

HYMNS

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Collect Prayer

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life 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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55. 1-9 OT Pg: 712

The Lord says this:
Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord,
that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 10. 1-13 NT Pg: 184

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that

we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel Reading

Luke 13. 1-9 NT Pg: 81

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?"

He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

News and Notices

Lent Course. "Approaching the Cross: Christ's crucifixion in the Gospels". Anthony's Lent course is on Wednesday evenings, in the upper lounge room of the Christian Centre, 7-8.30pm until 9th April.

New Church Electoral Roll: This year **everyone** who wishes to be on the roll for St Martin's (including St Mary's Pixham) needs to make an application. Forms are available at the back of church or downloadable from stmartinsdorking.org. Please give completed forms to either Elizabeth Dobson, a warden, or the church office, **no later than 27 April**.

Do you have any **Shoe Boxes**? They are needed for the school prayer space on 1st April.

Your Fire Safety. Surrey Fire & Rescue Service are offering Free Fire Safety visits to homes around Pixham & Dorking. Visits include advice on Fire Safety matters, and free smoke alarms where required. Please call 07800621923 or email dorkingsawv@surreycc.gov.uk to arrange a visit.

Bishop Andrew has launched his Lent Appeal with a broadcast on BBC Radio Surrey and a summary is now on the BBC website at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c1jpw30x419o>.

The next lunchtime recital is on Saturday 5th April at 12 noon when Phil Hopkins (harmonica) and Andy Massey (piano) will give a recital including Gershwin, Bach and Debussy. Please tell your friends!

Chamber Music Recital at St Martin's Church:

An exciting opportunity to hear more from a series of lunchtime recitals by Students of The Yehudi Menuhin School at 12 noon on Saturday 3rd May and again on 7th June. Entrance is free—retiring collection in aid of The William Cole Church Music Trust.

As we are part of an eco-church and trying to obtain our silver badge, we would encourage you to **bring your own cup for coffee after church.**

Dorking Area Foodbank. This week we require the following items: 1L cartons of long-life milk, tinned fruit, tinned meat, bars of chocolate, and jam.

Weekly News Sheet—change to deadline:

Content now needs to be submitted to Vicki for the news sheet by TUESDAY afternoon for inclusion in the next issue: by email to stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or by phone 01306 884229.

Church of England Daily Hope Line: Weekly Service, Morning and Evening Prayers and Sleep Well Bible Reflections: 0800 804 8044.

Please remember in your prayers:

Simon and Sarah Burges, Pauline Welton, Mary and Andrew Cowan, June Rainger.

Please pray for those who have died:

Alison Bailey, Rowan Nunnerley, Shirley Palmer and Phyllis Scott.



Rowan Nunnerley's Thanksgiving Service will be held at St Martin's Church on Thursday 27th March 2025 at 2.30pm, followed by refreshments at The Garden Room, Denbies. All welcome. There is a private cremation beforehand.

Those in our congregation who have long term concerns are prayed for regularly.

Churches Together in Dorking Prayers.

Members of CTD all pray for one church, community, congregation or initiative each week, this week for Beatitudes

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is available at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer. In March we pray for the deaneries of Dorking and Emly.

Where to find us:

X - [@spireofdorking](https://twitter.com/spireofdorking)

Facebook - [St Martin's Dorking](https://www.facebook.com/StMartinDorking)

ACNY - [A Church Near You](https://www.acny.org.uk)

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WITH ST. MARY'S PIXHAM

Welcome, particularly if you are new or just visiting, it is lovely to have you with us today and do join us for a coffee after the service.

Sunday 23rd March Lent 3

St Martin's

Sunday 23rd March

Holy Eucharist BCP @ 8am

Holy Eucharist @ 10am

Stations of the Cross @ 6pm

Wednesday 26th March

Holy Eucharist @ 11am

Sunday 30th March

Mothering Sunday

Holy Eucharist BCP @ 8am

Holy Eucharist @ 10am

Morning Prayer is said every weekday morning at 8.30am in the Lady Chapel

Evening Prayer is said every weekday evening at 5pm in the Lady Chapel

St Mary's

Sunday 23rd March

Songs of Praise @ 10.30am

Sunday 30th March

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday Service @ 10.30am

St Barnabas

Sunday 23rd March

Matins @ 11am

Sunday 30th March

Mothering Sunday

No morning service

Compline Via Zoom @ 8pm

(To join contact robinluff@btinternet.com)

God of Mission

Who alone brings growth to your Church,

Send your Holy Spirit to give

vision to our planning,

wisdom to our actions,

and power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,

in spiritual commitment to you,

and in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen