

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17. 1-7

OT Pg: 68

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

New Testament Reading

Romans 5. 1-11

NT Pg: 165

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel Reading

John 4. 5-42

Please refer to pew bible

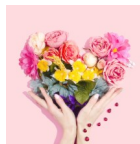
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News and Notices

Lent Group in the Christian Centre. Lent study and discussion on the Thursday mornings of Lent. Gathering in the right hand upper room of the Centre concluding on 30th March allowing people to mark Holy Week in other ways. Starts at 11am and finishes 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 this positive time of finding strength from our faith. Rev David Pitkeathly.

Musical Friends. A new singing group at the Dorking Christian Centre. On 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, 10.30am to 12pm. £4 per person including refreshments at 10.30pm followed by singing from 11am. No singing experience needed, just come along and have fun, make friends, sing along to well known and popular songs, with all the words provided. Everyone welcome, including those with dementia with their carers, the bereaved and anyone wishing to boost mental health. (Next one 17th March).

FREE LUNCH at St. Mary's Church on Saturday 18th March. The lunch is for anyone, single or families and will be served at 12.00 noon. We will be open from 10.30am for a chance for people to meet each other and for children to be able to play.



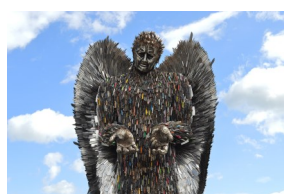
Joint Mothering Sunday Service at St Martin's. On Sunday 19th March @ 10am. Everyone is welcome!

Short Service of prayer for healing being held every 4th Tuesday in the small hall of the Christian Centre at 11am. (Next one is 28th March). All are welcome to join. Rev'd David Pitkeathly.

Advanced warning from St Barnabas:- Please put our very special event for Easter - Tenebrae - in your diaries. This will take place in church on Wednesday 5th April at 7.00 pm followed by refreshments.

Advanced notice: Good Friday Come & Sing at St Martin's (7th April) -Stainer Crucifixion in support of St. Catherine's Hospice, 1.30pm Registration for singers, 7pm Performance. Free admission for audience with retiring collection. Enquiries to Stephen Hope on: 07770392067.

SEND Easter Eggs. We are again collecting Easter Eggs for the children who have a mother in Send Prison. Special family days are arranged over the Easter holidays where the children can spend the day with their mother and have an Easter Egg to make it an extra special occasion. Please leave any eggs in the Church Office or contact Anne Brown on 01306 884424 who is happy to collect them from your home.



The thought provoking anti-violence "**Knife Angel**" Monument is on display at Guildford Cathedral until the 30th March.

In Memoriam Flowers. The flower team are able 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.

Date for your diary: PLANT AND CAKE SALE.
Sat 22nd April @ Dorking Christian Centre 10-12pm.

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

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.

Dorking Area Foodbank. Thank you for your support. Suggested items for this week are: Boxes of cereal, Tinned fruit, Multipacks of 6 crisps, Boxes of muesli bars, Tinned ham, Bars of chocolate.

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 stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com

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Church of England Daily Hope: 0800 804 8044.
A free phone line with hymns, songs of the faith, weekly church service, morning and evening prayers, Lent Reflections, Mothers' Union prayers, prayers for Ukraine and chair exercises.

Please remember in your prayers: Henry Haire, Ros Bonsey, Louise Dorrington, Chris Elsey, Peter MacLennan.



Please pray for those who have died: Elsbeth Gover.
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 we pray for St Barnabas Ranmore.

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is available at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer. In March we pray for deaneries of Dorking and Emly.

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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 March

Holy Communion @ 10am

Wednesday 15th March

Holy Communion @ 11am

Sunday 19th March

Holy Communion BCP @ 8am

Mothering Sunday Service @ 10am

St Mary's

Sunday 12th March

Family Worship @ 10.30am

Saturday 18th March

Messy Mothering Saturday @ 10.30-2pm

Sunday 19th March

Joint Mothering Sunday Service with St Martin's @ 10am

St Barnabas

Sunday 12th March

Holy Communion @ 11am

Evening Prayer via Zoom @ 5pm *

(Email: robinluff@btinternet.com to be included) *new time

Sunday 19th March

Matins for Mothering Sunday @ 11am

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.