

## Collect, Special Prayer for today

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## New Testament Reading

**Hebrews 11. 29 - 12.2** NT Pg: 242

By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

## Gospel Reading

**Luke 12. 49 - 56**

**NT Pg: 80**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

## News

**Heritage Open Days : Saturday 14th- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September** This will be upon us straight after holidays so please reserve the dates in your diary now for volunteering. This is an important opportunity for reaching out to the whole community, and so we really need welcoming faces on hand throughout the period. A rota is at the back of church, please sign up.

**Cards for Good Causes** needs a part time shop manager for their Christmas Shop in St Martin's Church. This will involve basic admin, banking and cashing up, keeping the shop tidy and stock filled and processing deliveries. There is a remuneration payment at the end of the season. St Martin's Church funds will also benefit from the shop trading here. If you are interested or know someone who might like to take this local role on from Mid October to Mid December please contact Kathy Hill on 07802851884 or e-mail [Kathy.hill@cfgc.org.uk](mailto:Kathy.hill@cfgc.org.uk)

**Bible Reading Fellowship** Study notes for September-December are in pigeonholes at the back of St. Martin's. Please collect yours. Sally Lowe – 884467.

**The next Family at 4pm Service at St Martin's will be Sunday 15th September.** We hope to see you there!

**The Traidcraft Stall** will be at St Martin's on 1st September. Further dates to follow.

**CTD Shared Service:-** 29th September, 6pm at the Friends' Meeting House.

**Bank Holiday Monday 26th August 2019 at St Mary's, Pixham**, Teas and Scones, between 10.30-4.00pm. Drop in for a cuppa and a chat.

**'Come & Sing' event at St Martin' in support of St. Catherine's Hospice on Saturday 28th September** - Rutter, Sprig of Thyme - beautiful arrangements of a set of traditional folk songs, instrumental items, and concluding with the 'Rhythm of life (Sweet Charity) with audience participation! Accompanied by the Sinfonia da Chiesa ensemble. Singers £15, audience free admission - retiring collection - singers from 1pm, performance at 7pm.

**Monday Bible Reading Group** at my house, 5 Tutts Close, Dorking will start again on Monday 9th September. We will then meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 2pm until near Christmas. Tea and coffee available from 1.45pm. We will start by reading the OT book of Hosea. Just bring your favourite bible translation and any books you might have about Hosea. I hope you can all come again and if anyone else wishes to join us they are very welcome. Diana Burges.

**Dorking Foodbank.** Stock levels are particularly low at the moment so please do help ensure we can meet demand at this critical time when many families with children have to cope without free school meals. For the next week can we please ask for the following items: Instant mashed potato, sponge puddings, tinned vegetarian meals, tea bags and instant coffee. The donation point is in the Christian Centre lobby. Please ensure food items are within date.

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

**Churches Together in Dorking Prayers.** Members of CTD all pray for one church, community, congregation, organisation or initiative each week. This week we are praying for St Martin's Shared Church.

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:** Chris Morton, John Lawrence, Rosie Pegram, Iris Ball, Heather Anderton, Brian and Betty Smith, Paul Berning, Tim Golding, Steve Parker, Dr Pat Goode.

And those who have recently died: Les Ramsden, Michael Lonnelli

#### PRAYERS IN CHURCH

**Morning Prayer is at 9am in the Lady Chapel Monday to Thursday.**

# 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 18th August Ninth after Trinity

### St Martin's

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

**10.00am St Martin's @ 10**  
**Holy Communion to include baptism and welcome of Aiden Gilder into the church family**  
President: Derek Tighe

**12.30pm Baptism Service to welcome Eleanor Macintyre into the church family**

### St Mary's

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

### St Barnabas

**11.00am Matins**  
President: Mike Stewart

## This Week

Tuesday 10.00am Coffee Morning at St Barnabas  
7.15pm Julian Meeting

Wednesday 11.00am Holy Communion

Saturday 10.00am Christian Centre Coffee Morning

## Sunday 25th August Tenth after Trinity

### St. Martin's

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Combined Family Communion with St Mary's Congregation**

**St. Mary's No Service**

### St Barnabas

**11.00am Matins**

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