

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 3. 14 to end

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever.

Gospel Reading

John 6. 1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing.

When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

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.

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

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

Church Office News. Michelle Lelliott is relocating to the Lake District in August so I have started working solo again. Having largely worked from home for the past 16 months due to the pandemic, the church office will be re-opening on Tuesday 24th August (after my summer break). If you would like to book an appointment or arrange a visit to see me, or discuss a baptism, wedding or concert please email stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com, call 01306 884229, or visit in person during core opening hours 11-12.30pm, Tuesday to Friday. Thank you, Vicki.

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.

The Traidcraft stall will be at St Martin's on Sunday 8 August. Elizabeth - 881479, emdhd7@hotmail.com



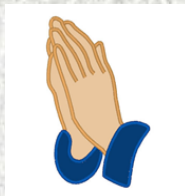
Dorking Foodbank: we are experiencing a huge demand on our supplies just now and are forever grateful for all that you donate. The items we would like to focus on this week are: Tins of meat, Twin pack long life sponge puddings, Pasta sauces, 1L long life fruit juice, 4 pack toilet rolls and Washing machine tablets.

The July/August magazine issue is available at the back of church. Let me know if you have stories, photographs or articles for the September issue. Christine Francis.

News and Notices for the next issue of the Weekly News Sheet need are to be submitted by the close of business on Wednesday or they will not be included. Please email your article to: smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or call 884229 where messages will be picked up regularly. Thank you.

Please remember in your prayers:

Rosie Pegram, James Bascoe,
Rev'd Dr Malcolm Rothwell,
Colin Mills.



Please pray for those who have recently died:

Barry Pegram, 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 United Reformed Church.

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is now available at <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer>. In July we pray for Aldershot and Cranleigh Deaneries.

Foodbank Prayers. Please remember the work of the foodbank in your prayers this Summer. The foodbank is a community project and very much founded on Christian principles - "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25:35-36). Here are some prayer ideas for you to incorporate into your own:

Pray for those in financial difficulty and struggling to feed themselves and their families – that they have hope that they will overcome the challenges they are currently facing and we give thanks for their courage to reach out to the foodbank for help

Pray for those who volunteer at the foodbank – that they are blessed with energy and good health and we give thanks for their compassion and dedication.

Pray for those who support the foodbank – that their hearts remain open to helping their neighbour and we give thanks for their generosity.

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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!

25th July Eighth Sunday after Trinity

St Martin's

Sunday 25th July

Holy Communion @ 10am

Sunday 1st August

Holy Communion @ 10am

St Mary's

Sunday 25th July

Pixham Praise @ 10.30am

Sunday 1st August

Morning Prayer @ 10.30am

St Barnabas

Sunday 25th July

Matins @ 11am

Baptism of Jack Bartlett @ 12.30pm

Sunday 1st August

Holy Communion @ 11am

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
We beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and our bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;
That through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
We may be preserved in body and soul;
Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
Who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 4. 42 to end

A man came bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.