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# Staycation Time!



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### St Martin's Magazine.

The April, May, June, July and August editions of our parish magazine are now available on our website. If you or someone you know cannot access this please contact Peter Bunn on 889008 and we can arrange a paper copy to be delivered.

# Vestry and APCM 2020 - Sunday September 13th, 11am

It is planned to hold these meetings on Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> in Church (suitably distanced) starting at about 11am following the 10am service.

Although the deadline for this year was extended from May 31st to October 31st, this is the last Sunday before Peter and Debs Bunn leave for Devon. A much reduced report will be produced – please let Christine Francis have your contributions.

It is hoped to stream the meeting over Zoom for those unable to attend in person or still uneasy about doing so: more details will follow in the weekly notices nearer the time and also in the September magazine.

The meetings will include the election of people to the following positions:

- \* Two churchwardens to serve until May 2021
- \* One representative to Deanery Synod until June 2021
- \* Four PCC members to serve for three years until May 2023
- One PCC member to serve for one year until May 2021

Nomination forms will be available at the back of church and may be requested from the church office or myself.

The Church Electoral Roll will be revised by the end of August. New names to Elizabeth Dobson, please.

Nick Hands-Clarke

# Anglican Electoral Roll (St Martin's and St Mary's Pixham)

The annual revision of the electoral roll will take place in August (postponed from the spring along with the Annual Parochial Church Meeting).

Anyone who was included on the 2019 roll will automatically be included in the revised roll, so does not need to reapply. Also, if you have already made an application to join since the current roll was published in April 2019, there should be no need to repeat it (though I would appreciate an email reminder from you so that I can double-check your name appears). New members who wish to enrol should complete one of the application forms that can be found on the website (stmartinsdorking.org); or ask whoever is on duty at the church (St Martin's) when it is open, Monday, Thursday or Sunday. To qualify for membership you need to have been baptised, be aged 16 or over, and either live within the parish or have habitually worshipped at St Martin's or St Mary's over the last six months.

Please return completed applications by Monday 24 August to Elizabeth Dobson (9 Rothes Road, Dorking RH4 ILF, or emddh7@hotmail.com), or to the Church Office. The new roll will come into operation on 28 August 2020.

If you are already a member of the roll, but your address or contact details have changed since the 2019 roll was compiled, please let me have the new information by 24 August.

Elizabeth Dobson, Electoral Roll Officer

The Application for Enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll form can be found as an attachment to this magazine.



28th July 2020

### Dear CTD members,

I am very pleased to provide you with an update of the work of your foodbank project over the Covid-19 period. Please do share this with your parishioners if you can, in part or its entirety, through your usual communication channels.

Thank you and God bless, Nicola

### Dorking Area Foodbank - Summer update

The Dorking Area Foodbank first opened its doors in June 2015. At the start of this year we were wondering how to mark the fact that, in 2020, there was still a need for a foodbank in Dorking. Then the Corona Virus pandemic hit us and we didn't have to do anything. The past few weeks have has shown more than ever that anyone can fall into financial crisis to the extent that they struggle to feed themselves.

The foodbank has remained open throughout but with significantly modified operations to ensure the safety of both volunteers and clients. Some volunteers of course had to temporarily stand back for their own safety. Those who could continue to serve did so with great enthusiasm and dedication. Almost immediately our number of clients increased. At the same time we were blessed with an abundance of food donations as well as financial support and people offering their time to help us. All this despite the uncertainty of the crisis and their own challenges.

As always our mission is to distribute all the food entrusted to us to those in need right now. The immense kindness of other has enabled us to reach the ever growing numbers of our community in need.

The foodbank has always been a very real example of a community project with local people, (including individuals, groups, churches and companies) pulling together to help others. The Coronavirus crisis has highlighted just how strong and selfless community spirit is in our town.

Although the number of clients has dropped for the moment, we are very much aware the full financial impact of the crisis is likely still to come. We must also stay alert to the possibility of a second wave of the virus and all that it will bring with it. And, as always, there will be those in our community who are still to accept the reality that they can't afford to feed themselves and take the first step in coming to us.

**Getting help from the foodbank.** We are very much aware that for many people the financial impact of the pandemic may still be to come. There is also the recurring hardship of holiday hunger at this time of year when children do not receive their free school meals. So, if you are aware of any individuals or families in financial crisis please tell them to come to the foodbank. We are here to help and they will be made very welcome.

**Giving help to the foodbank.** Food donations are always very much appreciated. We particularly welcome items which form the core of our food parcels. This list is available on our website. Each week we highlight the top five items of which we'd really like more. You'll see that on our website and on the donation bins in the supermarkets. It's also sent out by Twitter and email. Please contact us if you would like to receive that email. And please don't forget to remember us in your prayers.

Thank you all for your support and generosity. God bless. Nicola Project Lead Dorking Area Foodbank Tel: 07494 226 743 info@dorkingarea.foodbank.org.uk www.dorkingarea.foodbank.org.uk

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'Inspiring children to be the best that they can be'

Goodness, what an extraordinary year we are all working our way through!

