

Collect, Special Prayer for today

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Other Readings for St Martin's on 23rd December:-

Ezekiel 28. 1-29 OT Page: 825
Hebrews 12. 14-29 NT Page: 242

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 126 OT Page: 601

The Lord has indeed done great things for us.
When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with songs of joy.
Then said they among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
The Lord has indeed done great things for us,
and therefore we rejoiced.

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,
as the river beds of the desert.

Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them.

The Lord has indeed done great things for us.
Lord, as you send rain and flowers even to the
wilderness, renew us by your Holy Spirit,
help us to sow good seed in time of adversity
and to live to rejoice in your good harvest of all
creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1. 39-55 NT Page: 61

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit

rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Readings for Midnight and Christmas Day

8am Hebrews 1. 1-4 NT Page: 233
John 1. 1-14 NT Page: 98

10am Titus 3. 4-7 NT Page: 231
Luke 2. 1-20 NT Page: 62

Readings for 10am Sunday 30th December

10am Acts 7. 51 to 8. 1 NT Page: 134
Matthew 10. 17-22 NT Page: 11

News

There is a **Short Service of Carols and Readings at St Mary's Pixham** on Sunday 23rd December at 2.30pm. This service is designed for the elderly members of our community and their carers.

Thank you from Pixham. A huge thank you to all the people who supported St. Mary's Church Christmas Fair. We raised £225 towards the costs of the church repairs. Another huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated gifts for the children who have a mother in SEND prison. We were able to take 7 large bags of presents to be distributed by Father Christmas when the children attend the Christmas Family Day visit. This is the largest amount of presents we have ever been able to donate. Thank you, Anne Brown.

Churches Together in Dorking, Looking Back in Thanksgiving, Looking Forward in Hope. Sunday 30th December, 6pm at St Joseph's Church, Falkland Grove. A gentle service of reflection with readings, prayer and music. Refreshments afterwards.

CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Debt Centre Manager - vacancy in Mole Valley. CAP is a partnership between seven churches in the district and will need a new manager as from next March. 16 hours per week, with occasional evening work; £8,884 pa. For more information, contact Ian Causebrook, at ian@causebrook.co.uk or call on 07799 703917. The closing date for applications is 11th January.

Come and read The Bible. Monday afternoons fortnightly from 2.00pm at 5 Tutts Close, Dorking. Ring Diana on 01306 881291 for more information.

Bible Sessions at the Christian Centre The topic is to be 'Making Room For Jesus'. Thursday 3rd at 10.30am until midday. In Upper Lounge of the Christian Centre.

The January issue of St Martin's parish magazine is available at the back of church.

Traidcraft will be back in church in January. Elizabeth Dobson, emddh7@hotmail.com

SMURFS (St Martins Under Fives) Toddler group, next meeting on Friday 4th January in the Christian Centre, and once a month on the first Friday of the month. The group meets between 10 - 12pm.

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

Churches Together in Dorking Prayers. Members of CTD all pray for one church, community, congregation, organisation or initiative each week. This week we are praying for St James Abinger with Coldharbour and next week for BeMe Project.

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, Richard Good, Margaret Hull.

And those who have recently died: Shirley Kellett.

Sunday 30th December First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday 30th 10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Benefice Family Communion
No Services at Pixham and Ranmore

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Wednesday 2nd Jan 11.00am Holy Communion
Friday 4th 10.00am SMURFS in the Christian Centre
Saturday 5th 10.00am Christian Centre Coffee Morning
12.00pm Music at Midday, Oliver and Sam Hancock sing "Flanders and Swann"

Happy New Year!

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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 23rd December Fourth in Advent



St. Martin's
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
President: Derek Tighe

10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Holy Communion
President: Derek Tighe

6.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
President: Derek Tighe

St. Mary's
2.30pm Short Service of Carols and Readings
President: David Cowan

St Barnabas No Service

This week

Monday 24th
Christmas Eve 4.00pm Family Carols and Crib Service
11.00pm Carols Around the Tree
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Pixham 5.30pm Family Carols and Crib Service

Ranmore 11.30pm Midnight Communion

Tuesday 25th
Christmas Day 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Christmas Family Communion
11.00am Christmas Day in the Christian Centre

Pixham 10.00am Holy Communion for Christmas Day

Ranmore 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) for Christmas Day

Wednesday 26th 11.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 27th 12.00pm Wedding at St Martin's

