Collect, Special Prayer for today

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.

New Testament Reading Ephesians 1. 3-14 OT Page: 798

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us.

With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

Gospel Reading Mark 6. 14-29

NT Page: 43

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.'

But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John,

bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him.

When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.'

She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.'

The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.

When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

David and Mary Cowan are holding a prayer meeting for persecuted Christians on Monday 16th July, 25 Faulkland Road.



Fr, Tony Milner will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of ordination at a Celebration Mass at St Joseph's today at 10.30am, followed by lunch in the parish grounds, all are welcome to either.

July/August Magazine. This two month summer special is available at the back of church.

Date for your Diary.

Friday 17th August at 7.30pm "Impressions of Summer"

Featuring Litsa Tunnah, violin Masahiro Yamaguchi, piano William Bass, cello

They will be playing music by Bach, Ravel and Debussy. Will and Masahiro gave a wonderful concert at St. Martin's last year and this year are joined by Litsa who lives locally and is a very talented violinist.

Forthcoming dates for the Traidcraft stall are: 12th August at Pixham, 26th August and 9th September at St Martin's.

Homestart is a local charity based in Redhill which supports families in the East Surrey area who have at least one child under five and are facing some difficulty in their life. We desperately need new volunteers and are starting an 8-week training course in September at Reigate Park Church. The course will be from 9.30-2pm for 8 weeks starting 20th September. We hope that a volunteer will stay with us for at least a year, visiting a family for 2-3 hours per week. Volunteers should be non-judgmental, reliable, sensitive, caring and have parenting experience. For more information call: 01737 770220.

Another date for your diary **QUIZ NIGHT** Saturday 29 September

at the Christian Centre, starting at 6.30 p.m. No charge, but donations invited to the Christian Centre and Christian Aid. To secure your place please contact Elizabeth Dobson at emddh7@hotmail.com or 01306 881479

Dorking Foodbank. Thank you for your support.

This week we particularly need Microwaveable Meat Puddings, Jars/Pouches of baby food, Individual Juice Cartons and Shower Gel. The donation point is in the Christian Centre lobby area. Please ensure items are well within date.

News and Notices for the Weekly News Sheet are to be forwarded to the church office by the close of business on Wednesdays to

stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com

Those in our congregation who have long term concerns are named in our prayer corner and are prayed for regularly.

Please remember in your prayers: Sue Pratt, Betty Scott, Sharon Carter

Jenkins, Wendy Wirgman, David Park, Barbara Ward, Rhys Frost, Jack Judd.



For details of many more events and contact numbers please see 'Activities' & 'Who's who' pages of St Martin's Magazine.

God welcomes everybody and in His name SO DO WE!



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Welcome, particularly if you are new or just visiting; it is lovely to have you with us, and do join us after the 10 o'clock service for coffee.

Sunday 15th July **Seventh after Trinity**

St. Martin's

8.00am **Holy Communion**

President: Derek Tighe

10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Holy Communion

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(4.00pm)NB No Family @ 4pm Service

St. Mary's

10.30am **Pixham Praise with Holy**

Communion

President: Dave Cowan

No Service St Barnabas

This week

Tuesday 7.30pm Julian Meeting

Wednesday 11.00am **Holy Communion**

Friday 10.00am SMURFS in the Christian

Centre

Christian Centre Coffee Saturday 10.00am

Morning

Sunday 22nd July **Eighth after Trinity**

St Martin's

8.00am **Holy Communion**

10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Holy Communion

St Mary's

10.00am Rise and Shine (to be confirmed)

St Barnabas

11.00 am **Matins**

> PRAYERS IN CHURCH Morning Prayer will be said Monday to Thursday in the Lady Chapel at 8.45am. Midday prayer will be said on Friday. (Wednesday 11am Holy Communion)

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