

Collect, Special Prayer for today

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

James 2.1-10(11-13)14-17 NT Page: 245

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?

For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?

But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery,' also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?

Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7. 24-37

NT Page: 45

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'

Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Forthcoming date for the Traidcraft stall is: today at St Martin's.

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 29 September

at the Christian Centre, starting at 6.30pm
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 tinned soup, tinned rice pudding, dried milk and female razors. The donation point is in the Christian Centre lobby area. Please ensure items are well within date.

There will be a showing of the **biblical drama film, "Risen"** in the small hall of the Christian centre on Saturday 20th October at 7pm with refreshments during the interval.

Welcome to our new DoM

We are delighted to welcome Stephen Hope for his first services today as our new Director of Music. Stephen was DoM at St John's, Belmont for many years and has extensive experience of choral conducting as well as keyboard accompaniment. His involvement in church music began as a chorister in Canterbury and developed in his time as Organ Scholar at Bristol University. Please do join us this evening at 6pm for Choral Evensong for Heritage Weekend after which you will be able to meet Stephen over "wine and nibbles".

An Ecumenical Posse - whatever is that, you say! A small group- one or two from each church - visiting others occasionally to worship with them, experience their traditions and learn from each other. This excellent idea was brought to Churches Together by Peter Essex. If you would like to join it or would like more information, see the poster in the Christian Centre and speak to Peter Essex or Debs Bunn.

Samara Aid Collection – starts today! St Martin's will again be the focus of Dorking's Autumn Samara Aid collection for refugees in Syria for two weeks starting today. You can help by donating new/good used clothing/bedding etc (see lists available at back of church) and/or donating towards the transport costs and/or volunteering to help sort and pack on Monday 24th/Tuesday 25th just after the collection closes. Please get into Autumn wardrobe clearout mode to support this wonderful initiative !

Heritage Open Day Celebrations

Marvellous Music at St. Mary's Pixham

Saturday 15th Sept 2018, 10am - 4pm.

Please come and support

Cathy Jenkins: French Horn, Tim Jones: French Horn
Jeni Mendes : violin, Deborah Salmon : Clarinet
Veronica Watts : piano and organ

With live music from approximately 11.30am - 3pm. The Church will be open from 10am to 4pm with an opportunity to look at several displays about: Mary Mayo, Gertrude Jekyll, Sir Edwin Lutyens and the History of Pixham. Come early to enjoy a coffee and stay to enjoy further refreshments or a Ploughman's Lunch, and to enjoy the acoustics of this lovely little Church. (Free entry-donations to the church repair fund will be gratefully received.)

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, Sharon Carter Jenkins, Rhys Frost, Jack Judd, Margaret Hull.

And those who have recently died: Marjorie White

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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, and do join us after the 10 o'clock service for coffee.

Sunday 9th September Fifteenth after Trinity Heritage Weekend

St. Martin's

8.00am

Holy Communion

President: Derek Tighe

10.00am

St Martin's @ 10 Holy Communion

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6.00pm

Choral Evensong for Heritage Open Days

Chris Watts

St. Mary's

10.30am

Pixham Praise followed by AGM

President: Dave Cowan

St Barnabas

4.00pm

Choral Evensong for Heritage Open Days

President: Mike Stewart

This week

Tuesday	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship, Member's Afternoon
Wednesday	11.00am	Holy Communion Mothers' Union Corporate Communion
Friday	10.00am	SMURFS in the Christian Centre
Saturday	10.00am	Christian Centre Coffee Morning
	10.00am	Marvellous Music at St Mary's, Pixham (see notes)

Sunday 16th September Sixteenth after Trinity

St Martin's

8.00am

Holy Communion

10.00am

St Martin's @ 10 with Holy Communion

4.00pm

St Martin's Family Service

St Mary's

10.30am

Morning Prayer

St Barnabas

4.00pm

Service for Families and Children