

As we begin to plan for the future mission of our churches, here is a prayer that we will be saying daily in our services:

**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)*

**HYMNS**

Introit:	Songs of thankfulness and praise	53*
Gradual:	On Jordan's bank	27
Offertory:	Hail to the Lord's anointed	142*
Final:	Crown him with many crowns	147

\*Please omit starred verses

**Collect Prayer**

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
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**

**Isaiah 43. 1-7** OT Pg: 698

Thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honoured, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',  
and to the south, 'Do not withhold';  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth –  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.'

**New Testament Reading**

**Acts 8. 14-17** NT Pg: 135

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel Reading**

**Luke 3.15-17, 21-22** NT Pg: 64

(In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.) As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

**News and Notices**

**Appeal for help with refreshments:** we are asking for volunteers to help with coffees after church for a few weeks. There has only been 1 offer of help so far and we need to put a Plan B together! If you can put yourself forward please let Judy or Felicity know. Thank you very much.

**During the covid pandemic** the National Church issued guidelines regarding the reception of communion. Since the end of the pandemic the chalice has been restored for consumption by all communicants, however, communicants may not intinct their own wafer as this represents a risk for the transmission of viruses and diseases. If members of the laity do not wish to drink from the chalice but would like to receive an intincted wafer they should ask the priest officiating to intinct the wafer for them on arrival at the altar rail. Note: Gluten free wafers are available on request.

**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.

**The next PCC meeting** is this Thursday, 16th January at 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel.

**Remembrance Book Inscriptions.** You might want to consider having the name of a loved one inscribed in the permanent Remembrance Book in church. The book will be updated again soon. Pick up an application form from on the Remembrance Book Cabinet in church or contact Vicki at the church office on 01306 884229.

**Dorking Area Foodbank:** This week we are appealing for: Jars of instant Coffee, Children's toothpaste, Multipacks of muesli bars, 1 litre cartons of long-life fruit juice, Sponge pudding long-life twin packs, Tinned meat.

**The Surrey Churches Preservation Trust (SCPT) is proud to present:** Rebuilding Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris – Relearning the Art and Science of the Great Mediaeval Anglo-Franco Cathedrals on Thursday 23rd January 2025, 7.00-8.30pm, St Peter's Catholic School, Guildford. A ticket only event, via <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/surrey-churches-preservation-trust>

**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](mailto: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 will be at St Barnabas Church, Ranmore on Thursday 30th January at 11.30am (beforehand there is a private service for close family and friends at the crematorium). Further details will follow.

**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 Pentecostal Church of Christ.

**The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer** is available at [www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer). In January we pray for the deaneries of Aldershot and Cranleigh.

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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.*



## St Martin's

**Sunday 12th January**  
BCP Service @ 8am

Morning Worship @ 10am

**Wednesday 15th January**  
Holy Communion @ 11am

**Thursday 16th January**  
PCC Meeting in the Lady Chapel  
@ 7.30pm

**Sunday 19th January**  
Holy Communion @ 10am  
Dorking Concertgoers Concert @ 4pm

## St Mary's

**Sunday 12th January**  
Morning Prayer @ 10.30am

**Sunday 19th January**  
Pixham Praise @ 10.30am

## St Barnabas

**Sunday 12th January**  
Holy Communion @ 11am

**Sunday 19th January**  
(No morning service)

Evening Prayer via Zoom @ 6pm  
(To join contact [robinluff@btinternet.com](mailto:robinluff@btinternet.com))

**The January edition of the St Martin's Magazine is now available at the back of church, please take a copy only 80p!**  
**For more information on events, or for the "Who's Who" page, please see page 23 of the Parish Magazine.**