I am proud of the part that the St Martin's team has played in trying to ease the burden for our families.

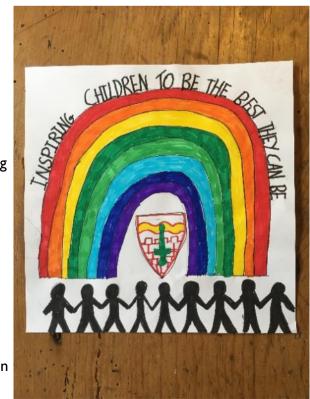
Following Lock Down on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, we immediately opened to offer places for our most vulnerable children and for those of Key Workers. We also applied for funding from Mole Valley District Council and worked with Dorking Deli to provide 16 families with high quality food supplies each week – into August. We worked with the Foodbank to deliver breakfast bags and provided a network of phone contact for families who we knew would find the weeks and months ahead fairly tough.

Over the holidays we provided continuous provision for the Key Workers across all Dorking schools, allowing parents to continue to work. Teachers were working to provide Home Learning activities and also to teach the children who were in school, working around their own family needs with a determination to do their best. We provided paper copies of work or sent Chrome Books home to help families who struggled to access the internet and set up 1:1 meetings with teachers where children needed that additional contact.

From June 1<sup>st</sup> we re-opened for a wider group of children, focusing heavily on ensuring that the children's wellbeing was our biggest focus. Staff have been innovative in designing a curriculum model which was creative and which took the children outside as much as was possible. Children have spent time reflecting on the positive aspects of their time at home or their time in smaller class based 'bubbles' in school. Thoughtfully created memory jars tell of unexpected camping trips, Forest School experiences, planting and watching seeds grow, bike riding, morning activity with Joe Wicks and walks around the school grounds with Barney the dog.

We have encouraged the children to count their many blessings and not to spend too long looking back, with regret, where school trips were missed or birthday parties delivered virtually – they are the Covid generation and are living through the history, which their grandchildren will read about.

The Friends of St Martin's (our PTA) have been stunning as always and set up an art competition – the overall winning picture is below. A representation of the year so far, to be printed on a bag and sold to parents and children next term.



Designed by Beth Flashman

### Silly Season Special: God, Hair and Walkies

Ever since Alan Bennett's spoof sermon on "My brother Esau is an hairy man, but I am a smooth man" (Genesis 27: II) I've been tempted to look for the comical, even in Scripture.

But this putative irreverence boomeranged onto my scalp during the lockdown. My barber had to be warned that when circumstances and hygiene allowed, and once I had ceded precedence to those closer to the ape, I would manifest myself in the guise of an escapee from a heavy metal tribute band and require unusually lengthy attention.

In this segment of a national crisis, many gentlemen have attempted self-snipping or been cropped by loved ones, but not I. Cowardly maybe, I took the view that I didn't have to observe such of my disorderly locks as remained unless I did so in a mirror, which would surely be vanity. Moreover, having noted what Delilah did to Samson (Judges 16) I was extremely apprehensive about letting any woman loose on my hirsute excrescences, even in my sleep.

Perhaps a barber's customers should hold I Corinthians II: I4 and Proverbs I6: 31 in delicate balance, for "if a man wears long hair, it is degrading" yet "grey hair is a crown of glory." If you've got it, flaunt it, they say, but beware of righteous exhibitionism.

This subject was prompted by one of the Gospel extracts for June in which Jesus assures listeners that "even the hairs of your head are counted" (Luke 12: 7.) This text finds its way into Charles Wesley's "Good thou art, and good thou dost" (HP 37) with the line "Watches every numbered hair." At a service with the late Martin Ellis in which this hymn was chosen, a glance at his polished dome was accompanied quietly by "Doesn't take him long in your case!" Imagine the stifled guffaw.

The next line in that hymn is "And all his steps attends," pitching us conveniently into Psalm 139 and discussion of the inescapable God by virtue of my trusty pedometer app. You are bound to be trusting when you have to reveal your age, sex, height and weight to a device that might immediately grass up your stats to advertisers, but in return your app will calculate with

reasonable accuracy not only how many steps you have taken but also how far you have perambulated, how long it took you, and – vanity of vanities – how many calories you have burnt off, both daily and over a period. For what statistics are worth, I can announce that so far this very day I have proceeded 3.04 miles in 59 minutes, taking 6,634 steps and thereby ridding myself of lard to the tune of 320.2 calories. You could get hooked.

Here's the point: nobody does a runner from the Almighty. He knows if I need a haircut, and what I'm up to, even beyond 6,634 paces. He:

Keeps with most distinguished care The man who on his love depends, Watches every numbered hair, And all his steps attends.

