

HYMNS

Candle Procession: Faithful vigil ended
Gradual: Be thou my vision
Offertory: Of the Father's love begotten
Final: Glorious things of thee are spoken

Collect Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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

Malachi 3. 1-5 OT Pg: 926

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 2. 14-18 NT Pg: 234

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2. 22-40 NT Pg: 63

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"),

and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons". Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

News and Notices

Change to Morning Prayer: there will be no morning prayer on 5th and 6th February.

Bible Study Group. Anthony is leading a Bible Study group on a Monday evening during February on the theme of "John 1-4: from Cana to Cana". This will be held in the Christian Centre, starting 3rd February, for 4 weeks at 7pm to 8.30pm. Please use the sign up sheet at the back of church or call Vicki in the church office to register, 884229.

Advanced Warning. Church Street will be closed for works, 5th to 7th February at the Star Pub end.

Dorking Area Foodbank. This week we require the following items: Tinned fish, Tinned potatoes, Long-life sponge pudding twin packs, Tinned meat, 1 Litre cartons of UHT milk, 1 Litre cartons of long-life fruit juice.

Green Fingers! A group made up of the Friends of Deepdene Trail and Rotary Club of Dorking started the churchyard gardening on Wednesday this week. They made great headway but further help is needed to continue the pre-spring tidy up. The plan is to tackle more of this work on Saturday 8th (and possibly Thursday 13th February) before the birds start to nest! Can anyone who is able to help please make themselves known to Nick or Vicki in the Church Office specifying which day suits them best. Bringing along your own gloves, croppers and secateurs on the day would help too! Coffee, tea and sweet treats will be provided! Thank you all in advance.

Lent Course. "Approaching the Cross: Christ's crucifixion in the Gospels". Anthony is running this course starting 12th March for 5 weeks (venue to be confirmed). Please use the sign up sheet at the back of church or call Vicki in the church office, 884229.

New Social Organising Group. This group is being set up to be responsible for the planning and organisation of events such as socials and fairs etc. Once the group gathers, it can then be established who can take on what tasks, playing to individual strengths (e.g. planning, practical support, co-ordinating, refreshments etc.) Please contact Vicki, at the Church Office (884229) or the Churchwardens to join. Thank-you.

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 afternoon for inclusion in the next issue: by email to 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.

For more information on events, or for the "Who's Who" page, please see page 23 of the Parish Magazine.

Where to find us:

X - @spireofdorking

Facebook - St Martin's Dorking

ACNY - A Church Near You

Please remember in your prayers:

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

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 St Barnabas Ranmore.

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is available at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer. In February we pray for the deaneries of Guildford and Surrey Heath.



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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 2nd February

Holy Eucharist BCP @ 8am

Sung Eucharist @ 10am

Choral Evensong for Candlemas @ 6pm

Wednesday 5th February

Holy Eucharist BCP @ 11am

Sunday 9th February

Holy Eucharist BCP @ 8am

Morning Worship @ 10am

Morning Prayer is said every weekday morning at 8.30am in the Lady Chapel
(excluding 5th and 6th February)

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

St Mary's

Sunday 2nd February

Sung Eucharist @ 10.30am

Sunday 9th February

Morning Prayer @ 10.30am

St Barnabas

Sunday 2nd February

Matins @ 11am

Sunday 9th February

Sung Eucharist @ 11am

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