

Collect Prayer

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 OT Pg: 467

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a NT Pg: 186

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honour to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But eagerly desire the greater gifts.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4. 14-21

NT Pg: 65

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

News and Notices

The next Julian Meeting will be on Tuesday 28th January at 2.45pm, at 5 Priory Close. All welcome! For more information please ring 01306 640775.

Church Coffee Helpers: this group is being set up to help cover coffees after church on an ongoing basis, and with enough volunteers, it should lighten the load off of the small few who currently cover this. To volunteer your help once or twice a month please speak to Felicity or Judy. Thank you very much.

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 26th January

Epiphany 3

St Martin's

Sunday 26th January

BCP Service at 8am

Sung Eucharist @ 10am

Wednesday 29th January

Holy Eucharist @ 11am

Sunday 2nd February

BCP Service at 8am

Sung Eucharist @ 10am

St Mary's

Sunday 26th January

Songs of Praise @ 10.30am

Sunday 2nd February

Sung Eucharist @ 10.30am

St Barnabas

Sunday 26th January

Matins @ 11am

Sunday 2nd February

Matins @ 11am

Bible Study Group. Anthony is leading a Bible Study group on a Monday evening during February on the theme of "John 1-4: from Cana to Cana". This will be held in the Christian Centre starting 3rd February for 4 weeks at 7pm to 8.30pm. Please use the sign up sheet at the back of church or call Vicki in the church office to register, 884229.

Advanced Warning. Church Street will be closed for works, 5th to 7th February at the Star Pub end.

Green Fingers! Help needed for the annual pre-spring churchyard tidy up in conjunction with the Dorking Rotarians, on either Saturday 8th or Thursday 13th February before the birds start to nest! Can anyone who is able to help please make themselves known to Nick or Vicki in the Church Office specifying which day suits them best. Thank you all.

Lent Course. "Approaching the Cross: Christ's crucifixion in the Gospels". Anthony is running this course starting 12th March for 5 weeks (venue to be confirmed). Please use the sign up sheet at the back of church or call Vicki in the church office, 884229.

New Social Organising Group. This group is being set up to be responsible for the planning and organisation of events such as socials and fairs etc. Once the group gathers, it can then be established who can take on what tasks, playing to individual strengths (e.g. planning, practical support, co-ordinating, refreshments etc.) Please contact Vicki, at the Church Office (884229) or the Churchwardens to join. Thank-you.

Dorking Area Foodbank: This week we require the following items: Biscuits, Multipacks of muesli bars, 1 Litre UHT milk, 1 Litre long-life fruit juice, Washing up liquid, Children's toothbrushes.

Weekly News Sheet. "News and Notices" for the next issue of the church news sheet are to be sent to the church office by Wednesday afternoon for inclusion in the next issue: by email to stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or by phone 01306 884229.

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.

The Memorial Service for the late Nicholas Grealy is on Thurs 30th Jan at 11.30am, St Barnabas Church.

Please remember in your prayers:
Pauline Welton, Barbara Philpott, Mary and Andrew Cowan, June Rainger.

Please pray for those who have died:
Nicholas Grealy, Tony Hall.

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 for Society of Friends (Quakers).

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is available at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer. In January we pray for the deaneries of Aldershot and Cranleigh and in February for Guildford and Surrey Heath.



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God of Mission
Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(from Leading Your Church into Growth)