

## Collect, Special Prayer for today

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:

mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory 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.

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60. 1-6

OT Page: 717

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

## New Testament Reading

Ephesians 3. 1-12

NT Page: 206

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in

its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

## The Gospel Reading is

Matthew 2. 1-12 NT Page: 1

## News



**Evensong for Epiphany** is this evening at 6pm, St Martin's Church. All welcome!

**St Paul's Church is organising a first aid training course** which will be run by the British Heart Foundation on Tuesday 8th January at 7.30pm. They currently have 3 spare spaces and are happy to open it up to St Martin's Church as well if anybody would like to attend. (My friend up there is organising it). If anybody is interested perhaps they could get in touch with me and I can let them have a bit more information about it and pass their details on as appropriate. It will cover amongst other things, CPR and using a Defibrillator, Anne Whibberley.

**Final session of Advent series "Entering the New Year with Jesus"**, Thursday 10th January at 10.30am, Upper Lounge of The Christian Centre.

**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](mailto:ian@causebrook.co.uk) or call on 07799 703917. The closing date for applications is 11th January.

**LISTENING COURSE.** A basic Listening Course on six consecutive Thursday mornings commencing on the 17th January 2019 through to 21st February. Venue: Upper Lounge, The Christian Centre at 10am-12pm. The Course is produced by the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation and is entitled 'Just Listen'. The course provides a lively and practical way of beginning to develop the listening attitudes and skills that we need. The purpose of holding the course is to equip people with 'listening skills' which can then be used at home, in church or The Christian Centre as a 'Listener'. If you are interested please contact Rowan, Centre Chaplain on 01306 886830 or 07704 061339.

**Come and read The Bible.** Monday afternoons fortnightly from 2.00pm at 5 Tutts Close, Dorking.

Ring Diana on 01306 881291 for more information.

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

**Parking Permits for 2019 are due to be issued this week.** The church car park is for permit holders only (who must display the permit) while on church business, for activity leaders needing to unload equipment, and to pick up/drop off. There are far too many occasions when people who should be using the public car parks (free from 6pm-8am and all day Sunday) are parked here.

**Bible Reading Fellowship.** Study booklets covering January-April 2019 are now in pigeonholes at the back of church. Please collect yours. The BRF produces a variety of study notes to appeal to different tastes and age groups. If you would like to place an order or find out more, please contact Sally Lowe on 884467 or sallylowe1943@gmail.com.

**The Traidcraft Stall** will be at St Martin's this Sunday and on 27th January, and at Pixham on 20th January. Elizabeth Dobson, emddh7@hotmail.com

**SMURFS (St Martins Under Fives) Toddler group,** next meeting on Friday 1st February in the Christian Centre, and once a month on the first Friday of the month between 10- 12pm.

**Dorking Foodbank.** This week we need the following items: Fruit Squash, Pasta Sauce, Coffee, Razors/Shaving Gel. The donation point is in the Christian Centre lobby area. Please ensure food 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 [smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@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 John's Chapel.

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:** Peter Quantrell, Susan Pite.



#### 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)

# 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 6th January First Sunday of Epiphany

<b>St. Martin's</b>	
<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> President: Derek Tighe
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Martin's @ 10 Family Worship</b> President: Derek Tighe
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Epiphany Evensong</b> President: Mike Stewart
<b>St. Mary's</b>	
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> President: Stuart Peace
<b>St Barnabas</b>	
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Matins</b> President: Mike Stewart

## This week

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	Women's Fellowship, Talk From Christine Lawrence
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Mothers' Union Corporate Communion
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Christian Centre Coffee Morning

## Sunday 13th January Second Sunday of Epiphany

<b>St Martin's</b>	
<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>10.00</b>	<b>St Martin's @ 10 Holy Communion and Covenant Service</b>
<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
<b>St Mary's</b>	
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>St Barnabas</b>	
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

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