Collect Prayer

Almighty Father,

who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

New Testament Reading Acts 3. 12-20 NT Pg: 129

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus.'

Gospel Reading Luke 24. 36-48

NT Pg: 96

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

News and Notices

Following the well attended CTD Walk of Witness and Good Friday Service held at St Martin's, Bishop Paul Davies wrote: -

"...I am quickly discovering what a remarkable place Dorking is - and the sense of unity that was tangible last week was inspiring. It is always such a privilege to be part of these events in the town and I'm grateful, as always, for your warm welcome. Blessings +Paul".

The Anglican Electoral Roll for St Martin's and St Mary's Pixham is being revised. If you are not on the existing roll and wish to be included, please complete an application form and return it to Elizabeth Dobson (9 Rothes Road, Dorking RH4 1LF, or email to emddh7@hotmail.com) or to the church office, no later than Monday 22 April. The application form is available at the back of church in St Martin's and Pixham or please click: https://stmartinsdorking.org/news to take you to our News pages where you will find the forms.

The April edition of the St Martin's Parish Magazine is now available at the back of church.

There is a PCC meeting on Thursday 18th April at 7.30 in Lady Chapel as a Pre-APCM meeting.

Annual Plant Sale, Saturday 27th April at the Christian Centre - they would appreciate any donations of plants and home made cakes. See Janette or Louise in the Centre for more information.

A Special Holy Communion service is being held at St Barnabas Church to celebrate "Marriage" on 28th April at 11am. The Whyte Effect choir are joining us for our 11am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion service with the theme 'The Wedding at Cana' taken from St John 2: 1:11, when Jesus turned water into wine as it is in the usual, the expected, that our preconceived ideas are upended by the transformation into remarkable, superb, 'out of this world'. Jesus is the one who transforms the ordinary. There will be familiar, well-loved hymns and music throughout the service. We are inviting our recent wedding couples to join us as well as those currently preparing to be married this year at St Barnabas church. All will be welcome and we very much hope you can join us for the service and for refreshments afterwards.

St Martin's Tea, Games and Social. Saturday 4th May at 2.30pm in the Christian Centre. Come along and join us for Company, Tea, Scones, and Games. Everyone is welcome!

Appeal for volunteers for chalice assistants rota - this is to set up the nave altar for Holy Communion at 10am. We have had one or two volunteers, but please speak to Judy or Felicity if you have questions about this role. This is not an onerous job and you will be shown the ropes!

Farewell to our Director of Music. Sunday 5th May @ 6pm Choral Evensong and farewell to Stephen Hope. All are welcome to celebrate Stephen's time with us, the service will include visiting musicians and party refreshments afterwards.



Pixham Church, Bank holiday Monday 27th May, 10am-4pm. Teas and Scones and Jumble Sale. Please contact Anne Brown (01306 884424) if you would like to

donate any good Jumble items.

Dorking Area Foodbank: Thank you for your support. This week we would like to receive donations of:- Tinned pulses, Tinned vegetables, 1.5kg plain flour, Tinned custard, 1L cartons of long-life fruit juice, Sponge pudding long-life twin packs. Many thanks.

Weekly News Sheet. "News and Notices" and all articles for the next issue of the church news sheet are to be forwarded to the church office by Wednesday afternoon for inclusion in the next issue by phone on 01306 884229 or: stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or

Church of England Daily Hope Line. This includes a Weekly Service, Morning and Evening Prayers and Sleep-Well Bible Reflections: Tel 0800 804 8044.

Samaritans National Helpline: 116 123.

For more information on events or for the Who's Who page, please see page 23 of the St Martin's Parish Magazine.

Please remember in your prayers...

Mary, David and Andrew Cowan, Nicholas Grealy, Allan Tapley, Pauline Welton, Henry Haire, Gay Fraser, Robina Williams.

Please pray for those who have died.

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 Martin's Church.

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



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 14th April

Holy Communion BCP @ 8am

Morning Worship @ 10am

Wednesday 17th April Holy Communion @ 11am

Sunday 21st April

Holy Communion @ 10am

St Georges Day Parade @ 3pm

St Mary's

Sunday 14th AprilMorning Prayer @ 10.30am

Saturday 20th April
Wedding @ 12pm
Richard Giess and Charlotte Cook

Sunday 21st AprilJoint Service at St Martin's @ 10am

St Barnabas

Sunday 14th April Holy Communion @ 11am

Sunday 21st AprilNo Morning Service in Church

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