And by the way, as little generally happens during August, you may wish to revisit the Parable of the Good Samaritan and consider the merits of a posthumous pardon for the priest and Levite who passed by on the other side. There's now a rumour that they were simply observing social distancing.

Petrus Incognitus

Brockham Choral Society are holding a

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### Book Review, God and the Pandemic

by Tom Wright (published by SPCK 2020)

When Diana lent me this book just about the time St Martin's was opening its doors for private prayer, I was curious about what it would be like. Justin Welby's comment on the cover about its being "utterly bible-based" had me a bit worried being rooted in Old Testament 'plagues and pestilence' but that is not Tom Wright's style or indeed reflective of his background as Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity. It is less than 80 pages long and extremely readable.

What the book does do extremely effectively is expose the weaknesses in three potential Christian reactions to the pandemic – that it is a 'Sign of the End' as in the Book of Revelation, a 'call to repent' based on God's judgement of the world, or a cause to join in the secular blame game – insert China, HMG, the World Health Organisation or whoever is your personal target.

To say that it is firmly rooted in a New Testament view doesn't mean the Old Testament has no place in the book. Its second chapter points to the role of lament in the Psalms, to the role of the Prophets in the 'God and Israel' story, and to the story of Job. But Tom Wright's gist is that we can't read the present day as a rerun of those times and circumstances; we are post-Jesus and he alone is the pointer to how to respond. Trying to read events in terms of what God may be doing without the Jesus lens risks wrong answers (and Jesus was very quick to counter simplistic linkage between sin and suffering).

That leads to an altogether more pragmatic and pastoral view of pandemic. It means being alongside those suffering (so yes there is a role to weep and lament). Indeed the Church's first calling is "to take our place humbly beside the mourners". But part of the next stage of bringing healing and hope means getting stuck in as Christians have done throughout the ages in delivering practical help; of course in a 21st century that means working with the scientific and medical disciplines, neither seeking to be reckless heroes in ignoring them, nor standing back and leaving it all to "the professionals". In his concluding pages, the author gets into some wider and longer term pointers about our Christian role in influencing societal values. In a brief entry into the debate about church closures, he also quotes in full Malcom Guite's Poem "Easter 2002" poem – worth a read in its own right; Google will find it for you!

In preparing this article I looked at one or two other reviews . One was very critical precisely of how the author had not charted a more prophetic interpretation — though with so little even now known about the exact origin of the virus I don't see how any author writing in April could remotely have made a sound interpretation along such lines. If the book ends up as in a way quietly reassuring I don't see that as a particular weakness, but judge for yourself!

Peter Bunn



GOD.

PANDEMIC ...TOM:



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# Chaplain's Corner for August

I do trust you are all keeping safe and well over these past few weeks. Yet another month has passed by and we are still in a life of uncertainty and, dare I say it, insecurity. The Government's edicts seem to change with the wind so it is not easy to follow the guidelines. However, we must think positive. Come out of hibernation and try to meet up with people as we are allowed and as our confidence returns. We will meet again!

As we enter the month of August the year 2020 is passing by! Many of us have been self-isolating since the end of March and one question is, is there a light at the end of the tunnel of this COVID 19 darkness. I do hope and pray so as 'lockdown' is being eased and as we are beginning to see a little more of each other.

What are my thoughts for August's article? I mentioned last month about the fruits of the Spirit and this month I would like to select four of the fruits of the Spirit which are:- 'love', joy', 'peace' and 'patience', which are all pertinent at this time.

### LOVE

Love your neighbour as yourself – not so easy! We must remember the Lord's love endures for ever. God is love. We love because He (God) first loved us. Let us allow



love to flow in and out of our lives especially at this disturbing COVID 19 time.

### A Song

Such love as the whitest snow
Such love weeps for the shame I know
Such love paying the debt I owe
O Jesus such love.

Such love, stilling my restlessness Such love, filling my emptiness Such love, showing me holiness O Jesus such love.

Such love springs from eternity
Such love, streaming through history
Such love, fountain of life to me;
O Jesus, such love.

### JOY

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15 v 13)

Hope, joy and peace are essential components of living life to the full during these current difficult circumstances.

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5 v 17-17)

We have so much for which to be thankful in our country of the United Kingdom compared with other countries in our world. We pray for the Government at the moment – may they be given great wisdom for the difficult decisions they have to make regarding the ease of the COVID 'lockdown' and also as we move to be an independent country having left the European Union.

We think of the war torn country of Syria; also Brazil with the large number of COVID 19 cases, India and parts of Africa just to mention but a few areas that have existing problems.

'For the joy of the Lord is your strength' (Nehemiah 8 v 10c).

### **PEACE**

Lord Jesus we thank you for your peace and joy. Help us to know the peace of your presence with us now.



Amen.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ ..... And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5 v 1-2).

And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4 v 7). Guide our feet into the way of peace.

### **Hymn**

Many of you will know this old hymn but it is still relevant for today. Here is the first verse.

