

## Old Testament Reading

### 1 Samuel 1. 20-28

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

## New Testament Reading

### 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

## Gospel Reading

### Luke 2.33-35

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

## News

**Congratulations to Zazzy and Mark Little** on the birth of their daughter, Faith Octavia on Sunday 7th March. Faith arrived at East Surrey Hospital, weighing 7lbs 2oz.

**Julian Meeting on Zoom.** Tuesday 16th March 7.30pm. Please e-mail Chris Watts at [chris@candvwatts.co.uk](mailto:chris@candvwatts.co.uk) if you would like an invitation.

## Lent Events/Groups:

**St Martin's Saturday Breakfast Lent Group** - Zoom course based on one from St Paul's Dorking about care for creation. The course started on Saturday 13th February and runs until 27th March. Virtual breakfast of coffee and croissant at 8.30am to start, and finishing about 10am. If you would like to be part of this group or would like further information, please contact Peter Essex 881134.

**Harvest Community Church** Wednesday at 7.15pm on Zoom - Lent Bible Study Series on the Lord's Prayer (contact: [nelson\\_porter372002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nelson_porter372002@yahoo.co.uk))

**Dorking URC** - a 40 day challenge (contact: David Bedford on [davidandlorna2012@btinternet.com](mailto:davidandlorna2012@btinternet.com) Tel: 01306 882096)

**St Joseph's Catholic Church** - Video on Monday evening starting 22nd Feb on Diocesan Mission "Invited" <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

**St Paul's Church** "The Chosen" new gospel dramatization, for info go to: [https://www.stpaulsdorking.org.uk/Groups/357240/St\\_Pauls\\_Dorking/news/Lent\\_2021\\_St/Lent\\_2021\\_St.aspx](https://www.stpaulsdorking.org.uk/Groups/357240/St_Pauls_Dorking/news/Lent_2021_St/Lent_2021_St.aspx)

**Easter Post Card.** If you can help distribute our Easter postcard through doors in your street, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. Thank-you!

**Private Prayer reminder:** Church open on Wednesday and Saturday mornings 9.30-12pm. Also open for reflection and prayers on Good Friday 12-3pm

**Decorating Church for Easter.** Would you like to help decorate the Church windows - as we did for Christmas? Choose an Easter theme of your choice. Decorating will need to take place on the morning of Saturday 3rd April. Please contact Christine Francis 886830 to volunteer. Thank-you.

**If you are planning to join us on Easter Morning** at church please send an e-mail, with the subject "Easter Morning Service", providing your name(s), contact number(s) and indicate 1 or more family bubble to: [smartinsdorkingattendance@btinternet.com](mailto:smartinsdorkingattendance@btinternet.com)

**Electronic Donation Point in church.** To help keep our lovely church open, a Sum-Up Donation machine is available at the back of church for contactless donations by card. Please follow instructions on the sheet at the back of church and fill out a green GiftAid donation envelope to accompany your donation if eligible. Your support is very much appreciated, thank you.

**Christmas Decorations.** There are still a few Christmas decorations which need a home. If you had decorated a window sill especially in the south isle near the prayer corner, there are some lovely decorations still to be claimed. Please contact Judy 883002 to collect them.

**Dorking Foodbank:** Donation points in supermarkets and Christian Centre remain in place. This week we particularly need you to donate: Toilet roll 4 packs, Jars of pasta sauce, Sponge pudding long-life twin packs, Adult toothpaste, Easter eggs and Packs of laundry capsules.

**Traidcraft.** I am happy to take orders and deliver in Dorking. Elizabeth - 881479, [emddh7@hotmail.com](mailto:emddh7@hotmail.com)

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:

[stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com) or call 884229. Messages are picked up regularly.

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

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

**Please remember in your prayers:** James Bascoe, Colin Mills, Allan Tighe, Steve Parker, John Ivings, Barry and Rosie Pegram, Mary Swain, Judy Palmer.

**Please pray for those who have recently died:** John Oborn, Brian Smith.



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

**Sad News of John Oborn.** John died on Monday in Westcott nursing home. He had been the most faithful of servants to St. Martin's for decades as well as to our Circuit and neighbouring Circuits. He was a local preacher for 58 years, as well as a Senior Steward in Dorking, a Circuit Secretary and a fountain of knowledge for all Methodist matters. Whilst this may be a shock to some of you, being a very private man, he did not want a lot of people to know that he became ill last year. Funeral details to follow.

**Brian Smith's Funeral** on Thursday 25th March at 12.30pm in St Martin's is being made available on Zoom for virtual attendees. For Zoom details to join the service, please e-mail using subject "[Attending Brian's Funeral](#)" by Monday 22nd March to: [stmartinsdorkingattendance@btinternet.com](mailto:stmartinsdorkingattendance@btinternet.com)

**Being corporate at a distance.** Whether you have a radio or the latest smartphone, find something for you:

**Our Sunday Service** will be available to view via this link on our "Spire of Dorking" YouTube Channel from 10am. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuzOsRDiIRJE8Y3Zjr3fj0g>

**Bishop Jo's Sermon** - "Honey Badger Mums". [Website Link](#)

**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.

**BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong.** Wednesday 3.30pm or Sunday at 3pm.

**Sunday Worship** on BBC Radio 4 at 8.10am.

**TV: Sunday Worship** on BBC One at 11.15am and **Songs of Praise** on BBC One at 1.15pm.

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

**Samaritans National Helpline: 116 123**

*Keep safe everyone*

# st. martin's DORKING

WITH ST. MARY'S PIXHAM

**Welcome, particularly if you are new or just visiting, it is lovely to have you with us!**

## Sunday 14th March Mothering Sunday



### **Live Service at St Martin's**

**Sunday 14th March @ 10am**  
**Eucharist for Mothering Sunday/Lent 4**

### **Online Services (pre-recorded)**

**You can find pre-recorded Sunday services online via our website: [stmartinsdorking.org](http://stmartinsdorking.org) or on our YouTube channel "Spire of Dorking"**

**Sunday 14th March @ 10am**

### **Private Prayer at St Martin's**

**Wednesday 17th March - 9.30-12pm**

**Saturday 20th March - 9.30-12pm**

### **St Barnabas Services on Zoom**

**If you are not currently on the list of people invited to St Barnabas Zoom services, but would like to be this Sunday, please email: [clazenby@stjnh.org.uk](mailto:clazenby@stjnh.org.uk) - for 11am [robinluff@btinternet.com](mailto:robinluff@btinternet.com) - for 3pm**

**Sunday 14th March @ 11am**  
**Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday**

**Sunday 14th March @ 3pm Evensong Lent 4**

### **Live Services at St Mary's Pixham**

**Sunday 14th March @ 10.30am Morning Prayer**

Although you may not be ready to gather physically in church yet, remember you can join us online at [www.stmartinsdorking.org](http://www.stmartinsdorking.org), view our pre-recorded church services at Spire of Dorking on YouTube, follow us on twitter @spireofdorking, or for help or information, please e-mail us at: [stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com)

### **Collect**

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross  
drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence to bind  
together and to heal;  
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.