

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65. 17-25

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I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD – and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent – its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

## New Testament Reading

Acts 10. 34-43

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Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

## Gospel Reading

Luke 24. 1-12

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On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had accompanied Jesus came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body.

While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered Jesus' words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

## News

**You are invited to THE ALPHA COURSE at St Martin's.** Starting Tuesday 3rd May, 6.30pm-9pm at The Christian Centre and in St Martin's Church. ALPHA is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over ten or eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. ALPHA is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. The talks are about thirty minutes long and explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions such as Who is Jesus?, How can we have faith? and How does God guide us? The sessions provide the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say (seriously). It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment. To register your interest, please contact the church office by Thursday 28th April on 884229, or email [smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com)

**Many thanks** to all who helped with the church Tidy Up last Saturday, it was much appreciated!

**Julian meeting**, Tues 19th April 2.30, 5 Priory Close.

**Revision of the Parochial Electoral Roll** for St Martin's and St Mary's Pixham will be made between 19 April and 7 May. If you are not already on the roll and wish to be added, please complete an application form (available at the back of church) and give it to the Church Office or to Elizabeth Dobson by Wednesday 4 May. Thanks, Elizabeth.

**The BBC programme 'Songs of Praise' is coming to Guildford Cathedral.** They will be filming on Tuesday May 3rd from 6.30-9.30pm. If you would like to be in the congregation for this, please contact Veronica and she will give you details of how to book a place (you need a ticket).

## Update from Rev'd Paul Gough.

Many thanks for your generosity towards the people of Ukraine. Our first load was taken today - 2 car loads. If you would like to carry on giving, the priority for now are imperishables (see list below). I will let you know when clothes may be needed in the future. **List of items needed:** Non-Perishable Goods, 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.** If you need further information please feel free to contact me. Blessings Paul, revpaulgough@gmail.com

**Songs of Praise for Easter** Do come and enjoy a 30 minute service, which is dementia friendly, in the Christian Centre small hall on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April. 11.00am for coffee and then 11.15am for a short service led by Rev David Pitkeathley. All are welcome to join in.

**Annual Plant and Cake Sale.** Saturday 30th April at the Christian Centre Café and outside if weather is fine! We are now taking donations of tombola prizes, books and CD's. From Wed 27th onwards donations of cakes and plants would be appreciated. Thank you, Janette.

**Dorking Area Foodbank** - The items we would like to focus on this week are: Boxes of cereal, Jars of instant coffee, Shower gel, Tinned meat, Sponge pudding twin packs, Cartons of long-life fruit juice.

**Please send "News and Notices" for the next issue of the Weekly News Sheet to:**

stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@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, Mimi Baines, Maurice, Margaret Maynard, Valerie Pritchard, Davyd, Iryna and all Ukrainians seeking refuge.

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

Morning prayer will be said Monday to Thursday at 9am in the Lady Chapel.

**Churches Together in Dorking Prayers.**

Members of CTD all pray for one church, community, congregation or initiative each week. This week we pray for St John's Chapel.

**The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer** is available at <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer>. In April we pray for Epsom and Leatherhead deaneries.

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# 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 today and do join us for a coffee after the service.**



## ***St Martin's***

### **Sunday 17th April**

Family Communion for Easter Morning  
@ 10am with egg hunt

\*CHANGE TO ADVERTISED SERVICE: THE NEXT UKRAINE VIGIL IS ON SUNDAY 24TH APRIL\*

### **Wednesday 20th April**

Holy Communion @ 11am

### **Sunday 24th April**

Holy Communion @ 10am

St George's Day Parade Service @ 3pm



Vigil and Prayer for Ukraine @ 7pm

## ***St Mary's***

### **Sunday 17th April**

Holy Communion for Easter Morning  
@ 10.30am

### **Sunday 24th April**

Songs of Praise @ 10.30am

## ***St Barnabas***

### **Sunday 17th April**

Holy Communion for Easter Morning @ 11am

### **Saturday 23rd April**

Wedding @ 2pm

Edward Marsh and Ruth Bryan

### **Sunday 24th April**

Matins @ 11am

## **Collect**

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell; fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.