

I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

## New Testament Reading

### Ephesians 2. 11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision' – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

## Gospel Reading

### Mark 6. 30-34, 53-56

The apostles returned from their mission. They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

## News

**The prospect of the lifting of legal restrictions** will be both a relief and a cause of anxiety. It is likely that significant guidance will remain in place. The CofE nationally is seeking further clarification through the Government's Places of Worship Taskforce on a range of areas affecting public worship and places of worship. We will review our plans and guidance as soon as more information is published.

**Church Office News.** Michelle Lelliott is relocating to the Lake District in August so I have started working solo again. Having largely worked from home for the past 16 months due to the pandemic, the church office will be re-opening on Tuesday 24th August (after my summer break). If you would like to book an appointment or arrange a visit to see me, or discuss a baptism, wedding or concert please email [smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com), call 01306 884229, or visit in person during core opening hours 11-12.30pm, Tuesday to Friday. Thank you, Vicki.

**Church Meadow.** You may have noticed on the South East side of the churchyard there is now an area which is being mown less frequently to encourage the growth of wild flowers, which will attract insects, particularly bees and butterflies and hopefully be a little bit of countryside for you to enjoy in the centre of town. In October the Church Eco Team are planting a hawthorn tree as part of the BBC Countryfile initiative.

**Dorking Foodbank:** we are experiencing a huge demand on our supplies just now and are forever grateful for all that you donate. The items we would like to focus on this week are - Tinned veg, Jars of pasta sauce, Toilet roll 4 packs, Tinned meat, 6 pack of crisps multipacks and Fray Bentos meat pies.



The **Traidcraft stall** will be at St Martin's on Sunday 8 August. Elizabeth - 881479, emddh7@hotmail.com

The **July/August magazine issue** is available at the back of church. Let me know if you have stories, photographs or articles for the September issue. Christine Francis.

**News and Notices for the next issue** of the Weekly News Sheet need are to be submitted by the close of business on Wednesday or they will not be included. Please email your article to: [stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com) or call 884229 where messages will be picked up regularly. Thank you.

*For the Who's who' pages and contact details please see the back page of the St Martin's Magazine.*

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Dianna Benoy, Rosie Pegram,  
Rev'd Dr Malcolm Rothwell,  
Colin Mills, James Bascoe.



**Please pray for those who have recently died:** Barry Pegram, Hazel Whittaker.

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

The **Diocesan Calendar of Prayer** is now available at <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer>. In July we pray for Aldershot and Cranleigh Deaneries.

**Foodbank Prayers.** Please remember the work of the foodbank in your prayers this Summer. The foodbank is a community project and very much founded on Christian principles - "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25:35-36). Here are some prayer ideas for you to incorporate into your own.

**Pray** for those in financial difficulty and struggling to feed themselves and their families – that they have hope that they will overcome the challenges they are currently facing and we give thanks for their courage to reach out to the foodbank for help

**Pray** for those who volunteer at the foodbank – that they are blessed with energy and good health and we give thanks for their compassion and dedication.

**Pray** for those who support the foodbank – that their hearts remain open to helping their neighbour and we give thanks for their generosity.

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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!

## 18th July Seventh Sunday after Trinity

### St Martin's

**Sunday 18th July**

Holy Communion @ 10am

**Sunday 25th July**

Holy Communion @ 10am

### St Mary's

**Sunday 18th July**

Pixham Praise and Holy Communion @ 10.30am

**Sunday 25th July**

Rise and Shine @ 10am

### St Barnabas

**Sunday 18th July**

No Service

**Friday 23rd July**

Wedding of Hugo Gale and Katie Gilbard @ 2pm

**Sunday 25th July**

Matins @ 11am

Baptism of Jack Bartlett @ 12.30pm

### Collect

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of  
your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 23. 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.