# Chaplain's Corner for August contd.

When peace, like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows, like sea-billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to know, It is well... with my soul,...... It is well, it is well with my soul.

### **PATIENCE**

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit



through the bond of peace (Philippians 4 v 2-3).

How patient we have had to be over these past few weeks and months and need to be in the future. Patient with each other, our friends, family and neighbours. We as Christians must demonstrate true patience during these difficult times, because people are on tender hooks as 'Lockdown' eases.

The Christian Centre has been closed for three months plus to the public. As aforesaid the chef is doing take away meals for individuals and various sheltered accommodation places, which have been much appreciated.

The Centre is aiming to open in September but we will have to be alert for any new Government edicts. Much preparation is being planned for this opening. A very comprehensive COVID 19 Risk Assessment has been undertaken highlighting all that has to be undertaken in order to open the Centre safely which is in line with the all the Government regulations. We are also compiling a COVID 19 Policy which highlights the 'do's and 'must's for a safe environment and for people themselves.

Just to end this month's article we had a very exciting Churches Together Zoom prayer meeting on Sunday the 5th July where at least 100 people met. Father Tony from St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church co-ordinated this Zoom occasion, breaking into 'rooms' for prayer as well as for united prayer. We first prayed for Dorking town and then for the Community as a whole. These prayer meetings are going to be monthly, the next Zoom meeting is planned for Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

So please keep safe and well. I am still on furlough but do feel free to contact me if necessary via the Centre Managers. As from the 27<sup>th</sup>July Janette our senior Centre Manager is going to be working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Clare the Assistant Manager will be working Thursdays and Fridays. Times:- (09:00 - 13:00) They are working 'part time' and part time 'furlough'.

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen

(Hebrews 13 v 20-21)

God's blessings be upon you all. Rowan Nunnerley (Centre Chaplain - 01306 886830 09:00-13:00)



### CHRISTIAN CENTRE NOTICE

**Dorking** We are hoping to open again for Christian hirers from 1st September 2020 and want to approach all our regular

hirers to discuss their plans to restart. If you are a hirer please contact us to discuss restarting safely.

If you have decided not to return in September, we would be grateful if you could let us know.

We appreciate there is a lot to consider, and would be grateful if you could contact us as soon as you are ready so that we can then discuss your group's needs.

We are in the office on reduced hours so please leave your best phone number if we are unavailable.

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to the Christian Centre.

We are also planning to open the Café in September and will publish the details in the next issue of the magazine.

Kind regards, Janette Masters and Clare Walker Centre Managers Tel: 01306 886830 centremanager@dorkingmethodist.co.uk

# Hymn of the Month, Let us break bread together

Let us break bread together on our knees
Let us break bread together on our knees
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees Let us drink wine together on our knees When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees
Let us praise God together on our knees
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy, if you please

This communion hymn, number 480 in the red Anglican Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard, is listed as an American Folk Hymn.

It is also in the Methodist 'Hymns and Psalms but with slightly different wording - instead of 'on our knees' in each verse there is 'with the Lord'. In their hymn book we are told that the hymn is based on a Negro Spiritual.

Some versions have 'to the Lord of Life' instead of 'to the rising sun' in the refrain.

Slaves in Virginia in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century used this hymn, and other similar ones, as a signal song to convene their secret church meetings. These may often have been held at sunrise, before work started on the plantations. However, the word 'Sun' in Negro slave songs was an ambiguous metaphor referring to God.

Today, the hymn is known, politically correctly, as an African American Spiritual.

As we think of those African slaves in the southern states of America on the plantations meeting secretly to pray and worship God, and to remember Jesus in the breaking of bread, we cannot but contrast their experience to our normal worship at St Martin's in 21<sup>st</sup> century Dorking in our lovely church, with its stained glass windows, particularly the formal Eucharist service with a Priest in special robes, and an organ and choir.

The COVID19 pandemic shutdown suddenly changed everything. Forbidden to enter our church buildings for worship with communal singing and making music together banned, new ways had to be found for Christians of all denominations to worship and to celebrate communion. Could it still be done remotely?

Live, on-line 'Zoom' services, where one can see and hear others, has been one option perhaps bringing our own portions of bread and wine to the computer screen, to eat and drink at the same time as the priest. The technology does not work well for singing together though!

YouTube services, with the Priest being videoed partaking of the bread and wine on our behalf, but making the recording several days before the congregation are able view the service on their personal computers at home has been a popular and successful way - one can also sing the hymns along with the recorded choir.

Such technology is good for watching a priest conduct the service, and for listening to the sermon, Bible readings and prayers but not for real fellowship and sharing the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

It was much simpler for the early Christians.

Luke tells us in Chapter 2 v 42 of the Acts of the Apostles that immediately after the Holy Spirit had empowered the apostles to preach the Good News 'the new believers devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer". And in verses 46, 47 'Every day they continued to meet together in the Temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts praising God......'

