

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 46

OT Pg: 547

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth shakes and the mountains move in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake before his majesty. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the Lord; the astounding deeds he has wrought on earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. 'Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth'. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

New Testament Reading

Colossians 1. 11-20

NT Pg: 214

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Reading

Luke 23. 33-43

NT Pg: 95

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

News

Christmas Elves! If you can offer your help on Tuesday 29th November from 2pm to help decorate the Christmas tree in church, and/or window sill decorations during that week, please call Vicki at the church office by Friday 25th Nov. Many hands make light work! Thank you very much, 01306 884229.

The Friends of St Martin's have produced a Christmas Card based on the Nativity Scene in the stained glass window adjacent to the south door. Available to buy from the church office. Price is £1 per card; £4 for 5 cards; £7.00 for 10. They come with envelopes. Call 884229 to place your order or email smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com

Advent Quiet Morning, Wednesday 23rd November @ 10am - 1pm, St Barnabas Church, with Chris Watts and Rev'd Caroline Lazenby.

Bible Study, Wednesday 23rd November @ 7pm in the Lounge at Canterbury Court; all welcome!

St Mary's Church Pixham Christmas Fair. Saturday 26th November, 11-2pm. Come and join the fun! St Martin's CofE Primary School Choir will be singing Christmas Carols, there will be a Tombola, Cracker Making, Christmas Cards, Gift Wrap, Tea and Cake, Hotdogs and Father Christmas! In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and the church.

Late Night Shopping Event - We thought it would be nice for the Church to be open during Dorking's evening festive shopping event (Gala Night) 6.00pm - 8.30pm. We therefore need a few helpers from 5.30pm onwards on Thursday 1st December to serve mulled wine and mince pies to our visitors, can you please let Vicki know at the church office if you can help. Everyone is welcome to come along for a glass of festive cheer and view our beautiful Christmas Tree and decorations!



Advent Course. Advent offers a wonderful opportunity to explore our faith more fully and to draw closer to the God who chose to draw close to us. I as Chaplain of the Dorking Christian Centre will be providing a short but hopefully meaningful time of Advent study and discussion on the four Thursday mornings of Advent. Meeting in the upper room of the Christian Centre on 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd Dec, 11am to 11.50am to allow people to take lunch in the café should they wish to. There is a promise of tea, coffee and mince pies at the last of these. I hope you will consider coming and sharing in what should be positive times of finding strength from our faith. Rev David Pitkeathly.

Dorking St Martin's PCC wish to appoint a Governor to St Martin's VC School, Dorking. Enthusiasm, Commitment and being a Team Player would be welcome. Interested? Contact: Canon Peter Bruinvels on: 07721 411688.

Dorking Area Foodbank. This week we would like: Iced fruit Christmas bar cakes, Chocolate Christmas puddings, Christmas biscuits, Laundry capsules, Sponge pudding long-life twin packs and tinned potatoes.

"News and Notices" for the next issue of the Weekly News Sheet to go to: 01306 884229 or stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com If received by the close of business on Wednesday it will be included in the next issue.

Church of England Daily Hope. A free phone line with hymns, songs of the faith, weekly church service, morning and evening prayers, Mothers' Union prayers, prayers for Ukraine and chair exercises: 0800 804 8044.

Samaritans National Helpline: 116 123.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Freda Goddard, John Chapman, Sandra Lowry, Chris Elsey, Peter MacLennan, Michael Light, Patricia Smith, Peter Greene, Mimi Baines.

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 pray for The Christian Centre.

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is available at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer. In November we pray for deaneries of Runnymede and Woking.

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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 today and do join us for a coffee after the service.



St Martin's

Sunday 20th November
Choral Communion @ 10am
with Baptism of Felix Anderson

Wednesday 23rd November
Holy Communion @ 11am

Sunday 27th November
Holy Communion @ 10am

St Mary's

Sunday 20th November
Songs of Praise @ 10.30am

Saturday 26th November
Pixham Christmas Fair @ 11-2pm

Sunday 27th November
Pixham Praise and Holy Communion @
10.30am

St Barnabas

Sunday 20th November
Evening Prayer via Zoom @ 4pm

Wednesday 23rd November
Advent Quiet Morning @ 10-1pm

Sunday 27th November
Matins @ 11am

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.