

## Collect, Special Prayer for today

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## New Testament Reading

**James 5. 7-10**

**NT Pg: 248**

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

## Gospel Reading

**Matthew 11. 2-11**

**NT Pg: 11**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

## News

**Defibrillator.** We are happy to announce that through fund raising and a generous donation the Dorking Christian Centre has purchased a new Defibrillator. This is located on the outside wall to the left of the main entrance and is available to all the local community 24/7.

**UK Power Networks** advised people living on Ranmore of a planned power cut from 9am today (15th December) which has therefore made it impossible to conduct the planned service at St Barnabas this morning. This also means the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will now take place at 11am on Sunday 22nd December.

**Live Nativity, today at 4pm!** The return of this much loved event is a huge opportunity for St Martin's to show its welcome and hospitality to people who may not be regulars. We always need with making and serving refreshments etc. and washing up afterwards. Please speak to Mike Gibb or Peter Bunn if you can help the team this afternoon.

**Christmas Presents.** The Christian Centre are appealing for male and female Christmas gifts to be given out during their Christmas Day event at the Centre. All donations gratefully received e.g. gift sets, chocolates, tins of biscuits, gift tokens.

**Toys for SEND prison at Christmas.** Once again we are collecting toys for the children who have a mother in Send prison. If you would like to donate any this Christmas please bring them to Pixham church service, leave them in the Christian Centre or contact Anne Brown on 01306 884424 who will gladly collect them. The cut off date for dropping gifts is Monday 16th December. If you are unsure what to donate there is always a shortage for teenagers and particularly boys. Suggestion are gift sets of 'smellies', music vouchers, gift vouchers e.g. Boots for hair products, sprays etc. Anything is welcome. Thank you.

**Christmas Cards.** In order to be a bit more of an eco friendly church, it has been suggested that instead of buying those we see each week a Christmas card, we send one to the whole church family and they can be secured on a board at the back of church for all to see. This does not mean we cannot send individual cards if you would prefer to do so.

**Dorking Hospital Carol Service** – Tuesday 17th Dec at 2.30pm. Singers are invited from all local churches to sing at the Hospital Carol Service in Ranmore Ward. There will be a practice in the Hospital Chapel at 1.45pm. If you can help please contact Helena Twentyman (882457 or [helena.twentyman@talktalk.net](mailto:helena.twentyman@talktalk.net)), and bring green and orange Carols for Choirs books if you have them.

**Christmas at Dorking Christian Centre** - enjoy a wonderful Christmas Day. Come alone, with friends, bring a neighbour, bring the whole family. If you would like to join in the festivities, please contact Janette or Clare to book your place on 886830 by 20th December.



# Christmas at St Martin's

Don't miss our Advent and Christmas Services this December.

Keep your eye on our noticeboards in and around Church, or check our website calendar at:

[www.stmartinsdorking.org](http://www.stmartinsdorking.org) Add the dates to your diary! It would be lovely to see you and your family and friends at one or more of these special festive services. Everyone is welcome!

**This year Carols by Candlelight at Pixham** is celebrating it's 50th Anniversary on 18th December at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**The next dates for the Traidcraft stall** are 5 January and 2 February at St Martin's, and 19 January at Pixham.

**Bible Reading Fellowship:** Study notes for Jan-April 2020 are in pigeonholes at the back of St Martin's. Please collect yours, Sally Lowe (884467).

**Reminder about returning the Children's Society Boxes** - please return to the Christian Centre Office or the Church Office for Janette. Thank you.

**Music at Midday Recital, Saturday January 4th 2020,** 12.00-12.40pm, Hancock Family, Flanders and Swann, Gilbert & Sullivan. This is a return visit.

**Dorking Foodbank.** For the next week can we please ask for the following items: Jars of pasta sauce, Tinned rice pudding, Shampoo, Christmas sweets and Jams. Please ensure food items are well within use by date.

**News and Notices for the Weekly News Sheet** are to be forwarded to the church office by the close of business on Wednesdays. Tel: 01306 884229 or e-mail [stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com)

**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 St Barnabas Ranmore.

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:** Betty and Brian Smith, Heather Anderton, Pamela Kerslake, Simon Hardcastle, Paul Berning, Steve Parker.



### PRAYERS IN CHURCH

Morning Prayer is at 9am in the Lady Chapel Monday to Thursday. Midday Prayer is on Friday in the Lady Chapel.

# 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, and do join us after the 10 o'clock service for coffee.

## Sunday 15th December Third in Advent



### St Martin's

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
President: Derek Tighe

**10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Holy Communion**  
President: Derek Tighe

**4.00pm St Martin's @ 4  
Live Nativity**  
Led by: Alex Cacouris and Derek Tighe



### St Mary's

**10.30am Pixham Praise with Christingle**  
Led by: David Cowan

**St Barnabas No Service**

## This Week

**Tuesday 2.30pm** Women's Fellowship, Christmas Afternoon

7.15pm Julian Meeting

**Wednesday 11.00am Holy Communion**

**St Mary's 7.30pm 50th Anniversary  
Carols by Candlelight**

**Thursday 1.00pm Town Carol Service**

**Saturday 10.00am** Christian Centre Coffee Morning

**St Barnabas 4.00pm Christingle Service and Nativity**

## Sunday 22nd December Fourth in Advent

### St. Martin's

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Holy Communion**

**6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols Service**

### St. Mary's

**10.00am Rise and Shine**

### St Barnabas

**11.00am Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols**

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