Over the following centuries with much religious debate and doctrinal dispute, formal liturgies were developed around making the memorial of Jesus' death in broken bread and poured out wine .and today there many Christian denominations with different services to celebrate the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist, Holy Communion, the Breaking of Bread, from a small group round a table in a

# Hymn of the Month contd.

Christian home to large formal ones Cathedrals with choral settings of the text and accompanied by inspirational music by some of the world's greatest composers, performed by professional singers and musicians. It is right that God our Creator should be honoured and our worship enhanced in this way as we give thanks for the creative gifts He has given us, his children.

I thought, with the legacy of slavery in the news in recent weeks, this simple Spiritual, would be an appropriate hymn choice this month. As Chris Watts wrote in last month's Magazine, we have been forced to look at our shared history and recognise that many English cities and even the country itself, prospered from the profits derived from the transatlantic slave trade and the of import of cheap sugar, tobacco and cotton produced by slave labour on Caribbean plantations.

The hymn itself is a musical prayer of praise and supplication to God by enslaved people themselves, living during those times. As they met together in humility and faith to remember in bread and wine that Jesus died for their sins, they asked God to be merciful to them.

It is a powerful reminder that God is not just honoured in big traditional church services with eloquent words and wonderful music, but also in simple worship, offered in sincerity and faith in the humblest of surroundings. He also answers prayer wherever it is offered, in Jesus name, by those who put their trust in Him.

A prayer: Creator God, as we co-operate together with Christians of other denominations and traditions to reach out in love to heal the sick, restore the lost, feed the hungry and comfort the bereaved in our communities, may we soon be able to meet together person to break bread and drink wine in remembrance of Jesus' sacrificial death and his resurrection. We pray that by our words and deeds others will come to know your son, Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, and that his life-giving Holy Spirit is available to all who turn to you in penitence and faith. Amen

Diana Burges

### **A**FTERWARDS

The principalities, the powers, the politicians, The ones who pose in the spotlight Centre-stage, and magnetise us as they stalk Towards bankruptcy, murder, betrayal, suicide, And other traditional exits.

The audience leaves, discussing nuances. A scatter of sweet-papers, ash, Smells hanging around behind. The audience leaves.

And in they come, rolling up their sleeves, With hoovers and mops, buckets and brushes and Brasso,

Making it ready for the next time, nobody watching,

With small uncompetitive jokes, with backchat About coach-trips, soaps, old men, And a great sloshing of water.

This is where we ought to be. Not Up on the stage with the rich and the Richards, Rehearsing already their entrance for the next house.

The precise strut that registers power,

But down on our hands and knees, Laughing, and mopping up.

U.A. Fanthorpe

### INTRODUCTION TO POETRY

I ask them to take a poem and hold it up to the light like a color slide

or press an ear against its hive.

I say drop a mouse into a poem and watch him probe his way out,

or walk inside the poem's room and feel the walls for a light switch.

I want them to waterski across the surface of a poem waving at the author's name on the shore.

But all they want to do is tie the poem to a chair with rope and torture a confession out of it.

They begin beating it with a hose to find out what it really means.

Billy Collins, American poet, born 1941

A new hymn written by URC ministers Nick & Ray Stanyon, Sung to the tune Who is on the Lord's side

What will be our future?
When will we see friends?
Questions and confusion seem to know no end.
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Loving God please help us know we still are yours
By your Holy Spirit, Jesus open doors!

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Sharing help and comfort in these lockdown days.
Loving God please help us know we still are yours
By your Holy Spirit, lesus open doors!

How are we now different?
What are lessons learned?
How will Church appear when "normal' is returned?
Help us with your gracious Holy Spirit's power,
To be fit for purpose in that future hour.
Loving God please help us know we still are yours
By your Holy Spirit, Jesus open doors!

Keep our eyes wide open to what springs up new. Those who for the first time turn their thoughts to you. Help us fight injustice. Help us bind up pain. Help us tend your world until you come again. Loving God please help us know we still are yours By your Holy Spirit, Jesus open doors!



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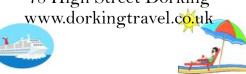
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If it is sunny on a Sunday, we have started ringing the towers handbells in the open by the tower. Handbell ringing is not easy since we ring two bells, one in each hand! However, we can ring over two metres apart and in the open.



The picture shows four of our ringers ready to start ringing rounds on 8 (an octave)

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### David Jenkins - RIP

In early July, we heard on the local grapevine sad news that David Jenkins had died. Since then, we have had this message from Hannah Stuart, who knew him through Seeability in Leatherhead:

Thank you for your thoughts and concerns about David. He was a lovely, humorous, kind man, I worked with him for 15 years, he was part of my drama group. We all miss him very much. He spoke very fondly about going to church in Dorking and the friends he made there. I know he found great strength from his faith.

