

Collect, Special Prayer for today

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme
over all things, now and for ever.

NT Testament Reading

Romans 8. 18-25 NT Pg: 168

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 6. 25-34 NT Pg: 6

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

News

Martin Ellis – Funeral Details. The Funeral Service will take place on Saturday 22nd February at 11am, Museum Street Methodist Church, 17 Black Horse Lane, Ipswich, IP1 2EF. The church can be accessed from Museum Street and Black Horse Lane. As the car park by the church is very limited and needs to be used for hearse and family cars, **please park in one of the following car parks - Elm Street Car Park, Black Horse Lane Car Park, Crown Street, or Spiral (underneath Wolsey Theatre).** Anyone who would like a lift, please sign the list at back of church.

Christian Centre Building Closure - Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd February. Please note the Centre will be closed while new flooring in the entrance and café area is laid. Due to safety reasons the whole building will be closed to hirers and users during this time. We look forward to seeing you from Monday 24th onwards. Apologies in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

URC Afternoon Tea Thursday 20th February 2020 (2pm-4pm), West Street. This is to celebrate the 7th Holiday at Home week at the end of August. All are welcome to the tea which will also include musical entertainment from the Courgettes and Zucchini Sisters. Contact Chris Currie, 07771 596654 chris.currie.dorkingurc@outlook.com

Benefice Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday 26th February will be at St Martin's at 8pm.

World Day of Prayer 2020. This year the service will be held at St Paul's, 11am on Friday 6 March. It has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, on the theme "Take up your mat, and walk". Everyone welcome to the service and afterwards to share a frugal meal of soup, bread and cheese at the Lent lunch that follows 12.30-1.30pm. Donations towards the work of Christian Aid.

Message from John Pilkington. Many of you will remember the clothes and supplies appeal across Dorking over the last few years, especially for winter clothing for people in Syria. St Martin's Church acted as the collection point and many of you volunteered time and gave money to help sort, bag and send off items for onward transportation to Syria. You are all part of this Samara's story. **Samara Levy the Lady behind the appeal is coming to Dorking on Sunday 8th March at 5pm** and will be at St Paul's Church to share her story about the appeal and her ongoing story 'Rebuilding the Ruins'. All are invited to come and hear from Samara. No need to book - just come! St Paul's also has a 6.30pm service following on from the talk and everyone is welcome to stay for that.

A few copies of the latest issue of Methodist's "The Connexion" are at the back of church. Please take and read. More copies from: www.methodist.org.uk/theconnexion.

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

Soul Connect "BASE CAMP" Weekend 13th-15th March 2020. Sleeping and eating @ Crossways Church for 2 nights! A great time of teaching and fun using the local area amenities and countryside. We are also aiming to do a Community action project too. This is for young people in school years 7 to 13. It costs £25.00 per head.

Dorking Foodbank. For the next week can we please ask for the following items: Jars of Pasta Sauce, Toilet Roll 4-Packs, Half Litre Cartons of UHT Milk, Tubs/Boxes of Instant Mashed Potato and Tinned Potatoes. The donation point is in the Christian Centre lobby. Please ensure food items are well within date.

Lent Courses at St Martin's/St Mary's. There are a number of options this year; two of the groups will study the Operation Noah Course - "Climate Change and the Purposes of God". Diana Burges will run this 5 session course on Monday afternoons at her home (5 Tutts Close) starting on 2nd March. The Saturday Breakfast Group will offer the same course starting on 7th March 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 from 3rd March at 5pm.

The next dates for the Traidcraft stall is 1st and 22nd March at St Martin's and 23rd February and 29th March at Pixham.

Date for your diary - Saturday 2nd May, The Christian Centre will be holding their Annual Plant and Cake Sale.

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 Mary's Holmbury/St John's Wotton.

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 or call 01306 884229.

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: Miriam Ellis, Betty and Brian Smith, Steve Parker, Pamela Kerslake, Paul Berning, Heather Anderton, Simon Hardcastle, Frankie Stoner.

And those who have recently died: Denzil Clarke, Sir Hugh Cubitt, Martin Ellis.



PRAYERS IN CHURCH

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

For details of many more events and contact numbers please see 'Activities' & 'Who's who' pages of St Martin's Magazine.

Sunday 16th February Second Sunday before Lent

St Martin's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
President: Derek Tighe

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

10.30am Pixham Praise with Holy Communion
President: David Cowan

St Barnabas

11.00am No Service

St John's

North Holmwood

6.00pm Choral Eucharist
Led by: Derek Tighe and Jane Schofield

This Week

Note: The Christian Centre is closed this week

Monday	10.00am	Pixham Pixies at St Mary's Church
Tuesday	2.30pm	No Women's Fellowship this week, Centre closed.
	7.15pm	No Julian Meeting this month, Centre closed.
Wednesday	11.00am	Holy Communion
Saturday		Christian Centre closed until Monday 24th

Sunday 23rd February Sunday next before Lent

St. Martin's

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St. Mary's

10.00am Rise and Shine

St Barnabas

11.00am Matins

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