

household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

## New Testament Reading Ephesians 6. 10 - 20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

## Gospel Reading John 6. 56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words

that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

## News

**The prospect of the lifting of legal restrictions** will be both a relief and a cause of anxiety. It is likely that significant guidance will remain in place. The CofE nationally is seeking further clarification through the Government's Places of Worship Taskforce on a range of areas affecting public worship and places of worship. We will review our plans and guidance as soon as more information is published.

I shall be starting up **coffee and tea after morning service** on 29th August - please do come along and chat to friends old and new over a beverage and naughty biscuits -if anyone would care to bake a cake please bring it along - it will be much appreciated! Stephen Hope

**Friday October 22nd @7.30pm** Celebrity recital by world famous trumpeter **Crispian Steele -Perkins** ( he plays the theme tune on BBC's Antiques Roadshow.) Crispian will play a wide range of trumpets, old and new, demonstrating the versatility and range of the instrument with a selection of familiar works and arrangements. No stranger to St. Martin's, Ian le Grice will accompany on the organ/piano with his usual skill and dexterity. Tickets are £15 ( including a glass of Prosecco). More details to follow. Tickets available from Stephen on 07770 392067 [stephenhope60@gmail.com](mailto:stephenhope60@gmail.com).

**Stephen Hope conducts the Sussex Festival Choir** at Arundel Cathedral on September 19th - Haydn Nelson Mass and Mozart Vespers tickets £24:£22 in support of St. Catherine's Hospice - Tickets available as above.

## **Big questions with Archbishop Welby in Dorking on Saturday 25th September.**

Booking is now open for eleven Big Questions events across the diocese to which you can hear Archbishop Justin respond to questions from the public and speak on how to find hope in uncertain times. Guests can book places to come on their own. Archbishop Justin will be at the Dorking Halls on Saturday 25th September at 11.30am. Tickets are free but you need to book on [www.BigQuestions-Dorking.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.BigQuestions-Dorking.eventbrite.co.uk)

**Dorking Foodbank:** we are experiencing a huge demand on our supplies just now and are forever grateful for all that you donate. The items we would like to focus on this week are: tinned tomatoes, tinned rice pudding, tins of soup, tinned veg, baked beans and 1L cartons of UHT milk.

**Help needed for cleaning the church!** I have divided the church up into 12 sections and I am looking for 12 volunteers to 'adopt' a section with a view to keeping it clean and tidy. You can come in any time to clean as the church is open every day from 9.30-4pm including weekends. More information from me!  
Many thanks; Veronica 01306 640775

**The first Lunchtime Recital is Saturday 4th September** at 12 noon. It will be performed by Fumi Otsuki on the violin and Sarah Kershaw on Piano. The title of the concert will be "A contrast between music of Parry and Delius." We look forward to restarting in the New Year.

**Choral Evensong for Heritage Weekend on Saturday 18th September at 5.30 pm** instead of Sunday 19th as Stephen has another commitment on the Sunday.

**Church Meadow.** You may have noticed on the South East side of the churchyard there is now an area which is being mown less frequently to encourage the growth of wild flowers, which will attract insects, particularly bees and butterflies and hopefully be a little bit of countryside for you to enjoy in the centre of town. In October the Church Eco Team are planting a hawthorn tree as part of the BBC Countryfile initiative.

**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](mailto:smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com) or call 884229.

*For the Who's who' pages and contact details please see the back page of the St Martin's Magazine.*

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Henry and Godfrey Haire, Rosie Pegram, Mike Kendrick, James Bascoe, Rev'd Dr Malcolm Rothwell, Colin Mills.

**Please pray for those who have recently died:**  
Hazel Whittaker.

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 are praying for Holy Trinity, Westcott.

**The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer** is now available at <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer> . In August we pray for Guildford and Surrey Heath deaneries.

# st martin's DORKING

WITH ST. MARY'S PIXHAM

Welcome, particularly if you are new or just visiting, it is lovely to have you with us!

**22nd August  
Trinity 12**

**St Martin's**

**Sunday 22nd August**  
Holy Communion @ 10am

**Sunday 29th August**  
Holy Communion @ 10am

**St Mary's**

**Sunday 22nd August**  
Songs of Praise @ 10.30am

**Sunday 29th August**  
No Service

**St Barnabas**

**Sunday 22nd August**  
Matins @ 11am

**Sunday 29th August**  
No Service

## Collect

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Old Testament Reading Joshua 24. 1 - 2a, 14 - 18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my