

O seed of Abraham his servant, ♦
O children of Jacob his chosen.

He is the Lord our God; ♦
his judgements are in all the earth.

He has always been mindful of his covenant, ♦
the promise that he made for a thousand generations:

The covenant he made with Abraham, ♦
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

Which he established as a statute for Jacob, ♦
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

Saying, 'To you will I give the land of Canaan ♦
to be the portion of your inheritance.'

That they might keep his statutes ♦
and faithfully observe his laws. Alleluia.

Second Reading

Romans 8.26-39

NT Pg: 168

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52

NT Pg: 15

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

News

For the attention of everyone except Debs and Peter Bunn. Peter and Debs move to Devon in September - we are organising a collection to show our appreciation for the considerable contributions they have made to the life of St Martin's. Peter has suggested that any monies collected be donated to St Martin's Church, or other local charity in their name. Should you wish to make a contribution either deliver to the church office in an envelope marked Bunn collection, contact a church member (not Peter) and they can collect from you, or send directly into account name **St Martin's Dorking PCC No 2** - sort code **30-92-70** - account number **00416228** and use Peter Bunn as a reference.

Coronavirus and St Martin's Finances. This is a difficult subject to raise when there are far tougher challenges around, but you will appreciate St Martin's was already running an unsustainable deficit (ca £2350 *monthly* cash outflow) before Coronavirus. The furlough scheme (ending in October) and some Diocese relief has helped offset the loss during lockdown of Sunday plate collections and wall safe donations; these are still very low after the limited reopening this month. Our big hit is the loss of income from concert hirings and the PCC share of fees from occasional offices; this amounts on average to a further £500 per month, with little prospect of it returning till 2021. We are very fortunate that a high proportion of our regular congregation give by standing order etc and we are extremely grateful for their continuing support. We recognise that of course many of you will also be seeing a personal drop in income; however if anyone does feel able to take out, or increase, a standing order (ideally with Gift Aid) Nick (01306 887870) would be delighted to send you the paperwork.

Traidcraft. Please contact Elizabeth Dobson direct on 881479 if you would like items delivered locally.

Church Open for Private Prayer – Monday and Thursday mornings. There are two slots each with two people helping from 9.30am to 10.30am and 10.30am to 11.30am. Please email the Church Office or leave a message on 884229 if you are able to help. Briefing guidance will be given and you of course will be at least 2m distanced from visitors at all time, and more than that for most of it.

Dorking Foodbank is operating at the usual times ([CLICK HERE](#) for these) from the Christian Centre. Donation points in supermarkets remain in place, and the centre one is positioned in the foyer. The most critical donations we need this week are: Tins of Custard, Large Cartons of Fruit Juice, Chocolate Bars, Tins of Meat and Adult Toothpaste.

News and Notices for the next issue of the Weekly News Sheet need to be submitted by the close of business on Wednesday. Please email smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or call 884229. The Church Office is closed, however, Vicki and Michelle can still be contacted by email or by leaving a telephone message (checked regularly).

Please remember in your prayers: Paul Berning, Pamela Kerslake, John Sutherland, Rosie Pegram, Renate MacLennan.

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



Being corporate at a distance. In these unprecedented times we are fortunate that there is a wealth of resources in different media available to enable us to be corporate even when not co-located! Whether you have a basic radio or the latest smartphone, there is something for you:

Our Sunday Service on our “Spire of Dorking” YouTube Channel will be available from 10am. Click on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuzOsRDiIRJE8Y3Zjr3fj0g>

St Barnabas “Live” Sunday Service of Matins via Zoom at 10.45am for 11am. The Preacher will be the Revd Mike Stewart, who will also officiate. If you would like a Zoom invitation, please email carolandmikestewart@outlook.com. If you can't join live, a recording of the Service will be available to watch on Rev'd Mike Stewart's YouTube channel. It has been decided there will be no live, “in-church” services during August.

Bishop Jo's Sunday Sermon is available on the Diocese of Guildford's [website](#).

Your 9am Daily Prayer Click on this link: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> Scroll down and click on the green Morning Prayer box.

Radio Choral Evensong on BBC Radio 3 on Wednesday at 3.30pm, with a repeat on Sunday at 3pm. **Sunday Worship** on BBC Radio 4 at 8.10am.

TV Sunday Worship on BBC One at 11.45am. **Songs of Praise** on BBC One at 1.15pm.

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WITH ST. MARY'S PIXHAM

Sunday 26th July
Trinity 7

Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

Genesis 29. 15-28

OT Pg: 27

Laban said to Jacob, ‘Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?’ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, ‘I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.’ Laban said, ‘It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.’ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, ‘Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed. So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, ‘What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?’ Laban said, ‘This is not done in our country giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.’ Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Psalm 105. 1-11, 45b

OT Pg: 585

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; ♦
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises, ♦
and tell of all his marvellous works.

Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; ♦
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord and his strength; ♦
seek his face continually.

Remember the marvels he has done, ♦
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,