

Collect, Special Prayer for today

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49. 1-7 OT Pg: 705

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength – he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1. 1-9 NT Pg: 177

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 1. 29-42

NT Pg: 98

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

News

Thank you from Send Prison. Thank you so much for the generosity of your parishioners for the Christmas gifts for the children who were visiting a loved one at HMP SEND. Every child who visited received a gift and without your generosity we would not be able to provide this on our Family Days and Christmas visits. It is important for the women to maintain their family ties and our Family days and children's visits help them to do this. Once again thank you for your kindness and generosity.

The next dates for the Traidcraft stall: today at Pixham, and 2 February at St Martin's.

CTD Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Christian Centre. All welcome! It's not just formalities but a chance to learn about and celebrate the various activities of the past year.

CTD Shared Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Sunday 26th January 6pm at St Joseph's. All welcome.

We would love to extend a welcome to Alpha which is running weekly at St Pauls, starting on Wednesday 29th January. Also if you know anyone else who you would like to come please forward on this invitation. Each evening will start at 7.30pm beginning with supper. For more information visit www.stpaulsdorking/alpha or email alpha@stpaulsdorking.org.uk

SMURFS (St Martin's Under Fives) Toddler group is next meeting on 7th February and on the first Friday of each month. The group is friendly and welcoming and love new visitors. Please bring your little ones along for a fun morning. Watch this space for an appeal for new helpers for this group.

Family Ceilidh/Barn dance on Saturday 8th February, 7.00pm at St. Mary's, Pixham Church. Pizza and chips provided but bring your own drink. Tickets £11.00 for adults and £7.50 for children. Please contact Anne Brown on 01306 884424 or annebrown49@hotmail.com

Christian Centre Building Closure - Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd February. Please note the Centre will be closed while new flooring in the entrance and café area is put down. Due to safety reasons the whole building will be closed to hirers and users during this time. We look forward to seeing you from Monday 24th onwards. Apologies in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. Janette and Clare.

Dorking Foodbank. For the next week can we please ask for the following items: Bottles of Squash, Powdered Milk, Large Cartons of Fruit Juice, Packets of Dried Rice, Single Adult Toothbrushes. The donation point is in the Christian Centre lobby. Please ensure food items are within date.

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 Joseph's RC.

News and Notices for the next issue of the Weekly News Sheet are to be forwarded to the church office by the close of business on Wednesday. Please e-mail smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or call 01306 884229.

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: Martin Ellis, Betty and Brian Smith, Steve Parker, Pamela Kerslake, Paul Berning, Heather Anderton, Simon Hardcastle.

And those who have recently died: Marion Rankine, Stephanie Wright, Ruth Mason, Stephen Slogrove, Lea McPhail, Tony Allnutt.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWS SHEET HOME TO REFER TO

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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, and do join us after the 10 o'clock service for coffee.

Sunday 19th January Second Sunday of Epiphany

St Martin's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
President: Derek Tighe

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St Mary's

10.30am Pixham Praise with Holy Communion
President: David Cowan

St Barnabas No Service

This Week

Tuesday 2.30pm Women's Fellowship
Paul Gough Musical
Afternoon

7.15pm Julian Meeting

Wednesday 11.00am Holy Communion

Saturday 10.00am Christian Centre Coffee
Morning

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St. Mary's

10.00am Rise and Shine

St Barnabas

11.00am Matins

St Joseph's

**6.00pm CTD United Service for Week of
Prayer for Christian Unity**

PRAYERS IN CHURCH

Morning Prayer is at 9am in the Lady Chapel Monday to Thursday. Midday Prayer is on Friday in the Lady Chapel.
Note: There will be no led prayer on Friday 31st January due to a Memorial Service.