

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 9. 8-17

OT Pg: 8

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.

I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 3. 18-22

NT Pg: 251

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you - not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1. 9-15

NT Pg: 37

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts;

and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

News and Notices

Dorking Area Foodbank: Thank you for your support. This week we would like to receive donations of:- cereal, tinned meat meals, tinned potatoes, tinned rice pudding, UHT milk, tinned vegetables. For info: <https://dorkingarea.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

St Martin's Lent Course, running from 2-3pm, starting on Friday February 23rd, March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, held in the Christian Centre. Course leader is Revd Barbara Steadman-Allen and the course looks at: **Handel's Messiah: The unfolding story of God's rescue plan** (we're not performing it...) "Why do the nations so furiously rage together?" (Psalm 2) "All we like sheep..." (Isaiah 53) "Since by man came death" (1 Corinthians 15) "Come unto me" (Matthew 11:28-29) "Hallelujah!" (Revelation 11:15; 19:6, 16).

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! We plan to walk around the boundary of the Parish of St Barnabas Ranmore on Bank Holiday Monday May 6th. The route, a maximum of 9 miles, will include a refreshment stop at Denbies and at the coffee stop at Steers Field. There are many alternative walks so that shortcutting will be possible to make the walk suitable for all abilities. Our parish boundary runs along part of the St Martin's Parish boundary and we would be delighted if St Martin's/St Mary's parishioners would join us for that part of the route (or more...) The walk is as follows:- Start and parking at the National Trust car park Steer's Field.

Walk south to the Coach Road.

Walk into Dorking as far as Ashcombe Road (St Martin's join).

Turn on to the Mole Gap Trail.

Stop at Denbies Vinery for refreshment.

Across the vineyard skirting Westhumble.

Walk west along the valley south of Polesden

Lacy (we may be able to find one of the original boundary markers).

Walk south along Hogden Lane.

Descend the scarp face of Ranmore.

Turn east to walk along Denbies Hillside.

Turn north to ascend Ranmore, finishing at Steer's Field (or possibly St Barnabas Church).

OR continue walking east to return to Dorking!

We will not beat, as was traditional, members of the choir to mark the boundary but we do hope you will join us at least for the gentle amble into Denbies. Robin Luff, Churchwarden, St Barnabas.

Keeping Warm in church. Work to replace the boilers will begin after Easter. If you currently find church cold, we are very sorry about this. The issue will be resolved soon, but for now, please wear an extra layer, bring a hot water bottle, or grab a blanket from the duty warden.

Flower Arrangers Needed: would anyone be happy to produce a pedestal arrangement of flowers for church once a year? Please contact Sandy Hine on 889807 if you can offer help on the flower rota. Many thanks.

St Martin's Magazine February Edition: This is now available at the back of church. If you have stories or news to share in future issues, please contact Christine Francis on 01306 889617.

Weekly News Sheet. "News and Notices" and all articles for the next issue of the church news sheet are to be forwarded to the church office by Wednesday afternoon for inclusion in the next issue: stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or by phone on 01306 884229.

Church of England Daily Hope Line—includes a Weekly Service, Morning and Evening Prayers and Sleep-Well Bible Reflections: Tel 0800 804 8044.

Samaritans National Helpline: 116 123.

For more information on events or for the Who's Who page, please see the page 23 of the St Martin's Parish Magazine.

Please remember in your prayers...

Mary, David and Andrew Cowan, Nicholas Grealley, Allan Tapley, Pauline Welton, Henry Haire, Gay Fraser, Denis Pitkeathly.

Please pray for those who have died.
Louise Dorrington.

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



The Funeral for Louise Dorrington is at St Martin's Church on Thursday 29th February at 2pm. Friends are welcome to join the service.

Churches Together in Dorking Prayers. Members of CTD all pray for one church, community, congregation or initiative each week. This week we pray for Society of Friends (Quakers)

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is available at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer. In February we pray for the deaneries of Guildford and Surrey Heath.

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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 after the service.

Sunday 18th February

LENT 
(1st Sunday of Lent)

St Martin's

Sunday 18th February
Holy Communion @ 10am

Wednesday 21st February
Holy Communion @ 11am

Friday 23rd February
Lent Course @ 2pm
in the Christian Centre (see notes)

Sunday 25th February
Holy Communion @ 10am

St Mary's

Sunday 18th February
Holy Communion @ 10.30am

Sunday 25th February
Songs of Praise @ 10.30am

St Barnabas

Sunday 18th February
Evening Prayer via Zoom @ 4pm
(Contact robinluff@btinternet.com to join)

Sunday 25th February
Matins @ 11am

Evening Prayer via Zoom @ 4pm
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Collect Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord.