

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Reading **Mathew 6. 19-34**

NT Pg: 6

‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ‘The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! ‘No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

News and Notices

Dorking Town Mission and Ministry Fellowship Meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting on Monday, it was great to see you all there, and a special thanks to the St Paul’s Team for hosting a lovely evening. Please ensure your Discernment Groups Sign-Up forms are sent back to Jens Mankel by no later than Tuesday 14th February at jens.mankel@cofeguildford.org.uk or via Vicki at St Martin’s church office who can scan and forward them on via email to Jens. Your viewpoints and opinions are important and valid in this process, so please do sign up to be part of the small group discussions, even if you were unable to attend the meeting on Monday. This process is open to all. Paper copies of the Sign-Up sheet are at the back of church if you decide you would like to take part.

Appeal for Green Fingered Volunteers! On Saturday 18th February from 9.30am onwards we are very pleased to welcome members of Rotary Club of Dorking who are bringing a small group of their members to take part in the annual tidy up of our Churchyard in readiness for springtime. We would very much like some willing pairs of hands from our church to help spread the work load. Please come along from 9.30am onwards. (If weather stops play, we have a date in reserve: Friday 24th February - much later than this and the birds will start to nest!).

Lent Course/Group in the Christian Centre Lent offers a valuable time to reflect on our lives and how we can best serve God and one another. As Chaplain of the Dorking Christian Centre, I will be providing a short but hopefully meaningful time of Lent study and discussion on the Thursday mornings of Lent. We will gather in the right hand upper room of the Christian Centre on 23rd February and conclude on 30th March allowing people to mark Holy Week in other ways. They will begin at 11am and finish by 11.50am to allow people to take lunch in the café should they wish to. I hope you will consider coming and sharing in what should be positive times of finding strength from our faith. Rev David Pitkeathly.

Church Flowers: The lovely ladies in our church flower team are appealing for donations of realistic and attractive artificial flowers to help put together some floral displays throughout the year in church. This has come about due to the large increase in the cost of fresh flowers in recent times. Going forward, we will be looking to use both fresh and artificial arrangements to decorate the church. Thank-you.

Church Donations: We have facilities for contactless donations available in church, please see a sidesperson or duty warden to make your donation. Many thanks.

The February edition of St Martin’s Parish Magazine is now available at the back of church. Please pick up your copy at only 60p!

The flower team are hoping to create floral arrangements specifically dedicated in memoriam to family members or friends we have lost. If you would like to sponsor one of these fresh flower arrangements at some point through this year (at a cost of £30), please let the church office know who the flowers are to be in memory of, and the date you would like them displayed, and this will be incorporated into the flower arranging schedule. The dedicated flower arrangement will be on display in church for 2 weeks.

Surrey Libraries on behalf of Surrey CC are offering Dorking Library as a Warm Space on the opening times set out below. This will include hot drinks, juice, newspapers, Wifi and possibly shortbread (while stocks last!) Everyone welcome. For info email: dorking.library@surreycc.gov.uk

Monday, Wednesday and Friday:- 9:30am-5:30pm

Tuesday and Thursday:- 9:30am-7pm

Saturday:- 9:30am-5pm

Dorking Area Foodbank. Thank you for your support. Suggested items for this week are: Long-life sponge pudding twin packs, Tinned fruit, Tinned meat, 1L UHT milk, 1L long-life fruit juice Boxes of cereal.

Weekly News Sheet. "News and Notices" and all articles for the next issue of the church news sheet are to be forwarded to me by no later than Wednesday evening, or call Vicki on 01306 884229 or email smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com

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Samaritans National Helpline: 116 123.

Church of England Daily Hope: 0800 804 8044.

Please remember in your prayers: Henry Haire, Rev'd David Eaton, Ann Austin, Ros Bonsey, Chris Elsey, Sylvia Pelham, Peter MacLennan.

Please pray for those who have died: Margaret Maynard, Michael Norrington.



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

Please pray for the family and friends of Emma, George and Lettie Pattison after their tragic deaths. Please also pray for Revd. Andrew Haviland who is Chaplain at Epsom College and who used to worship at St. Martin's and sing in the choir.

Churches Together in Dorking Prayers. Members of CTD all pray for one church, community, congregation or initiative each week. This week we pray for New Life Church.

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is available at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer. In February we pray for deaneries of Guildford and Surrey Heath.

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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 February

Holy Communion BCP @ 8am

Family Service @ 10am

Wednesday 15th February

Holy Communion @ 11am

Sunday 19th February

Holy Communion @ 10am

St Mary's

Sunday 12th February

Morning Prayer @ 10.30am

Sunday 19th February

Pixham Praise and Holy Communion @ 10.30am

St Barnabas

Sunday 12th February

Holy Communion @ 11am

Sunday 19th February

Evening Prayer via Zoom @ 4pm
(Email: robinluff@btinternet.com to be included)

Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme
over all things, now and for ever.

New Testament Reading

Romans 8.18-25

NT Pg: 168

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.