

Readings for St Mary's Pixham are:

Philippians 1. 3-11

Luke 3. 1-6

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3. 1-4

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Second Reading

Luke 1. 68-79

'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

Gospel Reading

Luke 3. 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one

crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

News

Choral Evensong is on Sunday 5th December at 6pm.

Christmas Tree Stockings. Knitters needed please! Easy Christmas Stocking pattern (4 inches high) available at the church office - please come and pick one up from Vicki.



The Stockings will be hung on the tree in church and will have a gift inside them for the children who come to church during the Christmas period. Wool supplies are also available at the church office if needed (best days to drop by are Wednesday, Thursday or Friday between 11am and 2pm).

Toys for Send Prison at Christmas. Once again we are collecting toys for the children who have a mother in Send prison. If you would like to donate any this Christmas please bring them to a Pixham church service, leave them in the Christian Centre/ Church Office or contact Anne Brown on 01306 884424 who will gladly collect them. If you are unsure what to donate there is always a shortage for teenagers and particularly boys. Suggestion are gift sets of 'smellies', vouchers eg Amazon, Boots for hair products, sprays etc. Anything is welcome. Thank you.

St Martin's Parish Magazine 150th Birthday in January 2022. As the Magazine celebrates it's 150th Birthday in January, articles would be very much appreciated, so please send to Christine Francis on kikronfran@aol.com or call 889617 by no later than Friday 11th December. Thank you.

The December Magazine is now available at the back of church.



St Martin's Church are holding a Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 11th December between 10am and 12pm in the Christian Centre. There will be a Christmas Craft and Card stall, Tombola,

Home-made Goodies and Cakes stall, Scarves, Gifts and Decorations. Come along with a friend! Donations of home-baked goods would be most welcome, please bring these on the day or hand to the Church Office the day before. Tombola prize donations such as Bottles, Biscuits, Chocolates etc. to the church office by no later than Thurs 8th please. Thanks very much for your support!

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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 today and do join us for a coffee after the service.

**5th December
Second Sunday in Advent**



St Martin's

Sunday 5th December

Holy Communion @ 10am

Choral Evensong for Advent
@ 6pm

Wednesday 8th December

Holy Communion @ 11am

(Mothers' Union Corporate Communion)

Sunday 12th December

Morning Prayer @ 10am

St Mary's

Sunday 5th December

Holy Communion @ 10.30am

Sunday 12th December

Morning Prayer @ 10.30am

St Barnabas

Sunday 5th December

Matins @ 11am

Sunday 12th December

Holy Communion @ 11am

Christmas Lunch at the Christian Centre - Have you booked your place yet? This year's plan is refreshments on arrival at 11am, 2 course lunch at 12.30pm, festive music, Christmas gift, departure at 2pm in time for viewing Queens speech at home! Voluntary donation of £5 per person. Please call Janette or Louise on 01306 886830 to book your place. Also if you can donate a gift for the Christmas Day lunch guests please hand in to the Centre Managers office. Thank you.

Dementia Friendly Christmas Worship Service. At the Christian Centre small hall on Tuesday 14th December. Tea and Coffee first from 11am. Rev'd David Pitkeathly, Centre Chaplain.

Dorking Area Foodbank: The items we would like to focus on this week are: Tins of Veg, Jars of Pasta Sauce (500g), Tea Bags (40's and 80's), Vegetarian Tinned Meals, 500g Bags of Sugar, Toilet Roll 4 Pack.

News and Notices for the next issue of the Weekly News Sheet need to be submitted by the close of business on Wednesday. Please email your article to: stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or call 01306 884229 where messages will be picked up regularly. Thank you.

Church of England Daily Hope. Free phone line with hymns, reflections and prayers: 0800 804 8044.

Samaritans National Helpline: 116 123.

For the Who's who' pages and contact details please see the back page of the St Martin's Magazine.



Morning Prayer with Rev'd Derek Tighe will be said in the Lady Chapel, Monday to Thursday at 9am.

Please remember in your prayers:

Rosie Pegram, Henry Haire, Gay Fraser, Mimi Baines James Bascoe, Rev'd Dr Malcolm Rothwell.

Please pray for those who have died:

Heather Anderton.

Those in our congregation who have long term concerns are prayed for regularly.

Churches Together in Dorking Prayers.

Members of CTD all pray for one church, community, congregation or initiative each week. This week we are praying for The Christian Centre.

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is now available at <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer> . In December we pray for Farnham and Godalming deaneries.

Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.