

## Collect, Special Prayer for today

Eternal God,  
give us insight to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## NT Testament Reading

**Exodus 17. 1-7**

**NT Pg: 68**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

## Gospel Reading

**John 4. 5-42**

**NT Pg: 101**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

## News

**Coronavirus - Pastoral Care.** Following a directive from the Rural Dean, can the pastoral team reiterate that 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.

**Mothering Sunday Posies - Sat 21st March.** Volunteers are sought for making Mothering Sunday posies next Saturday morning upstairs in the Christian Centre from 10.30am. Daffodils will be provided but if possible please bring sprigs of rosemary or other suitable greenery. Many hands will make light work.

**URC news -** Open Doors on Thursday lunchtimes has been **cancelled** for the next month.

**The Traidcraft stall dates are -** 22nd March at St Martin's and 29th March at Pixham. There will also be a stall in the Christian Centre on Saturday 21st March. Now is the time to order your Easter Eggs and Cards!

**Lent Courses at St Martin's/St Mary's.** Two groups are studying the Operation Noah Course - "Climate Change and the Purposes of God". Diana Burges is running this 5 session course on Monday afternoons at her home (5 Tutts Close). The Saturday Breakfast Group is offering the same course starting at 8.30am each week in the Christian Centre. Please contact Diana (881291) or Peter Bunn (889008) respectively if you would like to attend. Mark in March Lent Group at Mary Cowan's house (885341), Tuesdays at 5pm.

**Lenten Pause for Thought.** We are holding a weekly prayer meeting at the Christian Centre on Thursday mornings at 10.30am (19th and 26th March, and 2nd April). Please call Rowan Nunnerley, Chaplain at the Centre for further details on 01306 886830.

**Friday Lenten Lunches.** On Fridays during Lent you are invited to share a frugal meal of soup, bread and cheese, and give what you might have spent- more if you wish towards the work of Christian Aid. **Venue: St Joseph's Church, Fri 20th March, 12-1.30pm.**

**Pixham Pixies dates:-** meetings are on 16th and 30th March at St Mary's Church Pixham. Contact Mary Cowan for more information on 01306 885341.

**The Dying of The Light, A Tenebrae Meditation** sung by the Whyte Effect Choir, at St Barnabas Church Ranmore Common, on Wednesday 8th April 7-8pm. Retiring collection for "The Campaign to end loneliness".

**Dorking Foodbank.** For the next week can we please ask for the following items: Boxes of Muesli Bars, No Added Sugar Bottles of Squash, Multipacks of 6 Bags of Crisps, Tinned Vegetables. The donation point is in the Christian Centre lobby.

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

**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 Soul Connect.

**Please remember in your prayers:**  
Pamela Kerslake, Betty and Brian Smith,  
Steve Parker, Heather Anderton, Mike Kendrick,  
Simon Hardcastle, Frankie Stoner, Paul Berning.



# 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 March Third Sunday in Lent



### St Martin's

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

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

### St Mary's

**10.30am Pixham Praise with Holy Communion**  
President: David Cowan

**St Barnabas No Service**

## This Week

Monday	10.00am	Pixham Pixies at St Mary's
Tuesday	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship Hymns with Diana Burges
	7.15pm	Julian Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Friday	12.30pm	Lent Lunch at St Joseph's Church
Saturday	10.00am	Christian Centre Coffee Morning
		Dorking Philharmonia Concert *CANCELLED*

## Sunday 22nd March Fourth Sunday in Lent

### St. Martin's

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Family Communion**

### St. Mary's

**10.00am Mothering Sunday Songs of Praise**

### St Barnabas

**11.00am Matins**

## PRAYERS IN CHURCH

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

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