Collect, Special Prayer for today

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:

pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,

and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 3.13-4.3, 7-8a T Page: 247

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

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But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Gospel Reading Mark 9. 30-37 NT Page: 48

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them,

'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.'

But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?'

But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.'

Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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

QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 29 September

at the Christian Centre, starting at 6.15pm 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.

Churches Together in Dorking United Service – Sunday 30th 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.

Christians Against Poverty and its work will feature in an hour long documentary entitled The Debt Saviours, to be broadcast in the 9pm slot on BBC2 soon - look out for it on the schedules. A very encouraging documentary for churches, it will highlight the work that CAP is doing and especially the work that the national church is doing through CAP. CAP asks that all churches pray that it will have life-changing impact on its viewers far into the future.

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.

The latest issue of the **Methodist Church magazine** the CONNEXION has been delivered. Its focus is on VOCATION, and copies are available at the back of church.

Big Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support on Friday 28 Sept at St Paul's at 8.45am to 11.30am. All welcome.

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 tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce, tinned macaroni cheese, cat food pouches and shaving foam/gel. 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 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. There will also be a great need for volunteers to come and help to sort and pack the collection up on Monday September the 24th and Tuesday the 25th at the church from 10.00am.

Please get into Autumn wardrobe clearout mode to support this wonderful initiative!

The Traidcraft stall will be at Pixham on 29 September, and at St Martin's on 7 October.

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 15th October to 13th 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

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:

Richard Good, Sue Pratt, Sharon Carter Jenkins, Jack Judd, Margaret Hull.

And those who have recently died. Keith Deacon, Alan W Bullock.



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 23rd September Seventeenth after Trinity

St. Martin's

8.00am Holy Communion

President: Derek Tighe

10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Holy Communion

President: Derek Tighe

St. Mary's

10.00am Rise and Shine

President: Dave Cowan

St Barnabas

11.00am Matins

President: Mike Stewart

This week

Tuesday 2.30pm Women's Fellowship,

Annual General Meeting with Revd Derek Tighe

Wednesday 11.00am Holy Communion

Friday 10.00am SMURFS in the Christian

Centre

Saturday 10.00am Christian Centre

Coffee Morning

11.00am Holy Communion for St

Michael and All Angels

6.15pm Quiz Night (see notes)

Sunday 30th September Eighteenth after Trinity

St Martin's

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10.00am St Martin's @ 10 with Holy

Communion

St Mary's

10.30am Songs of Praise

St Barnabas No Service

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