



# St Martin's Church, Welton

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

05 March 2017

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

### 11.00am Service of Communion

This morning we welcome Revd Canon Ken Baker,  
 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

ROTAS	Today	12 March	19 March	26 March
Chalice	Gill Beardmore	Val Hamblin	<b>Morning Service</b>	Jean Somerville
Reader	Margaret Jones	Charles Broadhead	Keith Beardmore	Harold Thompson
Sidesperson	Jan Wall	Pam Broadhead	Harold Thompson	Bob Somerville
Prayers	Keith Beardmore	Vicar	Gill Beardmore	Vicar

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### 4.00pm Afternoon Service Family Communion.

This afternoon Revd Canon Sarah Brown leads our worship.

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

| Today                                                                                      | 12 March                                                                                    | 19 March                                                                                   | 26 March                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Family Communion</b>                                                                    | <b>Evensong BCP</b>                                                                         | <b>Family Communion</b>                                                                    | <b>Mothering Sunday Teatime</b>                                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>A slightly shorter communion service with lively message and delivery for all ages.</i> | <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> |

## First Reading

### Genesis 2.15-17

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

### Genesis 3.1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

## Gospel Reading

### Matthew 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.



### REVD. SARAH writes

So here we are in Lent - that season when many Christians give up chocolate or red wine and taking up being deprived and irritated instead (I hope it isn't just me!) It makes us feel slightly virtuous but of course the real discipline is self-examination and recognition of the things that actually come between you and God in order to give up doing those things. If the only thing between you and God is truly Cadbury's Dairy Milk then count your blessings but I'd be quite surprised. Most of us have bigger issues but nobody ever says in conversation, "I'm giving up gossiping for Lent" or on-line porn or being cruel to the 'idiot' down the road or insisting on my own way or being nasty to her/him indoors or being pompous and self-righteous or whatever your own particular delightful speciality is. Lent is more than just another crack at a failed New Year's resolution. It is serious stuff. What are the sins that you casually repeat? What is your personal contribution to Jesus' agony on that cross? I'll be praying for you this Lent and I hope you will be praying for me too. Every blessing, Sarah.



**Bob and Jean**

*We hope you've had an amazing holiday.  
You have been missed!*

**If you have any news or forthcoming events: email [ros@rosirius.co.uk](mailto: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.**