

cannot be citizens of God's kingdom without the Spirit of the kingdom, which is the Spirit of hope... This Spirit will begin to shape all your decisions, the way you respond to other people, the way you see life. You will not be able to do or be anything that does not proclaim your citizenship." That, to me, sounds rather like a worthwhile example of discovering a new normal. With blessings,  
Derek.

### Collect, Special Prayer for today

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son.

### Old Testament Reading Genesis 18.1-15

OT Pg: 14

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

### New Testament Reading Romans 5.1-8

NT Pg: 165

Therefore, 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.

### Gospel Reading Matthew 9.35-10.8

NT Pg: 10

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.'

### News

**Church Reopening for Private Prayer from 15th June – Volunteers Urgently Needed.** Are you fit and healthy with no health concerns and willing to be a greeting steward in church for an hour – two people at a time? Our initial need is for four people in total for each of Monday and Thursday – 9.30am to 10.30am and 10.30am to 11.30am. Please email the Church Office or leave a phone message if you can help. Briefing guidance will be given and you of course will be at least 2m distanced from visitors at all time, and much more than that for most of it.

**Christian Centre.** Although the Centre Café is closed, the foyer is open for Community Fridge access 9am-2.30pm on weekdays. We also have capacity to offer extra pre-booked lunches each day. The menu changes daily and pre-booking is required to reduce food waste. We already deliver to Canterbury Court, Hanover Court and Sondes Farm. Please contact the Centre Managers on 886830 if you would like this service.

Sunday 14th June  
Trinity 1

## Message From Derek

As I write this morning the weather, similar to last week, is grey... and it's rainy. However, I am happy to say that it does not have the sombre and bleak feel to it that I felt last week. It's actually quite blowy (I know this because I have just returned from my first 10-mile bike ride of the day) ... the weather has more of a feeling of 'the winds of change' about it.

I suppose that is quite appropriate really. Various parts of the world—this nation included—are bringing in changes that are designed to enable the people of our locked-down societies to emerge once more and to aim to reacquaint themselves with some of the freedoms that they had in the days before Covid-19 gripped the world.

And this Sunday is the first Sunday after Trinity. Our readings for today speak of a world changed... a world changed by the growth of the Christian faith. One commentator writes this; "Christians know that, through the work of God in Christ, made real to them by the Holy Spirit, the world is a different place."

Paul, in his writing, is describing a world that should be feeling that a war has ended; a world that, because of what Christ did for it—for us—is now at peace with God. The peoples of the world are granted citizenship of the kingdom of God... not because it is ours by some sort of birth right... or because of our residency... or because we have somehow or other earned it or shown that we deserved it. No... simply because the ruler of this 'kingdom of God' chooses to go out and search for his people... to redeem them through the Messiah... the great act of hope in Christ.

And so, Paul's world becomes a changed place; what's the phrase being bandied about at present? There is a 'new normal'. That is fact of life for the world too at this time... the world and its various societies are going to have to define and adapt to 'new normals'... as is the Church! And I think that is a good thing... I really do. I'm always keen to search out the 'silver lining' hidden away in every dark cloud... even the darkest of clouds—and there is no doubt whatsoever about the darkness of the Covid-19 cloud. But it has brought about change... and some of that change is, remarkably, for the better! One might be tempted to say that the Church has struggled with finding new ways to maintain the *missio dei* ... the mission of God. But I'm sure that most of you will agree with me if I say that some of the most worthwhile achievements are borne out of struggle... whether corporate or individual.

Where am I heading with this? I'm not sure... so I'm going to end with an observation from theologian Jane Williams:

"If we accept this... citizenship into [the Christian] life, we must also accept the Spirit that goes with it. You

**Coronavirus - Pastoral Care.** If anyone is housebound, for any reason, and especially at this time, the pastoral team can always be contacted and will be pleased to offer assistance in getting any essentials such as food or medicines. Please either call the Church Office on 01306 884229 or for direct support from the Pastoral Team email:

[smartinsdorkingpastoral@gmail.com](mailto:smartinsdorkingpastoral@gmail.com)

**Traidcraft.** Please contact Elizabeth Dobson direct on 881479 if you would like items delivered locally.

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

**Dorking Foodbank** is operating at the usual times ([CLICK HERE](#) for these) from the Christian Centre. Donation points in supermarkets remain in place even though the one in the Centre is not available in the current lockdown. The most critical donations we need this week are: tinned veg, long life sponge pudding twin packs, boxes of cereal, tinned meat, shampoo, shower gel.

**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](mailto:smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com) or call 884229. The Church Office is closed. However, Vicki and Michelle can still be contacted by email or phone.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Pamela Kerslake, Paul Berning, Rosie Pegram, James Stanton.



**And those who have recently died:**  
Michael Kent, Cicely Mary MacGeorge.

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

**Being corporate at a distance.** In these unprecedented times we are fortunate that there is a wealth of resources in different media available to enable us to be corporate even when not co-located! 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 coming from St Barnabas, and we're delighted that the Archdeacon of Dorking, the Ven Martin Breadmore will be preaching for us. The Service will be available from 10am. Click on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuzOsRDiiRJE8Y3Zjr3fj0g>

**"Live" Service to celebrate St Barnabas Day** via Zoom at 10.45am for 11am. Please email [carolandmikestewart@outlook.com](mailto:carolandmikestewart@outlook.com) if you would like to be invited. If you can't join live, a recording of the Service will be available to watch on YouTube. [CLICK HERE](#) for "The Revd Mike Stewart" YouTube Channel.

**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.

**Radio Choral Evensong** on BBC Radio 3 on Wednesday at 3.30pm, with a repeat on Sunday at 3pm. **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.