

St Martin's Low Marple Heritage Trust



Programme Autumn 2026

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Saturday 19 September 2026, 2.30–4.00
In the Hall, with tea



The Model Wife: Women in the Pre-Raphaelite World

Women such as Jane Morris, Elizabeth Siddal and Effie Gray (left to right above) were immortalised in Pre-Raphaelite paintings. But they (and others) were more than models, being involved with the Victorian art world as makers and pioneers. This talk by curator and broadcaster **Suzanne Fagence Cooper** uncovers complex networks of desire, friendship and family in the Pre-Raphaelite Movement.

Saturday 24 October 2026, 7.30 in Church



Concert by Capriccio Vocal Ensemble

In aid of HT funds, a local choir performs a selection of classic choral pieces, ranging from the Renaissance to the present.

Saturday 21 November 2026, 2.30–4.00
In the Hall, with tea



The Early Days at St Martin's: Its Place in the Anglo-Catholic Movement

In this region where the Church of England mostly maintained a conventional type of Protestantism, St Martin's was a pioneer in a new religious tendency, 'Anglo-Catholicism', which tried to revive something of the colourful atmosphere of the medieval church. This talk by **Anthony Burton** describes its often controversial early years (1870–1940).

Christmas Tree Festival



If the Christmas Tree Festival at St Martin's goes ahead in 2026, the Heritage Trust hopes to contribute the tree it showed last year, with decorations reproducing angels as depicted in Christian art through the ages. If there is no Festival, the HT hopes to find a corner where its tree can be displayed.