Collect, Special Prayer for today

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:

raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,

that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

New Testament Reading Acts 9. 32-43 NT Pg: 137

As Peter went here and there among all the believers, he came down also to the saints living in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, for he was paralysed. Peter said to him, 'Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed!' And immediately he got up. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Gospel Reading John 10. 22-30

NT Pg: 111

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice.

I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one '

News

Thank you to everyone who donated an Easter Egg to Send Prison. We were able to donate 169 eggs. This meant that every child who visited their mother in prison was able to be given an Easter Egg. In fact they had some left which were donated to Coldingley men's prison in Woking for the children visiting their Dads in prison. A huge THANK YOU as we have never been able to donate so many and the 100 eggs target was smashed.

Fortnightly Bible Reading Sessions have started again at 5 Tutts Close, 2pm, with tea or coffee beforehand at 1.45pm. Next is on 13th May (maybe 27th which is another Bank Holiday) 10th June and 24th June. We will be reading and discussing Paul's letter to the Philippians. All welcome. Bring your favourite bible translation as we consider what this letter means for us today. Contact Diana 01306 881291.

Family at 4pm Service. From May onwards the pattern resumes with the Family Service at 4pm every 3rd Sunday of the month. See you at the next one on 19th May!

The Traidcraft Stall is at Pixham on 26th May and 2nd June at St Martin's. Copies of the new Spring/Summer catalogue are available.

SMURFS (St Martins Under Fives) Toddler group, meet on the first Friday of the month. Next meeting is on Friday June 7th. Everyone is welcome.

Advanced Notice:- Benefice Communion **Ascension Day Service** is at St Mary's Pixham on Thursday 30th May at 8pm. Refreshments from 7.30pm.

The Spring issue of Methodism's "The Connexion" is out. There are a few copies at the back of church, or go to www.methodist.org/uk/the connexion. You might also find www.methodist.org.uk/thykingdomcome worth a visit.

Dorking Foodbank. This week we need the following items: Twin-packed Sponge Puddings, Tinned Custard, Shampoo and Toilet Roll 4 pack. The donation point is in the Christian Centre lobby area. Please ensure food items are well within use by date.

The Dorking Christian Centre would like to thank everyone who helped, donated and came and bought at our Annual Plant and Cake Sale on Saturday 4th May. Despite the cold it stayed dry and it was very well attended. We raised about £870 which will go towards refurbishing the Centre. There should be some beautiful gardens this summer!

Climate Emergency. An open meeting to focus on how the churches and our local representatives -MVDC & Surrey Councillors, MP - are responding. Wednesday 5th June 2019 7.30pm, St Paul's Dorking. All welcome to come along. This meeting is organised by Dorking Deanery Synod. Contact (Rev'd) Alan Jonas, Area Dean for more information alchasjonas@aol.com 01306 644868.

Thy Kingdom Come Guildford Beacon event.

Sunday 9th June from 4pm onwards. This event is back featuring speaker Pete Greig, contemporary worship, prayer vigil plus pic-nic and outside activities. For more details go to: www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/thy-kingdom-come

The May edition of the diocese's monthly e-bulletin, Grapevine, is available to read now. You can download a copy at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/ about/grapevine, or ask the church office to copy one for you.

CTD Shared Services are booked for:-

30th June, 6.30pm at St Paul's 29th September, 6pm at the Friends' Meeting House.

News and Notices for the Weekly News Sheet are to be forwarded to the church office by the close of business on Wednesdays to stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com

Those in our congregation who have long term concerns are named in our prayer corner and are prayed for regularly.

Please remember in your prayers:

Paul Berning, Audrey Timmins, Phyllis Russell, Brian and Betty Smith, Mike Stewart, Gay Fraser, Eleanor Jones, Nicola Carnegie-Floyd.

And those who have recently died:

Beverley Woollard, Mary Stopes-Roe.

PRAYERS IN CHURCH

Morning Prayer is at the new time of 9am in the Lady Chapel Monday to Thursday. There will be no Led Midday Prayer until Friday 17th May.

> PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWS SHEET HOME TO REFER TO



Welcome, particularly if you are new or just visiting; it is lovely to have you with us, and do join us after the 10 o'clock service for coffee.

Sunday 12th May Easter 4

St. Martin's

8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

President: David Cowan

10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Holy Communion

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St. Mary's

10.30am **Morning Prayer**

Chris Watts

St Barnabas

11.00am **Holy Communion**

President: Derek Tighe

This Week

Tuesday 11.00am Holy Communion

St Matthias

2.30pm Women's Fellowship

Rowan Nunnerley talks about her time as a midwife

11.00am Holy Communion Wednesday

7.30pm PCC Meeting

10.00am Christian Centre Coffee Saturday

Morning

Sunday 19th May Easter 5

St Martin's

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am

St Martin's @ 10 Holy Communion 10.00am

4.00pm St Martin's Family Service

St Mary's

10.30am **Pixham Praise with Holy**

Communion

St Barnabas No Service

For details of many more events and contact numbers please see 'Activities' & 'Who's who' pages of St Martin's Magazine.