

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

New Testament Reading Philippians 4. 1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading Matthew 22. 1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet."

Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

News

The adjourned meeting of parishioners for the election of churchwardens will be resumed in St Martin's today after the 10am service finishes. Anyone on the church electoral roll or resident in the parish may attend.

On Sunday October 11th at noon at St John's North Holmwood, Caroline Lazenby and Jane Schofield are to be ordained Priest and Becky Heath-Taylor a Deacon. The service is being streamed live via <https://www.cofequildford.org.uk/whats-on/events/detail/ordinations-noth-holmwood> (note the apparent typo!)

The October issue of our magazine is available at the back of church, please ask for a copy: it is also available on our website. If you know anyone who is unable to access the previous issues and would like a copy, please let us know and we can print them at the church office. If you have any thoughts, stories, photographs or articles that can be included in the mag please let us know in any format, Christine.

St Barnabas Sunday Service of Holy Communion 11th October at 11am. Everyone is welcome, however please remember your face coverings and social distancing. Please note there is no service on Sunday 18th October.

Pastoral Care. The pastoral team can always be contacted and will be pleased to offer assistance getting essentials such as food or medicines. Please either call the Church Office 884229, or for direct support from the Pastoral Team email smartinsdorkingpastoral@gmail.com.

Dorking Foodbank is operating at the usual times ([CLICK HERE](#) for these) from the Christian Centre. Donation points in supermarkets remain in place, and the centre one is positioned in the foyer. This week we need: **Tins of Vegetables, Packs of 4 Toilet Rolls, Tinned Meat, Biscuits and Bottles of Squash**

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News and Notices for the next issue of the Weekly News Sheet need to be submitted by the close of business on Wednesday. Please email smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or call 884229. Messages are picked up regularly.

Face coverings in a place of worship. Face coverings are required in church (unless you are exempt). Thank you for your understanding.

Private Prayer at St Martin's – The church is open Monday and Thursday between 9.30am to 12pm.

Guildford Diocese Cycle of Prayer

During the month of October, Epsom and Leatherhead deaneries are prayed for across the Diocese. If you would like to follow the Diocese cycle of prayer (which also contains the Anglican Communion cycle) it can be downloaded from <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/life/calendar-of-prayer>.

Please remember in your prayers: Allan Tapley, Paul Berning, Pamela Kerslake, Allan Tighe, Rosie Pegram, Renate MacLennan.

Those in our congregation who have long term concerns are prayed for regularly.



Please pray for those who have recently died: George Hunter.

George Hunter's Funeral details. The funeral will take place at Guildford Crematorium on Friday 16 October at 2.15pm. Please hold George and his family in your prayers. Because of the Covid-19 situation, his family have, with great regret, decided not to hold a service at St Martin's. You can, however, join the crematorium service via the internet, either live or by watching 'on demand' in the following seven days. The login and password details are:

<https://www.wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast-view>

Login ID: 49093 Password: qbhmnvev

If you would like to contact George's family, please email his son Alastair at alastair@bakerylane.co.uk.

Churches Together in Dorking Prayers. Members of CTD all pray for one church, community, congregation or initiative each week. This week we are praying for **Society of Friends (Quakers)**.

Being corporate at a distance. Whether you have a basic radio or the latest smartphone, there is something for you:

Our Sunday Service on our "Spire of Dorking"

YouTube Channel will be available from 10am.

Click on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuzOsRDjIRJE8Y3Zjr3fj0g>

Your 9am Daily Prayer Click on this link: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> Scroll down and click on the green Morning Prayer box.

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong this Sunday, 4th October at 3pm comes from Guildford Cathedral: Responses - Cecilia McDowall, Canticles - Herbert Howells, Anthem - James Macmillan.

Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4 at 8.10am.

TV: Sunday Worship on BBC One at 11.45am.

Songs of Praise on BBC One at 1.15pm.

Church of England Daily Hope. Free phone line with hymns, reflections and prayers: 0800 804 8044.

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WITH ST. MARY'S PIXHAM

Sunday 11th October
Eighteenth after Trinity

As I sit and write this piece it is 7am and there is outside what I would describe as the first cold dew of autumn... and I find it quite comforting. It's what we ought to be expecting around this time of the year... we celebrated Harvest last week, and we are moving into that time of the year when we begin to think about Remembrance, Advent and Christmas! And, with the current pandemic situation those are going to be very challenging 'events' to stage, because nothing seems to be as it was this time last year... everything seems to have changed. So, I hope you'll forgive me when I say that I found the appearance of the autumnal dew this morning 'reassuring'... 'heaven-sent' you might say!

We are still faced with COVID-19... Climate Change has not miraculously gone away... yet life goes on. In the midst of the very great loss and sadness and disruption to normal life caused by COVID-19—which I do not seek to ignore—there is still much to celebrate and to look forward to... even if our celebrations will have to look and feel rather different this year.
God bless, Derek.

Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 25. 1-9**

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.