

... and head over to Bishop Andrew's sermon on the Guildford Diocese website, where you can hear what Bishop Andrew has to say about this booby-trapped question: 'Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?'

Every blessing,

Derek.

Collect

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35. 3-6

Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 4. 5-17

Keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me quickly, for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments. Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence, no-one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10. 1-9

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'"

News

The church cleaning team is being re-established. Anyone who is interested is invited to an initial meeting in the church straight after the 10am service on Sunday 25th October (for approx. half an hour or so). Please bring your face-covering and a mug. We can make a start on cleaning if there is time and people are in the mood, but the focus will be on planning how to best tackle the task: working out what needs to be done and talking about rota frequency etc. Let's make best efforts to build on the wisdom of those who have looked after our beautiful church over the years. Coming along on the 25th doesn't commit you to joining the rota if you decide it isn't for you. If you'd like to chat beforehand, please ring Julia Redfern (883994).

Pastoral Care. The pastoral team can always be contacted and will be pleased to offer assistance getting essentials such as food or medicines. Please either call the Church Office 884229, or for direct support from the Pastoral Team email stmartinsdorkingpastoral@gmail.com.

Traidcraft. I hope to bring a Traidcraft stall to Pixham next Sunday, 25 October, and to St Martin's on 1 November. It will be a restricted range, so if you have a particular request it would be helpful to know in advance, by email or phone. I'm still happy to deliver during the week, too. Elizabeth Dobson (emddh7@hotmail.com, 881479).

Dorking Foodbank is operating at the usual times ([CLICK HERE](#) for these) from the Christian Centre. Donation points in supermarkets remain in place, and the centre one is positioned in the foyer. This week we need: **Shower Gel, Tinned Meat, Tinned Veg and 4 pack toilet rolls.**

St Barnabas Services. Please note there is no service this Sunday 18th October. The next service will be on Sunday 25th October at 11am for Matins.

Park for Free after Three: From 2 October 2020 to 29 January 2021 Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) working with Dorking Town Partnership will offer free parking every Friday from 3pm in St Martin's Walk, Wathen Road, Southside and West Street car parks.

Face coverings in a place of worship. Face coverings are required in church (unless you are exempt). Thank you for your understanding.

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 smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or call 884229. Messages are picked up regularly.

Private Prayer at St Martin's – The church is open on Monday and Thursday between 9.30am - 12pm.

Guildford Diocese Cycle of Prayer

During the month of October, Epsom and Leatherhead deaneries are prayed for across the Diocese. If you would like to follow the Diocese cycle of prayer (which also contains the Anglican Communion cycle) it can be downloaded from <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/life/calendar-of-prayer>.

Please remember in your prayers: Allan Tapley, Robina Williams, Betty and Brian Smith, Paul Berning, Renate MacLennan, Pamela Kerslake, Allan Tighe, Rosie Pegram.



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 **St Barnabas Ranmore**.

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

Our Sunday Service on our "Spire of Dorking" YouTube Channel will be available from 10am. Click on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuzOsRDiIRJE8Y3Zjr3fj0g>

Bishop Andrew's Sunday Sermon is available on the Diocese of Guildford's [website](#).

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. This week coming from Canterbury Cathedral. 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.
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.



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WITH ST. MARY'S PIXHAM

Sunday 18th October
Nineteenth After Trinity

This weekend at St martin's we are keeping the Feast of St Luke, physician and evangelist. But this Sunday is also the 19th Sunday of Trinity, the readings for which take a different tack. In his sermon Bishop Andrew looks at these readings and writes:

When Jesus was just a young boy, a man called Judas the Galilean had led a revolt against Rome, and this question, 'Should we pay taxes to Caesar?' lay right at the heart of their revolutionary agenda. The Romans had brutally crushed Judas and his men – the young Jesus would have seen some of them nailed to crosses, which were scattered throughout the Galilean countryside. So, putting a foot wrong in response to this question wouldn't just result in embarrassment... It could result in death.

... while you and I live in a democracy, where paying taxes provides for Universal Education and the National Health Service and the Police Force and the Army and certain basic benefits for those who've fallen on hard times, Jesus and his contemporaries lived under occupation, with their taxes paying for the very soldiers who had invaded their land in the first place. What kind of credibility would Jesus have, then, among his own people – what kind of Messiah would he be – were he simply to tell them to roll over, to do everything the Romans asked of them...?

So how would Jesus respond... caught as he was between the devil and the deep blue sea? Well, first he asked for a denarius, a Roman coin that contained not only the image of Caesar on it but also some writing blasphemously proclaiming the Emperor as High Priest and Son of God. Next, he asked a question of his own, a very simple one: 'Whose image is this, and whose inscription?' And then the famous response, 'Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's'.

What does this mean for us and for the way in which we try to live out lives modelled upon the life and teachings of Jesus? Perhaps when you have worshipped either in church or online and have heard what The Reverend David Williams has to say about Luke, you might like to get on line (or remain online if you're already there) ...