

HYMNS at St Martin's at 9.30 A and M, Carols

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| Indroit: | The Angel Gabriel from heaven came | 17 |
| Gradual: | The holly and the ivy | 88 |
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HYMNS at St Mary's at 9.30am MP

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| Hymn 1: | See, amid the winter's snow | 588 |
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| Hymn 4: | It came upon the midnight clear | 345 |

HYMNS at St Barnabas at 11am NEH

**Nine Lessons and Carols service
with The Whyte Effect
Please refer to the order of service**

Collect Prayer

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7. 10 – 16 **OT Pg: 663**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.
Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

New Testament Reading

Romans 1. 1 – 7 **NT Pg: 162**

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1. 18 - 25

NT Pg: 1

The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Events, News and Notices

Season of Generosity - if you have yet to return your form, please do so - it is not too late. The new Parish Giving website is now available for new and amended donations

Dorking Area Foodbank. Requested donations of: boxes of muesli bars, instant coffee, long-life semi-skimmed milk, bags of dried lentils, chocolate bars and long life fruit juice.

St Matthew Bible Study. The group have now paused for the Christmas break. We will reconvene at the vicarage on Tuesday 6th January and resume the studies at Matthew 13-14.

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

Christmas Cards produced by the Friends of St.

Martin's are available to purchase. £1 each or 5 for £4 including envelopes. See sample at the back of church. To place an order email Andrew Dorman at andrew.dorman@btinternet.com or call 01306 743587

Coffee rota after church. Thank you so much for those who have offered to serve coffee after church while Robina is unable to do it. It would be very helpful if there could be two on each Sunday. If you are able to help there is a rota at the back of church. **Please do keep the coffee going!**

We are collecting Christmas presents for the children who have a mother in Send Prison. Any donations can be left in the Christian Centre or contact Anne Brown on 01306 884424 who will be happy to collect them.

Donations of Christmas Presents The Christian Centre are appealing for donations of Christmas Presents for their Christmas Day lunch guests. Please bring your donations into Janette before Monday 22nd December. Many thanks.

Community First Aid Training on Thursday 29 January 2026 in Dorking Library. From 6.30 until 8.30pm. The invitation is not just for Dorking St Martin's Church, it includes parish members, partners and friends. It would be good to have a really good turnout. Canon Peter Bruinvels.

Your **December** magazine is available in church. The January issue will be available from Thurs 8th January.

Electronic Donation Point in church: To help keep our church open, a Sum-Up Donation machine is available at the back of church for contactless donations by card. Please complete the GiftAid declaration if you are able.

Warm Space. The Christian Centre will be open 8.30 until 10am during January and February offering a warm place to sit and have hot drinks, cereal, porridge and toast. Helpers are needed and only a smiley face and the ability to make tea are required. Contact Sue Jamieson on shjamieson@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07743054327 if you can help. Your help would be hugely appreciated.

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers: Susie May, Sandy Luff, Pauline Welton, Jacqueline Ko, Matthew Smith, Mary and Andrew Cowan.



Please pray for those who have died. Peter Bolitho
We also pray for Sandra Wedgwood, who died this week, a Friend of St Martin's in every sense of the word.
We pray for Alison Harding who died at home Sunday 23rd November. We pray for Tim and his family at this time.

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer:

www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer. December intention: Farnham and Godalming deaneries.

Download Daily Prayer App and Everyday Faith from Google Play or Apple App Store.

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

Church Office opening times: 10-12pm 2 days a week (Monday and Friday). At other times, telephone: 01306 884229 or email stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com

Weekly News Sheet Content to be submitted by TUESDAY afternoon for inclusion in the next issue

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WITH ST. MARY'S PIXHAM

Sunday 21st December, Advent 4

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8am Holy Eucharist BCP

Celebrant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Richard Cheetham

4pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Officiant: Anthony Rustell

Wednesday 24th December, Christmas Eve

11.15am Holy Eucharist with Carols

Celebrant and Preacher: Gerard Mee

3pm Family Carols and Crib Service

Officiant: Anthony Rustell

11pm Midnight Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell

Thursday 25th December, Christmas Day

8am Holy Eucharist BCP

Celebrant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell

9.30am Sung Eucharist with Carols

Celebrant and Preacher: Richard Cheetham

and Anthony Rustell

Friday 26th December

10am Eucharist for St Stephen's Day

Celebrant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell

Sunday 28th December, 1st of Christmas

Holy Family

8am Holy Eucharist BCP

Celebrant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Richard Cheetham

and Anthony Rustell

Morning Prayer every weekday at 8.30am

Evening Prayer every weekday at 6pm

St Mary's, Pixham:

Sunday 21st December

9.30am Holy Eucharist with Carols

Celebrant and Preacher: Caroline Lazenby

Wednesday 24th December

5.30pm Family Carols and Crib Service

Officiant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell

Thursday 25th December and

Sunday 28th December

9.30am Joint service at St Martin's

St Barnabas, Ranmore:

Sunday 21st December

11am Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
with The Whyte Effect

Officiant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell and Bishop Paul

Wednesday 24th December

7.15pm Episcopal Holy Communion by Zoom

Celebrant and Preacher: Caroline Lazenby

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Sunday 28th December

11am Eucharist

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