not just a straight rerun of the 11am but an attempt to add to what is already good! You also need to know that I also do not expect you to come to more than one service unless you choose to do so and that until we have done some mission work to invite new people in I'm expecting that 4pm numbers will be very much smaller than the 11am. If I'm there praying on my own sometimes so be it. But I will be there. These services and congregations are a work in progress and we've only just begun. I look forward to seeing what growth God has in store for St Martin's Church. Every blessing, Sarah.

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