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Rejoice, the Lord is King

Collect Prayer

Final:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 11. 1 – 10

OT Pg: 667

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord – and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash round his waist. The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord

New Testament Reading Romans 15. 4 – 13

as the waters cover the sea.

NT Pg: 174

Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the

peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest

Scriptures we might have hope.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written:

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;

I will sing hymns to your name."

Again, it says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

And again,

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"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,

and sing praises to him, all you peoples."

And again, Isaiah says,

"The Root of Jesse will spring up,

one who will arise to rule over the nations;

the Gentiles will hope in him."

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.

Gospel Reading **Matthew 3. 1 - 12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight."

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowingfork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him

in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; 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: tinned rice pudding, mince pies, Christmas cake, tinned meat, tinned meat meals for one and fruit juice.

Your **December** magazine is available in 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.

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.

We pray for Alison Harding who died at home Sunday 23rd November. A memorial service for Alison will take place at St Martin's Church at 2.30pm on 18th December. We pray for Tim and his family at this time.

The funeral of Peter Bolitho will take place at Randalls Park Crematorium on 17th December at 9.30am

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer:

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

Please pray for our local schools, St Martin's, The Priory, The Ashcombe and St Teresa's.

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*

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Welcome, particularly if you are new or visiting, please stay for refreshments after the service.

Sunday 7th December, Advent 2

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8am Holy Eucharist BCP Celebrant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell

9.30am Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell

4pm Advent CarolsOfficiant: Anthony Rustell



Wednesday 10th December

11.15am Holy Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell

Friday 12th December

10am Wholeness and Healing Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell

Saturday 13th December

2.30pm Loud & Proud Concert

Sunday 14th December, Advent 3

8am Holy Eucharist BCP Celebrant and Preacher: Gerard Mee

9.30am Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell

> 4pm Evensong Officiant: Anthony Rustell

Morning Prayer every weekday at 8.30am Evening Prayer every weekday at 6pm

St Mary's, Pixham: Sunday 7th December

9.30am Eucharist Officiant and Preacher: Barbara Steadman-Allen

Sunday 14th December

9.30am Morning Worship Officiant and Preacher: Caroline Lazenby

St Barnabas, Ranmore: Sunday 7th December

11am Matins Officiant : Chris Watts

Sunday 14th December

11am Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell

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.