

As we begin to plan for the future mission of our churches, here is a prayer that we will be saying daily :

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
(from Leading Your Church into Growth)

HYMNS

22nd December

Introit 484 Long ago prophets knew
Gradual 33 Of the Father's heart begotten
Offertory 42 In the bleak midwinter
Final 422 Tell out my soul

29th December

(From L.U.R.S)
22 Christ Triumphant
5 As the Deer Pants for the Water
10 Be Still for the presence of the lord
69 Lord for the Years

Collect Prayer for 22nd December

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 5. 2-5a OT Pg: 899

The LORD says to his people: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 10. 5-10 NT Pg: 239

When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings'

(these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1. 39-45 (46-55) NT Pg: 61

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!" And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants for ever, even as he said to our fathers."

Readings for Sunday 29th December @ 10am:

1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26	OT Pg 264
Psalm 148	OT Pg 611
Colossians 3. 12-17	NT Pg 216
Luke 2. 41-52	NT Pg 63

News and Notices

St Martin's Crib Service is on Tuesday 24th December @ 4pm, everyone is welcome at this special service.

During the covid pandemic the National Church issued guidelines regarding the reception of communion. Since the end of the pandemic the chalice has been restored for consumption by all communicants, however, communicants may not intinct their own wafer as this represents a risk for the transmission of viruses and diseases. If members of the laity do not wish to drink from the chalice but would like to receive an intincted wafer they should ask the priest officiating to intinct the wafer for them on their arrival at the altar rail.

Closures and changes to our Services:

The Church will be closed after the service on Christmas day morning and all day Boxing Day as well as on New Year's Day.

There is no Holy Communion service at 11am on Wednesday 1st January 2025.

There is no 8am Service on Sunday 29th December or 5th January.

Epiphany Choral Evensong on Sunday 5th January. 6pm at St Martin's. All Welcome!

Dorking Area Foodbank: Many thanks to you all for the generous donations throughout the year. This week we are appealing for: Toothpaste, 1 Litre cartons of long-life fruit juice, Tinned meat, Tinned fruit, Toothbrushes, 1L cartons of long-life milk.

Next PCC meeting. Please send PCC agenda items to Anthony, Judy and Felicity by the 2nd January so that an agenda can be issued on 9th January in time for the meeting on 16th January. Thank you. (acrustell@btinternet.com)

Weekly News Sheet. "News and Notices" for the next issue of the church news sheet are to be sent to the church office by Wednesday 1st January for inclusion in the next issue: by email at smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@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.

Samaritans National Helpline: 116 123.

Please remember in your prayers:

Nicholas Grealy, Pauline Welton, June Rainger, Barbara Philpott, Mary and Andrew Cowan.

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 we pray for Holy Trinity Westcott and next week we pray for The Foodbank.

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is available at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer. In December we pray for the deaneries of Farnham and Godalming and in January for Aldershot and Cranleigh.

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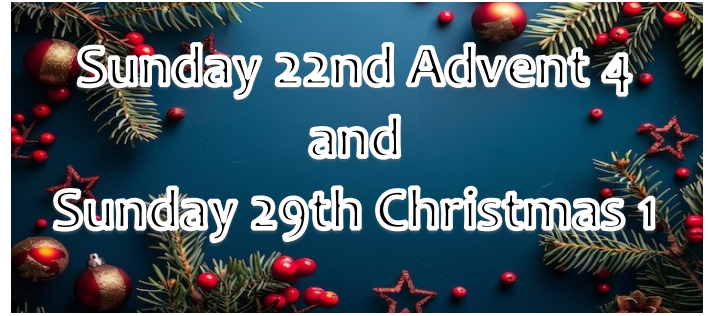
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WITH ST. MARY'S PIXHAM

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.



St Martin's

Sunday 22nd December

BCP Service @ 8am

Holy Communion @ 10am

Tuesday 24th December

Crib Service @ 4pm

Midnight Mass @ 11pm

Wednesday 25th December

BCP Service @ 8am

Joint Family Communion Service @ 10am

Sunday 29th December

Benefice Holy Communion @ 10am

St Mary's

Sunday 22nd

Christmas Pixham Praise @ 10.30am

Tuesday 24th December

Family Carols and Crib Service @ 5.30pm

Wednesday 25th December

Joint Family Communion Service at St Martin's @ 10am

Sunday 29th December

Benefice Holy Communion at St Martin's @ 10am

St Barnabas

Sunday 22nd December

Nine Lessons & Carols @ 11am

Tuesday 24th December

Episcopal Holy Communion via zoom @ 7.15pm

(To join contact robinluff@btinternet.com)

Wednesday 25th December

Holy Communion @ 11am

Sunday 29th December

Benefice Holy Communion at St Martin's @ 10am

Compline via Zoom @ 8pm

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