'David started a cough at the end of last year, which sadly never went away. He went to the doctors in January and they were doing tests, he was losing lots of weight. He continued to deteriorate and went into hospital for a long period of time. He sadly died on 1st July in hospital. Medical information is sent directly to his family. David's elderly mother and brother live in Bristol. His mother thinks he had cancer. At this time I have not had any confirmation about his funeral, it may likely be in Bristol as his mother is in her 90s. I will let you know if I hear anything. I have collected thoughts and memories from the drama group which I have put into a card for his family. If you would like to do something similar I could pass it on.' [A card has indeed been sent from the church, and if anyone wishes to send an individual message, the editor or pastoral team members can supply Hannah's address, to take up her kind offer.]

David was part of our church life at St Martin's for ten years or more (he would have given the exact figure, and stated the date he first attended; I'm ashamed not to be able to supply it). It was a rare Sunday he was not present, and at both 9.30 and 11.00 in the days of separate Methodist worship. The loving support of the Daniels family was very important, but when absence or accident prevented their helping, David remained determined to get to church come what may in fact, he may have been responsible for bringing more people through the church door for the first time than any other member of the current congregation.

He was always the first to offer if there were any call for volunteers, and clergy and visiting preachers soon learnt that 'Are there any other notices?' would have David instantly on his feet to update us variously on the weekend's football results, the coming night's boxing match, the line -up at the Cambridge Folk Festival, progress on his novel and his latest new waterproof jacket. He took great pride in being able to judge a person's height to the half-inch from the sound of their voice, and I'm sure half of Dorking will have been accosted at some point with a request to be guided in the right direction, then slightly nonplussed by 'How tall are you? I'm guessing five foot nine, yes?'

David had his black moments, and his life clearly had difficulties, but he refused to be hampered by them, and his default attitude was one of optimism. The testimonies he gave were powerful in their candour and his simple faith and trust in God's love. In the course of his various routines - Waitrose and the King's Arms on Saturday, church and the Old House at Home on Sunday - he would ask for help from whoever was nearest, in total trust that help would be forthcoming, and nine times out of ten it was, probably to the surprise of the person concerned.

And he was the only person who has got away with addressing Mr Bunn as 'Pete'.

We will miss him greatly.

Elizabeth Dobson

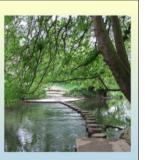


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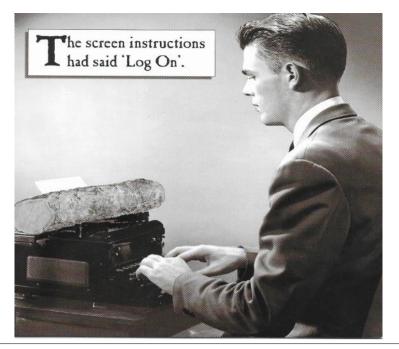
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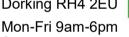


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## Dorking Museum in August

What a strange few months we have been through – for a while, the streets of Dorking or the slopes of Box Hill have not looked so empty within living memory.

How different it all was 100 years ago when the hills around Dorking were attracting day-trippers in their thousands on a fine summer day. On a fine bank holiday in the 1890s up to 5,000 day-trippers would arrive by rail and 2,000 more by carriage, horse-bus or cycle. By the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, cars, motorcycles, motor coaches and buses added to the numbers. Lieut.-Col. Nathaniel Newnham-Davis, in "The Gourmet's Guide to London" (1914), noted that "the road to Dorking at certain times of day, especially on Sundays, is alive with motor cars and motor cycles, and the cars at lunch-time and at teatime cluster in front of the [Burford Bridge] hotel like swarming bees." Our photo shows the scene in 1934.



Buses at Burford Bridge, Box Hill 1934 (Image: London Transport Museum)

The Museum's autumn exhibition, 'Mayflower 400', commemorating the 400th anniversary of the sailing of *The Mayflower*, will now be held over until next year. A lot of work has been going into this major event in Dorking's calendar, so it will be well worth the wait. Museum volunteers have been creating replica seventeenth century costumes and local saddle maker Julia Forsyth a display of 17th century shoemaking and tools.

The handiwork of the Dorking Men's Shed can already be seen bringing colour to the town with their magnificent *Mayflower* planters, one of which is sited in the walkway to the Museum. They have also been constructing a cross section model of the Mayflower and its contents to go on display at the Museum's exhibition.



Mayflower planter made by Dorking Men's Shed, outside the Museum (Image: Lois Leyland)

The team has also devised a template for an original Mayflower model for children to make. This will be available at the exhibition and in a new children's activity book to be published by The Cockerel Press. But you can download this from www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk/mayflowermodel now for something to do in the holidays. When you have completed it, why not send a digital photo of your finished model to admin@dorkingmuseum.org.uk and we will display some of these on our website.



Mayflower model for children to make (Image: Robin Cooper)

Walking in Dorking: At the time of writing, the Museum's programme of guided walks in and around Dorking is still on hold and we do not know when it might be possible to resume within social-distancing guidelines. Some walks have been provisionally scheduled from the beginning of September, but please check the website for updates.

