

## Collect Prayer

O Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax  
Collector to be an apostle and evangelist:  
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain  
and the possessive love of riches  
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus  
Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 4. 1-6 NT Pg: 193

Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## Gospel Reading Matthew 9. 9-13 NT Pg: 9

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

## News and Notices

**There will be a School Harvest Service** on Friday 4th October in St Martin's Church at 9.30am – Are you able to help at this service, please let Judy or Felicity know if you can.

**St Martin's Church Recital** for the William Cole Church Music Trust on Saturday 5th October has been **cancelled** by the pianist. We hope it will be rescheduled.

**Dorking Area Foodbank:** This week we would like to receive donations of: Shower gel, Jars of instant coffee, Multipack x 6 bags of crisps, Sponge pudding long-life twin packs, Jam, 1kg bags of rice.

**Harvest Lunch and Games afternoon:** this will follow after the Sunday 13th October Harvest Service in St Martin's Church. Lunch will be served at 12pm in the Christian Centre followed by games until 4pm. This will be the last games and social this year. If you are coming along for lunch please let Elizabeth Dobson know by Friday 11th.

**Date for your diary:** Community Wardrobe Quiz Night, supported by St Martin's Church and Dorking Community Fridge. Friday 4th October, Time 7pm for 7.30pm start, in the large hall at the Christian Centre, £10 per head, including light buffet, (Teams of 4+). To book, contact: [thecommunitywardrobe@gmail.com](mailto:thecommunitywardrobe@gmail.com)

**Churchyard tidy-up.** On the morning of Saturday October 12th, there is to be a working party tackling churchyard greenery, litter in the churchyard and a general gardening clear up - Can you help us? We will start from 9.30am onwards.

**Are you able to help with refreshments** after our Remembering with Thanksgiving Service on 3rd November and/or at the Remembrance Sunday Service on 10th November? If you can help, please let Judy Peace know.

**Singing Workshop at Pixham Church** (Big Hall) Holly Taylor Zuntz is leading a 10am-4pm Workshop on Georgian Polyphonic Singing on Saturday 9th Nov 2024. Please contact Philippa Snell ([philippa@thewildchoir.com](mailto:philippa@thewildchoir.com)) for details and cost ASAP.

**Gala Day Church Event.** We are opening church to all, offering festive refreshments and musical entertainment on Sunday 1st December, times tbc! To help make this local community afternoon a roaring success, we need organisers, planners, and helpers. Would you like to be on this team? Please can you let Felicity or Judy know as there will be a planning meeting arranged soon. Thank you.

**Public talk:** Explore the world of George Edmund Street, Mastermind of Victorian Gothic Revival, Saturday 16th November, 10.30am at St Mary's Church, Holmbury St Mary - bookings are being taken now, £12 per person. £8 for SCPT members. Group ticket for three non SCPT members £30 (save £6) Advance booking recommended here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/surrey-churches-preservation-trust>  
All funds raised will be used by the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust

**Weekly News Sheet.** "News and Notices" for the next issue of the church news sheet are to be forwarded to the church office by Wednesday afternoon for inclusion in the next issue by email [smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com) or phone 884229.

## Guildford Cathedral Events:-

An Evening of Radiohead on Saturday 28th September.

Quiz for a Cause on Friday 4th October with quizzing and delicious food!

Bowie by Candlelight on Saturday 12th October.

Family Fun Day on Tuesday 29th October

Art Exhibitions: Tuesday 10th September to Sunday 6th October with Wes Surrey Artists, and Tuesday 15th October to Sunday 10th November with Art Now.

For more information contact the Cathedral on 01483 547878 or go to:  
[www.guildford-cathedral.org](http://www.guildford-cathedral.org)

**Church of England Daily Hope Line:** Weekly Service, Morning and Evening Prayers and Sleep-Well Bible Reflections: 0800 804 8044.

**Samaritans National Helpline:** 116 123.

**Message from Freda's family:** We are very sad to inform you that our lovely Mum, Freda Goddard died on 9th September. The family will be having a private ceremony at the crematorium in Leatherhead. This will be followed by a service celebrating her life at St Martins Church, on Friday 4th October at 12.30pm to which all are welcome. Afterwards, we invite everyone to the White Horse, Dorking, to toast Mum and share memories. John, Simon and Sarah.

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### Please remember in your prayers...

June Rainger, Cilla Lane-Allman, Nicholas Grealy, Pauline Welton, Mary, David and Andrew Cowan, Barbara Philpott, Wren.

**Please pray for those who have died...**  
Freda Goddard.



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 pray for St Joseph's RC.

**The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer** is available at [www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer). In September we pray for the deaneries of Dorking and Emly.

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

**Sunday 22nd September**

**Trinity 17**

## **St Martin's**

**Sunday 22nd September**  
Holy Communion @ 10am

**Wednesday 25th September**  
Holy Communion @ 11am

**Sunday 29th September**  
Holy Communion @ 10am

## **St Mary's**

**Sunday 22nd September**  
Songs of Praise @ 10.30am

**Sunday 29th September**  
Benefice Service at St Martin's @ 10am

## **St Barnabas**

**Sunday 22nd September**  
Matins @ 11am

**Sunday 29th September**  
Benefice Service at St Martin's @ 10am

Compline @ 8pm on Zoom  
(To join contact [robinluff@btinternet.com](mailto:robinluff@btinternet.com))

## **PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PARISH PRIEST**

God our Father, we give our heartfelt thanks for the appointment of Canon Anthony Rustell as our new parish priest. We pray for him and his family as they prepare to move to Dorking. Send us all your Holy Spirit at this time of change to fill us with vision and energy and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community. We pray for Anthony that he may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people, ready to serve us with joy, build us up in faith and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your Son, Jesus. Amen.