

HYMNS (from the new hymnals)

Introit:	I vow to thee, my country	579
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Collect Prayer

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

New Testament Reading

Acts 9. 36-43

NT Pg: 137

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.'

So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed.

He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

New Testament Reading

Revelation 7. 9-17

NT Pg: 270

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel Reading

John 10. 22-30

NT Pg: 111

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'

Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

The Father and I are one.'

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

News and Notices

As we are part of an eco-church and trying to obtain our silver badge, we would encourage you to **bring your own cup for coffee after church.**

The new parish electoral roll for St Martin's and St Mary's is now on display in both churches, for checking. Please let Elizabeth Dobson know of any errors or omissions before the APCM is held, on Sunday 18 May (emddh7@hotmail.com or via the church office).

Everybody Welcome: during May and June we will be completing the Everybody Welcome church audit course on Sundays at St Martin's at 6pm after a short service of compline. This short and lively four part course is about thinking how our churches can be open and welcoming to the wider community. I encourage all members of our church congregations to attend, especially members of the PCC. The course will run on 11th and 18th May, and 15th and 22nd June.

Pastoral Assistants: Lay Pastoral Assistant training will be running fortnightly at the vicarage at 9.30am from 13th May. If you are interested in joining this training, and discerning if you are called to this ministry, please have a conversation with Anthony.

Quiz night social event at the Stepping Stones Pub
Please join us to make up teams of 6 at the Stepping Stones Quiz Night on 13 May at 7.15pm for only £3.00. If you would like a meal beforehand then come at 6.00pm and get 10% off the price of your meal. Friends and family are all welcome. To reserve your place or need a lift, please contact Anne Brown on 01306 884424 or annebrown49@hotmail.com.

Julian Meeting. The next Julian Meeting will be on Tuesday 20th May at 5 Priory Close at 2.45pm. All welcome! For more information please ring Chris Watts (01306 640775)

Dorking Area Foodbank. This week we require the following items: bottles of squash, tins of meat, tins of tuna, tins of soup, packets of muesli bars and packets of baby wipes.

Home Communion: if you are unwell and not able to get to church, or if you know of another member of the congregation who is not able to get to church, please let the parish office know, so that a member of the ministry team can visit and offer communion at home.

Revd. Barbara Steadman-Allen has recorded over 200 sermon videos on her YouTube channel. Please find these @RevdbSA especially if you enjoy her sermon analysis approach! Or click this link: <https://www.youtube.com/@revdbsa>.

Church Office opening times have changed: Church office opening hours are 10-1pm on 2 days a week (Monday and Friday). At all other times, please email the church office on smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or call and leave a voice message on the church office telephone: 01306 884229.

Weekly News Sheet Content needs to be submitted to Vicki for the news sheet by TUESDAY afternoon for inclusion in the next issue: by email to smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@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

Where to find us:

X - @spireofdorking

Facebook - St Martin's Dorking

ACNY - A Church Near You

For more information on events, or for the "Who's Who" page, please see page 23 of the Parish Magazine.

Please remember in your prayers:

Pauline Welton, Mary and Andrew Cowan, June Rainger.

Please pray for those who have died.

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 St Paul's Church, Dorking.

Calendar of Prayer is available at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer. In May we pray for the deaneries of Runnymede and Woking.

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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.

Sunday 11th May Easter 4, Vocation Sunday VE Day

St Martin's

Sunday 11th May, Easter 4 Vocation Sunday, VE Day

Holy Eucharist BCP @ 8am

Sung Eucharist @ 9.30am *

Compline & Everybody Welcome @ 6pm

Wednesday 14th May Holy Eucharist @ 11.15am*

Friday 16th May
Eucharist of Remembrance @ 11.15am

Sunday 18th May, Easter 5
Holy Eucharist BCP @ 8am
Sung Eucharist @ 9.30am * Followed by
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Compline & Everybody Welcome @ 6pm

Morning Prayer is said every weekday morning at 8.30am in the Lady Chapel

Evening Prayer is said every weekday evening at 5pm in the Lady Chapel

St Mary's

Sunday 11th May
Morning Worship @ 9.30am *

Sunday 18th May
Eucharist @ 9.30am *

St Barnabas

Sunday 11th May
Choral Eucharist @ 11am

Sunday 18th May
Sung Eucharist @ 11am

** Please note the new service times*

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**