

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 51. 1-17

OT Pg: 550

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

So that you are justified in your sentence and righteous in your judgement.

I have been wicked even from my birth, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

Behold, you desire truth deep within me and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me.

Give me again the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked and sinners shall return to you.

Deliver me from my guilt, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

For you desire no sacrifice, else I would give it; you take no delight in burnt offerings.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 4. 14-16

NT Pg: 235

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4. 1-11

NT Pg: 3

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

News and Notices

Future of St Martin's : Small Groups

The Steering Group met again on Ash Wednesday to discuss arrangements for the small groups. Those from St Paul's who have signed up outnumber those from our three churches, but the Steering Group agreed unanimously that the best way forward would be groups of equal numbers from both benefices and with joint coordinators. It is intended that each group will meet 3 times by mid May with EVERYONE encouraged to attend a service at all 4 churches during this discussion period. In the light of this you are strongly urged to consider joining a group. Online sign-up is now open again. The more people who join the greater our input will be. Please sign up by the end of Monday February 27th – online please via forms.office.com/e/YatF79X55X

Lent Group in the Christian Centre.

Lent study and discussion on the Thursday mornings of Lent. Gathering in the right hand upper room of the Centre concluding on 30th March allowing people to mark Holy Week in other ways. Starts at 11am and finishes by 11.50am to allow people to take lunch in the café should they wish to. I hope you will consider coming and sharing in this positive time of finding strength from our faith. Rev David Pitkeathly.

St Barnabas Lent Quiet Morning - 1st March.

Led by Rev'd Iain McKillop, who is bringing some of his very powerful art for us view and reflect on. It starts at 9.30am with coffee and Eucharist at 10am. Refreshments during the morning, BYO lunch and the session will end at 2pm with a blessing. To express interest please email Revd Caroline Lazenby at clazenby@stjnh.org.uk

Short Service of prayer for healing being held every 4th Tuesday in the small hall of the Christian Centre at 11am. All are welcome to join. Rev'd David Pitkeathly.



Date for your diary - Joint Mothering Sunday Service at St Martin's on Sunday 19th March @ 10am. Everyone is welcome!

Musical Friends. A new singing group at the Dorking Christian Centre. On 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, starting on Friday 3rd March, 10.30am to 12pm. £4 per person including refreshments at 10.30pm followed by singing from 11am. No singing experience needed, just come along and have fun, make friends, sing along to well known and popular songs, with all the words provided. Everyone welcome, including those with dementia with their carers, the bereaved and anyone wishing to boost mental health.

The March edition of St Martin's Parish Magazine is now available at the back of church. Please pick up your copy at only 60p!

Advanced notice: Good Friday Come & Sing (7th April) -Stainer Crucifixion in support of St. Catherine's Hospice, 1.30pm Registration for singers, 7pm Performance. Free admission for audience with retiring collection. Enquiries to Stephen on: 07770392067.

Date for your diary: PLANT AND CAKE SALE. Sat 22nd April @ Dorking Christian Centre 10-12pm. Coffee, Tea, Books, CD's DVD's, Tombola.

Dorking Area Foodbank. Thank you for your support. Suggested items for this week are: Tinned meat, 1 Litre cartons of UHT milk, Jars of instant coffee, Tinned potatoes, 1 Litre cartons of long-life fruit juice, Sponge pudding long-life twin packs.

Weekly News Sheet. "News and Notices" and all articles for the next issue of the church news sheet are to be forwarded to me by no later than Wednesday evening, or call Vicki on 01306 884229 or email stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com

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Samaritans National Helpline: 116 123.

Please remember in your prayers: Henry Haire, Rev'd David Eaton, Ann Austin, Ros Bonsey, Chris Elsey, Sylvia Pelham, Peter MacLennan.



Please pray for those who have died: Michael Norrington.

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 Besom.

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is available at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer. In February we pray for deaneries of Guildford and Surrey Heath and in March for Dorking and Emly.

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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 26th February

Holy Communion @ 10am

Wednesday 1st March

Holy Communion BCP @ 11am

Sunday 5th March

Holy Communion @ 10am

Choral Evensong @ 6pm

St Mary's

Sunday 26th February

Songs of Praise @ 10.30am

Sunday 5th March

Joint Holy Communion Service in St Martin's Church @ 10am

St Barnabas

Sunday 26th February

Matins at 11am

Evening Prayer via Zoom @ 4pm

(Email: robinluff@btinternet.com to be included)

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Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.