

**The Apocrypha Reading Pg: Ap 54
Wisdom of Solomon 12. 13 & 16-19**

There is not any god besides you, Lord, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

**Second Reading
Romans 8. 12-25 NT Pg: 168**

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**Gospel Reading
Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43 NT Pg: 15**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?"

Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

News

For the attention of everyone except Debs and Peter Bunn. Peter and Debs move to Devon in September - we are organising a collection to show our appreciation for the considerable contributions they have made to the life of St Martin's. Peter has suggested that any monies collected be donated to St Martin's Church, or other local charity in their name. Should you wish to make a contribution either deliver to the church office in an envelope marked Bunn collection, contact a church member (not Peter) and they can collect from you, or send directly into account name **St Martin's Dorking PCC No 2** - sort code **30-92-70** - account number **00416228** and use Peter Bunn as a reference.

Coronavirus and St Martin's Finances. This is a difficult subject to raise when there are far tougher challenges around, but you will appreciate St Martin's was already running an unsustainable deficit (ca £2350 *monthly* cash outflow) before Coronavirus. The furlough scheme (ending in October) and some Diocese relief has helped offset the loss during lockdown of Sunday plate collections and wall safe donations; these are still very low after the limited reopening this month. Our big hit is the loss of income from concert hirings and the PCC share of fees from occasional offices; this amounts on average to a further £500 per month, with little prospect of it returning till 2021. We are very fortunate that a high proportion of our regular congregation give by standing order etc and we are extremely grateful for their continuing support. We recognise that of course many of you will also be seeing a personal drop in income; however if anyone does feel able to take out, or increase, a standing order (ideally with Gift Aid) Nick (01306 887870) would be delighted to send you the paperwork.

Traidcraft. Please contact Elizabeth Dobson direct on 881479 if you would like items delivered locally.

Church Open for Private Prayer – Monday and Thursday mornings. There are two slots each with two people helping from 9.30am to 10.30am and 10.30am to 11.30am. Please email the Church Office or leave a message on 884229 if you are able to help. Briefing guidance will be given and you of course will be at least 2m distanced from visitors at all time, and more than that for most of it.

Dorking Foodbank is operating at the usual times ([CLICK HERE](#) for these) from the Christian Centre. Donation points in supermarkets remain in place even though the one in the Centre is not available in the current lockdown. The most critical donations we need this week are: Fray Bentos Meat Pies, Tinned Vegetables, Pasta Sauce and Packets of Biscuits.

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. The Church Office is closed, however, Vicki and Michelle can still be contacted by email or by leaving a telephone message (checked regularly).

Please remember in your prayers: Paul Berning, Pamela Kerslake, John Sutherland, Rosie Pegram, Renate MacLennan.

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



Being corporate at a distance. In these unprecedented times we are fortunate that there is a wealth of resources in different media available to enable us to be corporate even when not co-located! 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/UCuzOsRDdiIRJE8Y3Zjr3fj0g>

St Barnabas “Live” Sunday Service via Zoom at 10.45am for 11am. The Preacher will be the Revd Mike Stewart, who will also officiate. If you would like a Zoom invitation, please email carolandmikestewart@outlook.com. If you can't join live, a recording of the Service will be available to watch on Rev'd Mike Stewart's YouTube channel. (Services are on 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday).

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.

Radio Choral Evensong on BBC Radio 3 on Wednesday at 3.30pm, with a repeat on 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.

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WITH ST. MARY'S PIXHAM

Sunday 19th July
Trinity 6

Message from Derek

Well, as I sit here in the vicarage Study with a bad case of 'bed hair' (I overslept after a long ZOOM video conference yesterday evening) I realise that I have only about 300 words to play with this morning... so please forgive my brevity! Yesterday at 1130hrs I sat in the vicarage living room with Maggie and we watched Ruth Bushyager's consecration as Bishop of Horsham, live from the chapel at Lambeth Palace. It was a joy to watch... but very weird... for two reasons: firstly, the last time that I was in that chapel was for the conferral of my ACertCM award some while ago; secondly everyone was masked... for obvious reasons. I was impressed by Archbishop Justin's introduction to the consecration—he explained that, again for obvious reason, things (i.e. consecrations) were having to be done differently and that not all of the House of Bishops were happy with the changes. And that struck a chord with me. Quite a chunk of last night's Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting was spent discussing how St Martin's will operate with the necessary change of officeholders in September (i.e. two new churchwardens). The long and short of it is, we will operate differently—not just because of the change of personnel but also because of the demands of a greatly changed context. What will not change, however, is the reality that we are called to be Christ's people—the clue is in the epithet that we use: Christians. We will walk the world with Christ's feet, observe with Christ's eyes, listen with Christ's ears and we will use our hands (and all of our God-given faculties) to do that which Christ would have us do. And, if we all are prepared to play our part in doing that, the Church—the body of Christ—will move forward. It may look or seem different; in ways, it will be... and that's a good thing; but it will remain the gathering of Christ's people... doing Christ's work. Every blessing, Derek.

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Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.