

Martin Way Methodist Church

Notices for week commencing 25th October 2026

All Souls Memorial Service - Thursday 5th November, 7.30pm

We will mark All Souls Tide this year with a short memorial service for all those who have died but whom we love still.

This is a time of quiet reflection, where we will also gather to hear readings, sing hymns, pray and light candles as we read out the names of all those we wish to remember. We very much hope you will be able to join us for this special service.

Keep your eyes open for the sign up sheet in church from this Sunday or speak to Paul.

Christmas Night Shelter - Volunteers Needed

Christmas is fast approaching, and we need your help!

This Christmas, Martin Way Church will be hosting our homeless friends from Thursday 24th December at 2pm until Sunday 27th December at 9am. We will need volunteers to cover a series of shifts, mostly two hours long.

Please let Tony Loft who is coordinating: tonyloft91@gmail.com by the **29th October**. If you can help, please let us know which date and times you are available.

For example, Christmas Day shifts will include:

8am–10am

10am–12 noon

12 noon–2pm

...and so on, with the exception of the overnight shift, which runs from 9:30pm–8am.

Thank you so much for your support and generosity. It is greatly appreciated, and together we can help make Christmas a little warmer for our homeless friends.

Community Christmas Celebration Weekend

We are holding a Christmas Tree festival celebration for the whole community on **Saturday, 5th** and **Sunday, 6th December** for which you are invited to think creatively and bring a real, artificial or novelty Christmas tree to set up in the church on the Saturday. We are inviting our community, a local school, groups who use our premises and, of course, our own church family. There will be:

- 🌲 Children's craft activities
- 🌲 Guess the weight of the Christmas cake
- 🌲 Open Mic session
- 🌲 Wreath making (hopefully)
- 🌲 Jar tombola
- 🌲 Mulled wine & mince pies
- 🌲 Jacket potatoes with various fillings
- 🌲 And a lot more things to do

To make this a success, we need your help on the Saturday. Can you spare an hour or two to help on a stall or in the kitchen? To sign up, please use the sheet pinned to the Church noticeboard near the Vestry.

We are also having a Jar Tombola, so please can you bring a jam jar by Sunday 29th November, filled with anything such as sweets, hot drink sachets, crayons, cotton buds, anything you can think of which fits in a jar.

If you need an empty jam jar, please see Anne Conquest.

Martin Way Christmas Tree

If anyone wishes to contribute to the cost of our tree this year, please speak to Tim regarding donations.

Internet Glitch

As you've no doubt heard in the news, the Internet has, to put it mildly, suffered a huge glitch, where a vulnerability was found, by AI, in the coding supplied to so many websites. Please note that our website is not down but it has been affected because the website of the supplier of our enquiry service via our "**Contact us**" page is down so no enquiries are getting through. I have been testing another, non-affected, service and will be switching over to that in the next day or so. In the meantime, I've removed the Enquiry form that we use to compose and send a message. When the service has resumed I will reinstate the form on the "**Contact us**" page.

Mike

Church Diary for October – November 2026

Saturday	24th		Clocks go back
Sunday	25th	10.30	Tony Loft (OoS attached)
Tuesday	27th	10.30	Coffee & Chat
		19.30	"On the Way" course [4]
Wednesday	28th	11.30	Open Table - our surplus food café
Sunday	1st	10.30	Revd Paul Timmis*
Tuesday	3rd	10.30	Coffee and Chat
Wednesday	4th	11.30	Open Table - our surplus food café
Sunday	8th		Remembrance Sunday
		10.30	Revd Paul Timmis (Holy Communion)
Tuesday	10th	10.30	Coffee and Chat
Wednesday	11th	11.30	Open Table - our surplus food café
Friday	13th	12.30	Lunch Club
Sunday	15th	10.30	Revd Dawn Canham
		18.00	Revd Paul Timmis (Holy Communion)

**Hi all. Just to say that back in May, when I put the current plan together, I put myself down to have a Sunday off at the end of the October half term week. Since I returned to work post-sabbatical, Rebecca has worked out our holidays for the year and I no longer need this Sunday off. As Richard G isn't now able to take the service at MW on that day, I'm going to step back in. Please let people know and contact me re the service if necessary and not Richard.*

- Paul

Join our WhatsApp Community!

If you haven't already, become a member of our WhatsApp community for all updates via the link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EmM8QekM6tW1StRPGJm7OP> or the QR code below:



Fundraise for Martin Way!

It's free and easy! Just visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and search for Martin Way Methodist Church in the 'support a cause' section. The church will then receive money each time you shop online with certain retailers.

