

Collect, Special Prayer for today

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

First Reading (Good News Bible) Psalm 112

Happy is the person who honors the Lord, who takes pleasure in obeying his commands.

The good man's children will be powerful in the land; his descendants will be blessed.

His family will be wealthy and rich, and he will be prosperous forever.

Light shines in the darkness for good people, for those who are merciful, kind, and just.

Happy is the person who is generous with his loans, who runs his business honestly.

A good person will never fail; he will always be remembered.

He is not afraid of receiving bad news; his faith is strong, and he trusts in the Lord.

He is not worried or afraid; he is certain to see his enemies defeated.

Gospel Reading (Good News Bible) Luke 14. 1, 7-14

One Sabbath Jesus went to eat a meal at the home of one of the leading Pharisees; and people were watching Jesus closely. Jesus noticed how some of the guests were choosing the best places, so he told this parable to all of them: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place. It could happen that someone more important than you has been invited, and your host, who invited both of you, would have to come and say to you, 'Let him have this place.' Then you would be embarrassed and have to sit in the lowest place. Instead, when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that your host will come to you and say, 'Come on up, my friend, to a better place.' This will bring you honor in the presence of all the other guests. For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great." Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your rich neighbors—for they will invite you back, and in this way you will be paid for what you did.

When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind; and you will be blessed, because they are not able to pay you back. God will repay you on the day the good people rise from death."

News

Cards for Good Causes needs a part time shop manager for their Christmas Shop in St Martin's Church. This will involve basic admin, banking and cashing up, keeping the shop tidy and stock filled and processing deliveries. There is a remuneration payment at the end of the season. St Martin's Church funds will directly benefit from the shop trading here. If you are interested or know someone who might like to take this local role on from Mid Oct to Mid Dec please contact Kathy Hill on 07802851884 or e-mail Kathy.hill@cfgc.org.uk

Bible Reading Fellowship Study notes for Sept-Dec are in pigeonholes at the back of St. Martin's. Please collect yours. Sally Lowe – 884467.

Your September issue of the magazine is available at the back of church. Please take one, only 60p!

Copies of the September Methodist Circuit Newsletter and Circuit Plan for the next quarter are at the back of church. Please take one.

The Traidcraft Stall will be at St Martin's on 8 September (sorry, not today, but please let me know if there was something you particularly wanted), 6 October and 3 November; and at St Mary's Pixham on 29 September (tbc). There will also be a stall in the Christian Centre on Saturday 2 November, when a wider range of craft goods will be on display. Look out for the new autumn catalogue coming shortly.

SMURFS (St Martin's Under Fives) Toddler group is meeting this Friday coming, 6th September, 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.



Music at Midday Recital on Saturday 7th September sees the return of Constance Chow, Piano.

Heritage Open Days : Saturday 14th- Sunday 15th September This will be upon us straight after holidays so please reserve the dates in your diary now for volunteering. This is an important opportunity for reaching out to the whole community, and so we really need welcoming faces on hand throughout the period. A rota is at the back of church, please sign up.

The next Family at 4pm Service at St Martin's is on Sunday 15th September. We hope to see you there!

For details of many more events and contact numbers please see 'Activities' & 'Who's who' pages of St Martin's Magazine.

Heritage Open Day Celebrations - St. Mary's Pixham Saturday 21st Sept 2019, 10am - 4pm.
 Marvellous Music at St. Mary's Pixham on Heritage Day. Please come and support Cathy Jenkins : French Horn Tim Jones : French Horn Tim Samuel : French Horn Veronica Watts : Piano & Organ Richard Guise : Flute as they entertain visitors to St. Mary's with live music from approx. 11.30am to 3pm (with a break for lunch). Come early to enjoy a coffee before the music, and stay to enjoy a Pixham Ploughman's Lunch, and to enjoy the acoustic's of this lovely little church. (Free entry, donations to the church repair fund will be gratefully received.)

'Come & Sing' event at St Martin' in support of St. Catherine's Hospice on Saturday 28th September - Rutter, Sprig of Thyme - beautiful arrangements of a set of traditional folk songs, instrumental items, and concluding with the 'Rhythm of life (Sweet Charity) with audience participation! Accompanied by the Sinfonia da Chiesa ensemble. Singers £15, audience free admission - retiring collection - singers from 1pm, performance at 7pm.

CTD Shared Service:- 29th September, 6pm at the Friends' Meeting House.

Shoe boxes for Romania - Coffee morning to help pack gift boxes for Romanian children and families on Saturday 26th October from 10am. If you have any small items to fill the boxes with or would like to buy extra in the coming weeks, please give to Judy Peace or leave in the box in the Christian Centre (e.g. tooth brushes, pens, socks, gloves, soap, flannels etc). Please start collecting shoe boxes!

Dorking Foodbank. For the next week can we please ask for the following items: Tinned vegetables, Tinned meat, Tinned fish, Tinned tomatoes and Long-life fruit juice. The donation point is in the Christian Centre. Please ensure food is within use by date.

News and Notices for the Weekly News Sheet are to be forwarded to the church office by the close of business on Wednesdays. Tel: 01306 884229 or e-mail smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com

Churches Together in Dorking Prayers. Members of CTD all pray for one church, community, congregation, organisation or initiative each week. This week we are praying for St Mary's Holmbury and St John's Wotton.

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: John Lawrence, Rosie Pegram, Iris Ball, Heather Anderton, Brian and Betty Smith, Paul Berning, Tim Golding, Steve Parker, Dr Pat Goode.

And those who have recently died:
 Les Ramsden, Michael Lonnelli, Chris Morton.

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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 1st September Eleventh after Trinity

St Martin's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 President: Derek Tighe

10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Family Worship
 President: Peter Bramhill

St Mary's

10.30am Holy Communion
 President: Derek Tighe

St Barnabas

11.00am Matins
 Led by: Chris Watts

This Week

Tuesday	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship, Member's Summer Stories
Wednesday	11.00am	Holy Communion
Friday	10.00am	SMURFS in the Christian Centre
Saturday	10.00am	Christian Centre Coffee Morning
	12.00pm	Music at Midday Constance Chow, Piano

Sunday 8th September Twelfth after Trinity

St. Martin's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Holy Communion

6.00pm Choral Evensong

St. Mary's

10.30am Morning Prayer

St Barnabas

11.00am Holy Communion

PRAYERS IN CHURCH

Morning Prayer is at 9am in the Lady Chapel Monday to Thursday. Midday Prayer is in the Lady Chapel on Friday.