

Parish Communion St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy Sunday 2 August 2026

Collect for the Day

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Next Week's Services

Sunday 9 August

10am Parish Communion - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

We would like you to join us for after our service for a picnic in Martyr Worthy Manor Garden. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a relaxing time with friends and to get to know David, Rachel, John and James. Swimming and tennis are also available.

Please just bring a chair or rug and your picnic, the BBQ will be alight so if you would like to bring something to cook on it, please do.

If you are not planning to come to the service, please join us from

11.30am - Everyone is welcome

Please keep an eye on the website for any changes due to weather.

Martyr Worthy Manor, Church Lane, Martyr Worthy SO21 1DY

Park on lane or at top of the drive in the orchard and follow the signs

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Romans 9:1–5

9 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— **2** I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. **3** For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. **4** They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; **5** to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Matthew 14:13–21

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. **14** When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. **15** When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ **16** Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ **17** They replied, ‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’ **18** And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ **19** Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. **20** And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. **21** And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.



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