

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 23

OT Pg: 531

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

New Testament Reading

Acts 4. 5-12

NT Pg: 129

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Gospel Reading

John 10. 11-18

NT Pg: 111

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Prayer for Vacancy

God our Father, you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be his body in this place: Send us your Holy Spirit at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision and energy and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community. Give your heavenly wisdom to those who are to choose a new priest for this parish, that she or he may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people, ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your Son, Jesus. Amen.

News and Notices

The Anglican Electoral Roll Revision - Last Call. If you are not on the existing roll and wish to be included, please complete an application form and return it to Elizabeth Dobson (9 Rothes Road, Dorking RH4 1LF, or email the church office or to emddh7@hotmail.com), no later than Monday 22 April. The application form is available at the back of church in St Martin's and Pixham or please click below to take you to our News pages where you will find the forms:

<https://stmartinsdorking.org/news>



PLANT SALE

Saturday 27th April
Dorking Christian Centre
10.00am - 12.00 noon

PLUS CAKES, DRINKS, CDs, BOOKS, DVDS, TOMBOLA

RAISING FUNDS FOR...  Dorking Christian Centre

Annual Plant Sale, Saturday 27th April at the Christian Centre from 10am. All donations greatly appreciated! Tombola books/CD's etc accepted from now, plants and cakes from Thursday 25th. Speak to Janette or Louise in the Centre for more information 01306 886830. They can collect plants/items from you if necessary.

Special Holy Communion service at St Barnabas Church to celebrate "*Marriage*" on 28th April at 11am. The Whyte Effect choir are joining us for our 11am BCP Holy Communion service with the theme 'The Wedding at Cana' taken from St John 2: 1:11, when Jesus turned water into wine as it is in the usual, the expected, that our preconceived ideas are upended by the transformation into remarkable, superb, 'out of this world'.

Jesus is the one who transforms the ordinary. There will be familiar, well-loved hymns and music throughout the service. We are inviting our recent wedding couples to join us as well as those currently preparing to be married. All will be welcome and we very much hope you can join us for the service and for refreshments afterwards.

St Martin's Tea, Games and Social. Saturday 4th May at 2.30pm in the Christian Centre. Come along and join us for Company, Tea, Scones, and Games. Everyone is welcome!

Farewell to our Director of Music. Sunday 5th May @ 6pm Choral Evensong and farewell to Stephen Hope. All are welcome to celebrate Stephen's time with us, the service will include visiting musicians and party refreshments afterwards.

Pixham Church, Bank holiday Monday 27th May, 10am-4pm. Teas and Scones and Jumble Sale. Please contact Anne Brown (01306 884424) if you would like to donate any good Jumble items.

Dorking Area Foodbank: Thank you for your support. This week we would like to receive donations of:- Tinned meat, Bottles of squash, Sponge pudding long-life twin packs, Shampoo, Tinned pulses, Tinned custard. Many thanks.

Weekly News Sheet. "News and Notices" and all articles for the next issue of the church news sheet are to be forwarded to the church office by Wednesday afternoon for inclusion in the next issue by phone on 01306 884229 or: smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or

Church of England Daily Hope Line. This includes a Weekly Service, Morning and Evening Prayers and Sleep-Well Bible Reflections: Tel 0800 804 8044.

Samaritans National Helpline: 116 123.

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Please remember in your prayers...

Mary, David and Andrew Cowan, Nicholas Grealy, Allan Tapley, Pauline Welton, Henry Haire, Gay Fraser, Robina Williams.



Please pray for those who have died.

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 April we pray for Epsom and Leatherhead deaneries.

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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.



**Sunday 21st
April
Easter 4**

St Martin's

Sunday 21st April

Holy Communion @ 10am

St Georges Day Parade @ 3pm

Wednesday 24th April

Holy Communion @ 11am

Sunday 28th April

Holy Communion @ 10am

with Baptism of Maliyah-Rose Mitchell

St Mary's

Sunday 21st April

Joint Service at St Martin's @ 10am

Sunday 28th April

Songs of Praise @ 10.30am

St Barnabas

Sunday 21st April

No Morning Service in Church

Zoom Evening Prayer @ 4pm

([contact robinluff@btinternet.com](mailto:robinluff@btinternet.com))

Sunday 28th April

Holy Communion @ 11am

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.