## Dorking Museum in August contd.

South Street Caves: In July, the caves again proved to be an attractive location for atmospheric film shots. We welcomed Shere-based independent film-maker Maxi Curnow of Horizon Mastering to shoot a short scene in the Mystery Chamber for an educational film about recovery from mental health issues. With a crew of only two, social-distancing, suitable PPE and sanitiser, the shoot was a great success. Sadly, however, the narrow confines of the caves mean that they will be unable to open for public tours this year, a sad loss of one of Dorking's most popular attractions.



Museum bookshop: While the shop in the Museum is closed, the online shop is available via the website and offers a wide range of Cockerel Press and other books of local interest, covering subjects as diverse as underground Dorking, a 'lost' 18th century country villa, Dorking pubs, suffragettes, motor racing, wartime Dorking, the Dorking Cockerel, village histories and the

Mayflower. These may be ordered through the website, along with a selection of vintage and second-hand books and postcards.



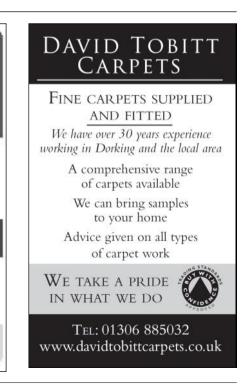
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Although the Government is slowly relaxing social-distancing and other health and safety guidelines, Dorking Museum currently remains closed and external activities are on hold whilst plans are put in place to allow us to re-open and resume activities safely whilst continuing to offer an appropriate visitor experience.

This is under regular review, so please check our website for updates. We look forward to welcoming all our visitors back as soon as possible.







## Bites from the Big Apple: two years before 9/11

The long green form began encouragingly enough. "Welcome to the United States", it said. Then followed a list of enquiries as to our suitability to enter its territory, like: are we currently doing a bit of espionage, sabotage or genocide, or even been convicted of "moral turpitude". Not having the faintest idea what that meant, we ticked "No" and hoped for the best. Completing the form at the second attempt (no corrections allowed) we settled back into our seats for the seven hour flight.

It occurred to me that being incarcerated in an aircraft for many hours is not unlike a stay in hospital: looking forward to the next meal helps punctuate the day, uniformed staff wheel round trolleys of food and glasses of coloured liquid, people queue up with perfect strangers to use communal ablutions, and quickly get bored being in the same position in an overheated atmosphere.

Our son was working in New York and invited us over for a holiday. His spacious 31<sup>st</sup> floor apartment near the United Nations overlooked the East River and Empire State, and was an excellent base from which to explore Manhattan and beyond.

Leaving the airport in a battered yellow cab, we were immediately confronted by the New Jersey Turnpike, Newark's version of Spaghetti Junction, and immortalised in the 1960s by Simon & Garfunkel. More S&G nostalgia was provided by a walk along Bleecker Street in Greenwich Village, and the 59<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge featured in "Feelin' Groovy".

We soon learned to jaywalk like the rest of pedestrian NY, for whom "Don't Walk" signs were mere sidewalk adornment. Roller-bladers diced with death on six-lane avenues made noisier by the eerie animal wail of ambulance sirens and the rasping growl of fire trucks. Not so much a city that never sleeps as a city that doesn't let you sleep.

One day in Harlem I chanced on the Cathedral of St. John the Divine which, if it ever outgrows its unofficial title of St. John the Unfinished, will be the largest cathedral in the world. I'd



Cathedral of St. John the Divine

expected a brash, modern liturgical warehouse but instead stepped into a dim, lofty cavern with rich stained glass, moody lighting and a wonderful art collection. A contemporary *Via Dolorosa* showed Jesus carrying his cross through a street lined with riot police and indifferent bystanders eating hotdogs. There was also a stark and terrible Genocide Memorial bearing the inscription "The religious mission of the 21st century is to combat prejudice, to condemn the crime of genocide, and to prevent the destruction of the innocent". Two decades on I wonder if anything has changed.

New York City has an excellent public transport system, and the air conditioned subway cars have spacious gangways with room for bicycles, baby buggies and other everyday items that would earn you the hostility of fellow passengers on the London Tube.

At weekends our son continued the flying lessons he'd started in the UK, and one Saturday night piloted me over New York in what at first I took to be a model



aeroplane. Imagine a Ford Fiesta with wings and a tail, and you can picture the size of the four-seater Cessna 172 that was our transport for two hours of exhilaration and terror! I sat clutching my holding-cross in sweaty hands, looking down at the incredibly beautiful city below. It took most of the hour's train ride back for my stomach to unknot itself, but it's an experience I wouldn't have missed for anything.

Our son's assessment of his two years in the Big Apple: "You can fit in easily here, but you'll never feel at home".

