

## Old Testament Reading

Exodus 14. 10-end  
(Too long to print)

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## New Testament Reading

Acts 5: 27-32

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When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

## Gospel Reading

John 20: 19 to end

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When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## News

**You are invited to THE ALPHA COURSE at St Martin's.** Starting Tuesday 3rd May, 6.30pm-9pm at The Christian Centre and in St Martin's Church. ALPHA is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over ten or eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. ALPHA is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. The talks are about thirty minutes long and explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions such as Who is Jesus?, How can we have faith? and How does God guide us? The sessions provide the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say (seriously). It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment. To register your interest, please contact the church office by Thursday 28th April on 884229, or email [stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com)

**Many thanks to all who kindly came to help decorate the church for Easter.** It all looked very beautiful and was much appreciated. Veronica

**Revision of the Parochial Electoral Roll** for St Martin's and St Mary's Pixham will be made between 19 April and 7 May. If you are not already on the roll and wish to be added, please complete an application form (available at the back of church) and give it to the Church Office or to Elizabeth Dobson by Wednesday 4 May. Thanks, Elizabeth.

UKRAINE

APPEAL

**Update from Rev'd Paul Gough.**

Many thanks for your generosity towards the people of Ukraine.

If you would like to carry on giving, the priority for now are imperishables (see list below). I will let you know when clothes may be needed in the future. **List of items needed:** Non-Perishable Goods, Dried Soups, Pot Noodles, Rice and Pasta, Energy Drinks Baby Formula and Food, Nappies all sizes, Baby Buggies (cleaned please), Child Car Seats, Small Toiletries and Toothbrushes, Sanitary Products.

**Email [church@crossways.info](mailto:church@crossways.info) or text/phone 07795 220847. Donations are to be taken to the Prayer Room at Crossways Church in Junction Road, Dorking.** If you need further information please feel free to contact me. Blessings Paul. [revpaulgough@gmail.com](mailto:revpaulgough@gmail.com)

The BBC programme 'Songs of Praise' is coming to Guildford Cathedral. They will be filming on Tuesday May 3rd from 6.30-9.30pm. If you would like to be in the congregation for this, please contact Veronica and she will give you details of how to book a place (you need a ticket).

**Annual Plant and Cake Sale.** Saturday 30th April at the Christian Centre Café and outside if weather is fine! Donations of tombola prizes would be very much appreciated. (Thank you for donations of Books and DVD's, we now have enough). From Wednesday 27th onwards donations of cakes and plants would be appreciated. Thank you, Janette.

**Dorking Area Foodbank** - The items we would like to focus on this week are: tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, 500gm rice, long life sponge puddings x2, 1L cartons of fruit juice, bars of chocolate.

**Please send "News and Notices" for the next issue of the Weekly News Sheet to:** smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or call 884229. If received by the close of business on Wednesday it will be included in the next issue.

**Church of England Daily Hope.** Free phone line with hymns, reflections and prayers: 0800 804 8044.

**Samaritans National Helpline:** 116 123.

*For more information on events or for the Who's Who page, please see the back page of the St Martin's Parish Magazine.*

**Please remember in your prayers:** Billy Yates, Mimi Baines, Maurice, Margaret Maynard, Valerie Pritchard, Davyd, Iryna and all Ukrainians seeking refuge.

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

Morning prayer will be said Monday to Thursday at 9am in the Lady Chapel.

**Churches Together in Dorking Prayers.** Members of CTD all pray for one church, community, congregation or initiative each week. This week we pray for St John's N Holmwood.

**The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer** is available at <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer>. In April we pray for Epsom and Leatherhead 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 today and do join us for a coffee after the service.**

## Sunday 24th April Easter 2

### St Martin's

**Sunday 24th April**

Holy Communion @ 10am

St George's Day Parade Service @ 3pm



Vigil and Prayer for Ukraine @ 7pm

**Wednesday 27th April**

Holy Communion @ 11am

**Sunday 1st May**

Family Communion @ 10am



Vigil and Prayer for Ukraine @ 7pm

### St Mary's

**Sunday 24th April**

Songs of Praise @ 10.30am

**Sunday 1st May**

Holy Communion @ 10.30am

### St Barnabas

**Sunday 24th April**

Matins @ 11am

**Sunday 1st May**

Matins @ 11am

### Collect

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and  
wickedness that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.