

New Testament Reading

Acts 11. 1-18

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The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

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Revelation 21. 1-6

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I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Gospel Reading

John 13. 31-35

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During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

News

The revised electoral roll is now available for inspection at the back of church. Elizabeth.

Sunday 22nd May 3pm - Special service to mark the closure of the Dorking Methodist Church, and celebrate 250 years of Methodism in Dorking. Revd Val Ogden is coming as preacher; everyone welcome. This service will be live-streamed so please pass the following Zoom details to anyone who would prefer to attend virtually. Meeting ID: 979 9743 6889, Passcode: 081498.

<https://zoom.us/j/97997436889?pwd=RTBIWVZYd1NtS2RDTEZYQ0I4T1NyQT09#success>

Christian Aid Week 15-21 May: The main fundraising this year will be a street collection on Thur-Sat 19-21 May. Please contact Elizabeth Dobson if you are able to help with this: 881479 emddh7@hotmail.com

The May Edition of the Magazine is now available at the back of church.

Julian Meeting will be on Tuesday 24th May at 2.30pm at 5 Priory Close.

St Martin's with St Mary's APCM. Sunday May 29th, 11.15am in St Martin's church after worship. Includes elections for two churchwardens for one year and five PCC members. All with an interest in our churches welcome to attend.

Dorking Area Foodbank - Thank you for your continued generosity. The items we would like to focus on this week are:- UHT Milk, Tinned potatoes, Shower gel, Jam, Tinned custard, Washing up liquid.

The Community Wardrobe has been set up to prevent clothing from going into landfill and to prolong the life cycle of each item. In addition to this, we aim to help those who need support to clothe themselves. We offer good condition clothing to the local community which have all been kindly donated to us. We currently work on a 'Take what you need and give what you can' basis (cash only as we have no card facilities). We do also sell brand new clothing and evening/formal wear. All monies raised are vital to keep the service running. We are in The Christian Centre on most Fridays from 10.30am-1.30pm and 4.00pm-5.30pm. Keep an eye on social media for updates. We look forward to seeing you there. Thanks, Michelle Winstone and Carolyn Cook, Directors, The Community Wardrobe CIC

Ukraine Appeal - Items Currently Needed: Dried Soups, Pot Noodles, Rice and Pasta, Energy Drinks Baby Formula and Food, Nappies all sizes, Baby Buggies (cleaned please), Child Car Seats, Small Toiletries and Toothbrushes, Sanitary Products. **Email church@crossways.info or text/phone 07795 220847.** Donations are to be taken to the Prayer Room at Crossways Church in Junction Road, Dorking. Blessings Paul. revpaulgough@gmail.com

Please send "News and Notices" for the next issue of the Weekly News Sheet to: smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or call 884229. If received by the close of business on Wednesday it will be included in the next issue.

Please remember in your prayers: Billy Yates, Peter Greene, Mimi Baines, Maurice, Valerie Pritchard, Davyd, Iryna and all Ukrainians seeking refuge.

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

Led morning prayer will be said Monday to Thursday at 9am in the Lady Chapel this week.

Churches Together in Dorking Prayers. Members of CTD all pray for one church, community, congregation or initiative each week. This week we pray for Beatitudes.

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is available at <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer>. In May we pray for the deaneries of Runnymede and Woking.

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WITH ST. MARY'S PIXHAM

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



St Martin's

Sunday 15th May

Holy Communion @ 10am

Wednesday 18th May

Holy Communion @ 11am

Sunday 22nd May

Holy Communion @ 10am

Methodist Service @ 3pm

St Mary's

Sunday 15th May

Pixham Praise and Holy Communion @ 10.30am

Sunday 22nd May

Morning Praise @ 10.30am

St Barnabas

Sunday 15th May

Evening Prayer via Zoom @ 4pm
(For zoom details email: robinluff@btinternet.com)

Saturday 21st May

Wedding of Adam Saxton and Hayley Ray @ 1pm

Sunday 22nd May

Holy Communion @ 11am

Baptism of Kieanna, Sophia and Archie Gill @ 12.30pm

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.