Sally Lowe







We had a scarecrow festival in the church and churchyard
Do you know who these three gentlemen are - all connected to St Martin's Church.

Can you remember the year this took place.









How many of you remember the carnivals we had in Dorking, through the High Street and finishing in Meadowbank?

Do you remember our floats?

Great Expectations - which year was that?

Hands Around the World - which year was that?

### Thomas More and John Fisher

On July 6<sup>th</sup> the Church of England commemorates Thomas More and John Fisher, beheaded on Tower Hill in 1535. It's a source of surprise to some – and consternation to a few – that two Roman Catholic Reformation martyrs should feature in the Anglican calendar.

Perhaps a clue can be found in Westminster Abbey: On the floor beside the tomb of Mary and Elizabeth is the inscription: "Remember before God all those who divided at the Reformation by different convictions laid down their lives for Christ and conscience sake."

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(Holmwood Branch)	PROBATION SERVICE	01737 763241
Bible Reading Fellowship Notes	RELATE (Marriage Guidance)	01737 763241
Sally Lowe 884467	ROYAL ASSOCIATION IN AID OF DEAF PEOPLE	881958
Women's Fellowship	ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	875058
Tuesday 2.30 pm	ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SURREY HQ	01372 386500
Mary Swain 881638	ST CATHERINES' HOSPICE	01293 772414
Julian Meeting	ST JOHN AMBULANCE	887333
3rd Tues 7.15 pm in Upper Lounge of	ST MARTIN'S C of E SCHOOL, Ranmore Road	883474
Christian Centre Chris Watts 640775		or 01737 248444
	TRAINS: National Rail Enquiries	08457 484950
Friends of St. Martin's Treas: Liz Lloyd Kendall 741503	UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (Bob Crooks)	01306 740062
,	VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION for SURREY DISABLED	01372 841148
Children's Society Boxholders Janette Masters 889590	VOLUNTEER CENTRE, The Point, Mayflower, Lyons Court,	
janiette i laster s	Dorking RH4 IAB vcdorking@vamidsurrey.org	01306 640369

# WHO's WHO at St Martin's, St Mary's and St Barnabas'

### at St Martin's Church: Church Street, Dorking RH4 IDW

### **CLERGY**

Vicar and Authorised Methodist Minister
The Revd. Derek Tighe 882875
Day off is Friday

Associate Minister (non-stipendiary)
The Revd. David Cowan 885341

We are also pleased to have the assistance of

The Revd. Stuart Peace 883002
The Revd. Mike Stewart 884153

Christian Centre Lay Chaplain

Rowan Nunnerley 886830

**VERGER** 

Brian Smith 887608

#### THE CHURCH OFFICE

Vicki Judd and Michelle Lelliott 884229 stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com The office is usually open for personal callers each weekday from 10am until 11.30am

### **Marriage Enquiries:**

arrangements should in the first instance be made by telephoning Vicki or Michelle in the church office.

**Baptism Enquiries:** arrangements can be made by telephoning Vicki or Michelle in the church office.

### **CENTRE MANAGERS**

Janette Masters and Clare Walker for bookings, enquiries etc 886830 9.00am - 2.15pm Monday to Friday

### **CHURCHWARDENS**

Peter Bunn 889008 Nick Hands-Clarke 887870

### **DEPUTY CHURCHWARDENS**

Christine Francis 889617
Christine Lawrence 882316
Anne Whibberley 500288

### **METHODIST STEWARDS**

Elizabeth Dobson (Senior Steward) 881479 John Oborn 881518

# LAY READERS AND LOCAL PREACHERS

John Oborn 881518 Chris Watts 640775 (Anglican Reader)

# VICE CHAIRMAN OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Canon Peter Bruinvels 887082

### **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

Stephen Hope

St Martin's Church Choir Practice times Friday s 7.30pm - 9pm Sundays 9.25am (pre-service at 10am) 1st Sunday 5pm (before Choral Evensong 6pm)

01372 741100

885273

#### **BELL RINGERS**

Cathy Merrikin

Paul Beeken (Tower Captain) 07739 366434

### LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANT

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Mary Cowan	885341	
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Myrtle Haire	882352	
Rowan Nunnerley	889507	
Aveley Parker	880771	
Judy Peace	883002	
Rosie Pegram	631125	

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Sue Jamieson	740954
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### **SACRISTAN**

Di Sutherland 880148

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Nick Hands-Clarke (PCC)	887870			
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740954

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#### **CLERGY**

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#### **STEWARDS**

Tony Hall 882770 Julie Mellows 889404

#### **SECRETARY**

Julie Mellows 889404

### CHURCH BOOKING SECRETARY

Julie Mellows 889404

#### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Anne Brown 884424

### **MESSY CHURCH**

Dave and Mary Cowan 885341

### at St Barnabas' Church,

Ranmore:

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### **RECTOR**

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lan Hudson 888281

### **SECRETARY**

Vacant

### **MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Position Vacant

### TOWER CAPTAIN

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