

I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.’ So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, ‘Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?’ And the LORD said, ‘If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.’ Abraham answered, ‘Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?’ And he said, ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.’ Again Abraham spoke to the Lord, ‘Suppose forty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of forty I will not do it.’ Then Abraham said, ‘Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.’ The Lord answered, ‘I will not do it, if I find thirty there.’ Abraham said, ‘Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.’ The Lord answered, ‘For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.’ Then he said, ‘Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.’ The Lord answered, ‘For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.’

New Testament Reading
Colossians 2.6-15[16-19] NT Page: 215

Brothers and sisters, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.

He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Gospel Reading
Luke 11.1-13 NT Page: 77

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.’ And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

News

Dorking Area Foodbank - Thank you for your continued generosity. Items we are particularly short of this week are: Bottles of Squash, Tinned Potatoes, Multipacks of Muesli Bars, Toilet Rolls x 4 Pack and Adult Toothbrushes.

The next Choral Evensong will be on Sunday 11th September for Heritage Weekend.

The **Community Wardrobe** has been set up to prevent clothing from going into landfill and to prolong the life cycle of each item. We are in The Christian Centre on most Fridays from 10.00am-1.00pm and 3.30pm-5.00pm. Keep an eye on social media for updates and changes to opening times (Facebook "The Community Wardrobe"). We look forward to seeing you there. Thanks, Michelle Winstone and Carolyn Cook, Directors, The Community Wardrobe.

For the next 3 weeks, please send "News and Notices" for the next issue of the **Weekly News Sheet** to: smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or call 889617 and pass the details to Christine Francis. If articles are received by the close of business on Wednesday they will be included in the next issue.

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

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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:

Michael Light, Patricia Smith, Peter Greene, Mimi Baines, Valerie Pritchard.

Please pray for those who have died:

Billy Yates, Peter Watson.

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

Led morning prayer will be said Monday to Thursday at 9am in the Lady Chapel this week.

Churches Together in Dorking Prayers.

Members of CTD all pray for one church, community, congregation or initiative each week. This week we pray for Crossways Community Baptist Church.

The **Diocesan Calendar of Prayer** is available at <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer>.

In July we pray for the deaneries of Aldershot and Cranleigh and in August for Guildford and Surrey Heath.

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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 24th July

Holy Communion @ 10am
Baptism of Cleo @ 12.30pm

Wednesday 27th July

Holy Communion @ 11am

Sunday 31st July

Holy Communion @ 10am

St Mary's

Sunday 24th July

Songs of Praise @ 10.30am

Sunday 31st July

Family Praise @ 10.30am

St Barnabas

Sunday 24th July

Matins @ 11am

Sunday 31st July

No Morning Service

Wedding @ 12pm

James Adams and Rachel Denham

Collect

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Readings

Genesis 18.20-32

OT Page: 15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin!'