

One of my 'go to' sources of inspiration is Pete Greig of 24/7 Prayer fame. He recently tweeted this: "Can I be honest with you? I'm actually not into prayer. I'm into Jesus, so we talk. I don't believe in the power of prayer. I believe in the power of God. So I ask for his help. A lot. I'm not into evangelism! I'm into Jesus. So I talk to people about him"

Wow! I love that! What do you think?

Every blessing, Derek.

Collect

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation to your glory,
hidden through past ages and made known in
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3. 1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

New Testament Reading

Revelation 5. 1-10

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it.

And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

Gospel Reading

John 1. 43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

News

St Martin's and St Mary's Prayer Diary for 2021.

The new Prayer Diary for 2021 is now available. If you would like a copy, please get in touch to let me know if you would like a pdf version to print at home, or a hard copy which I can send or drop round to your house. Many thanks for praying! Veronica (01306 640775 veronica@candvwatts.co.uk)

The Christian Centre is offering take away meals only. To book your meal please call the centre managers on 01306 886830. The Community Fridge are open in the Centre on Monday to Friday 10-11.30am on a "one in-one out" basis, with face coverings, sanitisation of hands and providing your contact details.

st. martin's DORKING

WITH ST. MARY'S PIXHAM

Sunday 17th January

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Live Services at St Martin's

In the interest of public safety, we regret that we are unable to offer live church services until further notice

Online Services (pre-recorded)

You can find pre-recorded Sunday services online via our website Stmartinsdorking.org or on our YouTube channel "Spire of Dorking"

Sunday 17th January @ 10am

Sunday 24th January @ 10am

Sunday 31st January @ 10am

Private Prayer at St Martin's

Due to the current circumstances and in the interest of public safety, church will not be open for Private Prayer.

St Barnabas - Zoom Services

Sunday 24th January @ 11am

Matins

St Mary's Pixham

No live church services until further notice

We may not be able to physically gather in church together at the moment, but we are all still here - please join us online for one of our services at www.stmartinsdorking.org, view our pre-recorded church services at Spire of Dorking on YouTube, follow us on twitter @spireofdorking, or for help or information, please e-mail us at: stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com

Message from Derek

Something that I'm hearing a lot at present: "This pandemic is a game-changer" or, "Covid-19 has changed the world forever" and one of the most common exchanges, perhaps, like this:

Person 1: "I can't wait for things to get back to normal!"

Person 2: "You mean, new normal?"

We are having to 'do church' and 'be church' differently... is that necessarily a bad thing I wonder? Might it actually be a good thing to be faced with? Setting aside 'the given' that this pandemic is a tragedy of enormous proportions (i.e. casting around for some evidence of a silver lining to, in some way, mitigate the situation just a little) it is causing us to rethink a lot of things that we may not have given thought to in the past.

Dorking Foodbank: Donation points in supermarkets remain in place, and the centre one is positioned in the foyer. This week we particularly need: Boxes of Museli Bars, Shower Gel, Tinned Potatoes and Sponge Pudding long-life twin packs.

Traidcraft. I am happy to take orders and deliver in Dorking. Elizabeth - 881479, emddh7@hotmail.com

The January issue of the Parish Magazine is available on our website. If you know anyone who is unable to access the previous issues and would like a copy, please let me know. Christine Francis.

News and Notices for the next issue of the Weekly News Sheet need to be submitted by the close of business on Wednesday. Please email stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or call 884229. Messages are picked up regularly.

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 Pauls Dorking.

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is now available at <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer>. In January we are praying for parishes in the deaneries of Aldershot and Cranleigh.

Please remember in your prayers: John Ivings, Rowan Nunnerley, Brian Smith, Allan Tighe, Angela Cole, Barry and Rosie Pegram, Judy Palmer, Paul Berning, Renate MacLennan.

Please pray for those who have recently died: Rosie Newland.



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

Being corporate at a distance. Whether you have a radio or the latest smartphone, find something for you:

Our Sunday Service will be available to view via this link on our "Spire of Dorking" YouTube Channel from 10am. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuzOsRDiiRJE8Y3Zjr3fj0g>

St Barnabas Services. If you would like to be included in the zoom service on 24th January at St Barnabas, please contact Rev'd Mike Stewart direct on carolandmikestewart@outlook.com

Bishop Jo's Sermon - "Greater things than these" (1 Samuel 3.1-10 and John 1. 43-51) - [Website Link](#)

Your 9am Daily Prayer Click on this link: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> Scroll down and click on the green Morning Prayer box.

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong. Wednesday 3.30pm or Sunday at 3pm.

Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4 at 8.10am.

TV: Sunday Worship on BBC One at 11.45am and **Songs of Praise** on BBC One at 1.15pm.

Church of England Daily Hope.

Free phone line with hymns, reflections and prayers: **0800 804 8044.**

Samaritans National Helpline: 116 123