

## Collect, Special Prayer for today

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 3.1-12**

**NT Page: 246**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes.

Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.

Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.

For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.

My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?

Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

## Gospel Reading

**Mark 8. 27-38**

**NT Page: 46**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?'

And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.'

Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?'

Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.'

And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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### SMURFS, Mother and Toddler Group Help Needed

I have just started helping the Smurfs Mother and Toddler Group which meets in the Christian Centre on Friday mornings in term time between 10 am and 12 noon. The two mothers who organise the group have been doing it for some time now. Also the child of one of the organisers will be starting school soon. If there is anyone who could help me with this group, I would be grateful. Or if you know of anyone who could help, please give me a call. Basically, we would be helping to keep this wonderful group continue running. They are a super bunch of lovely mums and toddlers. For more details please ring Cathy Merrikin 01306 885273.

The Dorking Christian Centre is looking for a **cook for Christmas Day 2018**. (volunteer or paid). We are also looking for someone to help **host this event**. If you are interested please contact the Managers on 01306 8868390 or email [centremanager@dorkingmethodist.co.uk](mailto:centremanager@dorkingmethodist.co.uk)

### 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](mailto:emddh7@hotmail.com) or 01306 881479.

**Churches Together in Dorking United Service – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept at 6pm** at St John's North Holmwood. All welcome! Contact Debs Bunn on 01306 889008 if you would like a lift. Look forward to seeing you there.

Our new Director of Music, Stephen Hope invites you to an **Organathon on Saturday 29th September 9am –6pm in church**, to raise money for St Raphael's Hospice. Come and listen and enjoy tea, coffee and homemade cakes. You are also invited to make a donation to Stephen's trek of the Sahara Desert in support of the Hospice.

Note for your diary. **Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal 2018. Saturday 27th October coffee morning in the Christian Centre** to help pack the boxes.

**We will hopefully need lots of shoeboxes, so if you have any please drop them off in the Christian Centre.** See page 13 of the September magazine for further details.

**Dorking Foodbank. Thank you for your support.** This week we particularly need pasta sauce, twin packed sponge pudding, dried milk and shampoo. The donation point is in the Christian Centre lobby area. Please ensure items are well within date.

**Come and read The Bible**, Monday afternoons fortnightly from 2.15pm starting Monday 17th September at 5 Tutts Close, Dorking. Ring Diana on 01306 881291 for more information.

**Samara Aid Collection** St Martin's is again the focus of Dorking's Autumn Samara Aid collection for refugees in Syria. 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 24<sup>th</sup>/Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> just after the collection closes. Please get into Autumn wardrobe clearout mode to support this wonderful initiative !

**Manager wanted to run the charity Christmas card pop up shop within St Martin's Church, Dorking.** The role involves looking after and organising volunteers, setting up and closing down the shop with a team of volunteers; re-ordering stock as needed and checking deliveries; daily banking. This is a very rewarding, interesting and fun role. A modest payment is paid at the end of December. Dates required from 15<sup>th</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> December. Would suit someone retired or looking for work or someone needing a new challenge. Please contact the Area Manager Kathy Hill on 07802 851884 alternatively email [Kathy.hill@cfgc.org.uk](mailto:Kathy.hill@cfgc.org.uk)

**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](mailto: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, Jack Judd, Margaret Hull.

**And those who have recently died.**

# st martin's DORKING

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 16th September Sixteenth after Trinity

<b>St. Martin's</b>	
<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> President: Derek Tighe
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Martin's @ 10 Holy Communion</b> President: Derek Tighe
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>St Martin's Family Service</b>
<b>St. Mary's</b>	
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> Chris Watts
<b>St Barnabas</b>	
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Service for Families and Children</b> President: Mike Stewart

## This week

Tuesday	10.00am	Coffee Morning at St Barnabas
	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship, Quiz Afternoon
	7.30pm	Julian Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Friday	10.00am	SMURFS in the Christian Centre
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion for St Matthew</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	10.00am	Christian Centre Coffee Morning

## Sunday 23rd September Seventeenth after Trinity

<b>St Martin's</b>	
<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Martin's @ 10 with Holy Communion</b>
<b>St Mary's</b>	
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Rise and Shine</b>
<b>St Barnabas</b>	
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Matins</b>

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