

Activities for children and young people

At St Martin's Church we place a high value on children and young people. At our morning service there are specific activities and teaching for the children who go to the vicarage after the first part of the service.

Group Activities

Life Change happens in small groups

At St Martin's we hope that at the right time you will get involved in a small group where people share their lives, their prayers and their encouragement. It is here that the truths of the Bible get put into action as people help each other apply its teaching to daily life. Whether you want to investigate Christianity in a safe environment, grow with other Christians, pray with others, serve with people who have similar talents and interests, or get to know others, please chat to Richard Tulloch.

Prayer

Prayer is at the centre of all that goes on at St. Martin's. Please see the leaflet about 'Pastoral care' for more information about opportunities to prayer together.

Serving in Groups

Serving with people like you

If you have gifts or talents you would like to share by serving at St. Martin's—whether it is volunteering for the Children's Work, or for the music group, welcome teams, PA, or any other team—then please read the leaflet called 'Gifts and Talents'

Our aim at St Martin's is to encourage everyone to participate fully in the life of the church by using their gifts in serving. If you are not sure what your gifts and talents are, and would welcome some guidance and focus, please in touch with Richard Tulloch.

Serving the wider community

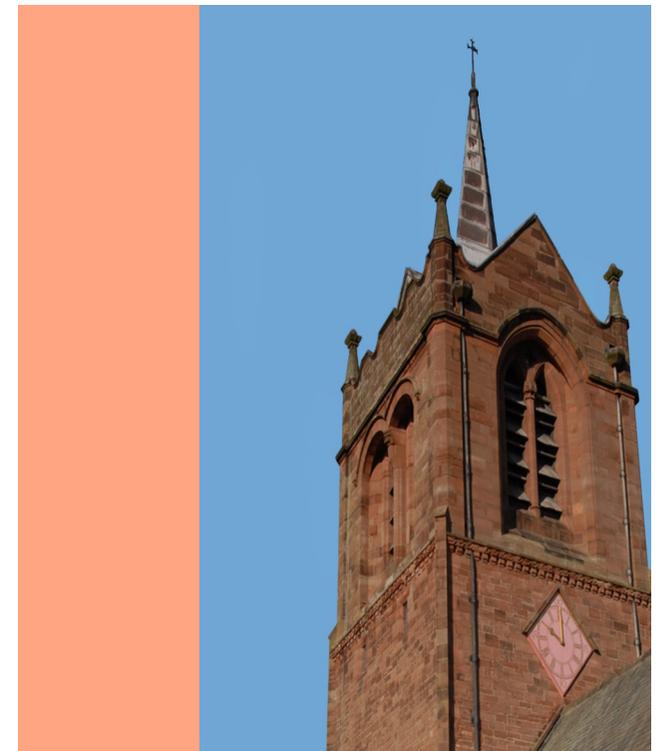
People from St Martin's seek to serve in the local community and elsewhere around the world by prayer, giving and practical involvement.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

If you would like to enquire about holding a personal service at St. Martin's, please speak to the Vicar.

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH BRAMPTON

In Brief...



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A note from the Vicar

Welcome to St. Martin's Church, where our doors are wide open to people from all backgrounds, regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey.

Together, we are striving to become the kind of church described in the Bible, where there is relevant teaching, heart-felt worship, honest friendships, believing prayer, and compassionate care for those in need. We would like to have the kind of contagious Christianity that can influence and encourage others, one life at a time.

So, whether you are someone just starting to ask questions about God, or a committed Christian who wants to sink the roots of your faith even deeper, you can find a home here at St Martin's.

You will find that this is a place where you really matter—**because you matter to God.**

Purpose, Priorities and Aims

Our Purpose at St. Martin's is to:

- Bring people to faith in Christ
- Help people become fully devoted disciples of Christ

Our Priorities at St Martin's are to:

- Teach the Bible clearly and practically
- Keep prayer central to our lives
- Help children and young people grow in their understanding and faith
- Encourage every adult to grow spiritually
- Seek to have an impact as Christians in our community, in society and in the world

Our Aim is that we should each:

1. Believe some Core Beliefs:

- The **Bible** is God's word to us, so it has the right to tell us what to believe and do.
- The **God** of the Bible is the only true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We human beings were created good, but have turned away from God so that we are by nature spiritually **dead** in our sins.
- We can receive full forgiveness from God and come into a right relationship with God through faith in **Jesus Christ**.
- The **Holy Spirit** gives us new life and power to live as we were intended to before God. God is involved in our lives.
- Jesus will return again to **judge** all people and bring His people to a new heaven and earth.
- The **church** is God's primary way of accomplishing His purposes on earth today.

- **All people** are loved by God and need Jesus as saviour. God calls Christians to show compassion to those in need.
- We have direct communication with God through **prayer**. We are significant because we have become children of God.

2. Develop some Core Practices:

- **Growth:** Growing in Godly living by reading the Bible, praying, worshipping.
- **Grace:** Reaching out to non-believers by sharing what we know of the Grace of God.
- **Groups:** Committing ourselves to one another by serving each other.
- **Gifts:** Participating fully in the life of the Church by using our gifts in serving.
- **Good Stewardship:** Releasing our financial resources for God's work by giving regularly.

3. Form some Core Virtues:

- **Joy**—inner contentment and purpose in spite of circumstances
- **Peace**—free from anxiety because things are right between God, others and ourselves.
- **Faithfulness**—faithful in fulfilling God's will for our lives
- **Self control**—the power through Jesus to control ourselves
- **Humility**—before God
- **Love**—unconditional love of others
- **Patience**—patient with others
- **Kindness**—acting positively towards others
- **Gentleness**—thoughtful, considerate and calm in dealing with others
- **Integrity**—choosing to do the right things in our relationships with others