

Collect, Special Prayer for today

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;
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.

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1. 10-18 NT Pg: 177

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 4. 12-23 NT Pg: 3

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

News

The next date for the Traidcraft stall is

2nd February, 1st and 22nd March at St Martin's and 23rd February and 29th March at Pixham.

CTD Shared Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - TODAY, Sunday 26th January 6pm at St Joseph's. All welcome.



SMURFS

(St Martin's Under Fives) is a children's

group run by local mums for young families. We meet 10-11.30am on the first Friday of each month at St Martin's Christian Centre. The group is for children under five and is an opportunity for local parents and carers to meet one another. Admission is a suggested £1.50 per child. We provide toys and crafts with a light lunch/snack provided for each child. There is also essential tea, coffee and a sweet treat for the adults. **We need more help!** From late summer, we need more helpers to keep Smurfs running. (This group has been running in one form or another since 1968). A summary of the help needed: buying the snacks, setting up at around 9.30am, running craft activities and packing and clearing up afterwards (to be shared around the helpers to lessen the load on any individual). If we have enough help we may be able to run Smurfs more often. If you can offer to help once a month, please contact St Martin's Church Office on 01306 884229.

On February 2nd at 3pm Rev'd Mike Stewart will lead the first service for Families and Children of the year at St Barnabas Church. All are welcome to this service of Candlemas, a chance to celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple which marks the end of the season of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. This informal family service will be followed by drinks and biscuits.

Rev Val Ogden our previous Methodist Minister will be helping at a Mission Weekend at London Rd Methodist Church, Horsham on Sat 8th and Sun 9th Feb. Sat - 10.00am A presentation about her time in Fiji followed by a light lunch. Sunday - 10.30am Morning Service followed by lunch £8.00 To sign up or more info ring Carolyn King, 01403 268816.

Family Ceilidh/Barn dance on Saturday 8th February, 7.00pm at St. Mary's, Pixham Church. Pizza and chips provided but bring your own drink. Tickets £11.00 for adults and £7.50 for children. Please contact Anne Brown on 01306 884424 or annebrown49@hotmail.com

World Day of Prayer 2020. This year the service will be held at St Paul's, 11am on Friday 6 March. It has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, on the theme "Take up your mat, and walk". Everyone welcome to the service and to the Lent lunch that follows.

Dorking Foodbank. For the next week can we please ask for the following items: Male and Female Deodorant, Fray Bentos Tinned Meat Pies, Heinz Big Soup Tins and 3-Pack small Long Life Juice Cartons. The donation point is in the Christian Centre lobby. Please ensure food items are within date.

Martin Ellis. All will have noticed Martin's name on the prayer list; he is very unwell from cancer but he and Miriam are very grateful for all your prayers and good wishes. To avoid undue pressure please do not call Miriam; the pastoral team are getting updates regularly in a way which avoids this. Martin has been in hospital for the last couple of weeks but is expected home this weekend now that a package of care and support has been put in place.

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 Beatitudes.

News and Notices for the next issue of the Weekly News Sheet are to be forwarded to the church office by the close of business on Wednesday. Please e-mail smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or call 01306 884229.

Those in our congregation who have long term concerns are named in our prayer corner and are prayed for regularly.

Please remember in your prayers: Martin Ellis, Betty and Brian Smith, Steve Parker, Pamela Kerslake, Paul Berning, Heather Anderton, Simon Hardcastle, Frankie Stoner.

And those who have recently died: Marion Rankine, Ruth Mason, Stephen Slogrove, Lea McPhail, Tony Allnutt.



PRAYERS IN CHURCH

Morning Prayer is at 9am in the Lady Chapel Monday to Thursday. Midday Prayer is on Friday in the Lady Chapel.

Please note: There will be no led prayer on Friday 31st January and Friday 7th February due to Memorial/Funeral Services.

For details of many more events and contact numbers please see 'Activities' & 'Who's who' pages of St Martin's Magazine.

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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, and do join us after the 10 o'clock service for coffee.

Sunday 26th January Third Sunday of Epiphany

St Martin's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
President: Derek Tighe

10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Holy Communion and Baptism of Isabela Hardcastle
President: Derek Tighe

St Mary's

10.00am Rise and Shine
President: David Cowan

St Barnabas

11.00am Matins
Led by: Chris Watts

St Joseph's

6.00pm CTD United Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This Week

Tuesday	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship Quiz Afternoon
Wednesday	11.00am	Holy Communion
Saturday	10.00am	Christian Centre Coffee Morning
	12.00pm	Music at Midday, Fumi Otsuki, Violin Sarah Kershaw, Piano

Sunday 2nd February First Sunday in Lent

St. Martin's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Family Worship

6.00pm Choral Eucharist for Candlemas

St. Mary's

10.30am Holy Communion

St Barnabas

11.00am Matins
3.00pm Families and Children Service