

Collect Prayer

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going
before us you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help we may bring them to
good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 22. 25-end OT Pg: 531

From you comes my praise in the great
congregation; I will perform my vows in the
presence of those that fear you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall
bow before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the nations.

How can those who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship, or those who go down to the
dust kneel before him?

He has saved my life for himself; my descendants
shall serve him; this shall be told of the Lord for
generations to come.

They shall come and make known his salvation,
to a people yet unborn, declaring that he, the Lord,
has done it.

New Testament Reading

Acts 8. 26-40 NT Pg: 135

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go
towards the south to the road that goes down from
Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So
he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian
eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of
the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He
had come to Jerusalem to worship and was
returning home; seated in his chariot, he was
reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to
Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So
Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the
prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what
you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless
someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get
in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the
scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a
sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb
silent before its shearer, so he does not open his
mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation? For his life is
taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked
Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the
prophet say this, about himself or about someone
else?'

Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this
scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news
about Jesus. As they were going along the road,
they came to some water; and the eunuch said,
'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from
being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to
stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch,
went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.
When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of
the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw
him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But
Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was
passing through the region, he proclaimed the good
news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Gospel Reading

John 15. 1-8 NT Pg: 117

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and
my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every
branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that
bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.
You have already been cleansed by the word that I
have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you.
Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless
it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you
abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much
fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.
Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like
a branch and withers; such branches are gathered,
thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in
me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever
you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father
is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and
become my disciples.

News and Notices

Electoral Roll. The revised church electoral roll is
now available for inspection at the back of church.

St Martin's Tea, Games and Social. Saturday 4th
May at 2.30pm in the Christian Centre. Come along
and join us for Company, Tea, Scones, and Games.
Everyone is welcome!

Farewell to our Director of Music. Sunday 5th May
@ 6pm Choral Evensong and farewell to Stephen
Hope. All are welcome to celebrate Stephen's time
with us, the service will include visiting musicians
and party refreshments afterwards.

Ascension Day Service at St Mary's Pixham, on
Thursday 9th May @ 7.30pm. Everyone from the
benefice and all churches in the town are very
welcome to join us for this special service.



Pixham Church, Bank holiday
Monday 27th May, 10am-4pm.
Teas and Scones and Jumble Sale.
Please contact Anne Brown if you
would like to donate any good Jumble items.
Thank you (01306 884424).

Dorking Area Foodbank: Thank you for your support. This week we would like to receive donations of:- Sponge pudding long-life twin packs, Jam, 1kg bags of rice, Bottles of squash, Vegetable oil, Tinned meat. Many thanks.



Date for the diary:- Calling all volunteers, we are kicking off Big Green Week with a Litter Pick on **Friday 7 June from 10 - 1pm**. As always, we meet at South Street Gardens and will have all the tools you'll need, but you can also bring your own. Kathy Kyle, Dorking BID.

In Memoriam Flowers. The flower team are able to create floral arrangements specifically dedicated in memoriam to family members or friends we have lost. If you would like to sponsor one of these fresh flower arrangements at some point this year (at a cost of £30), please let the church office know who the flowers are to be in memory of, and the date you would like them displayed, and this will be incorporated into the flower arranging schedule. The dedicated flower arrangement will be on display in church for 2 weeks.

Weekly News Sheet. "News and Notices" and all articles for the next issue of the church news sheet are to be forwarded to the church office by Wednesday afternoon for inclusion in the next issue by phone on 01306 884229 or: smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or

Church of England Daily Hope Line.
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Samaritans National Helpline: 116 123.

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Please remember in your prayers...

Mary, David and Andrew Cowan, Nicholas Grealy, Allan Tapley, Pauline Welton, Henry Haire, Gay Fraser, Robina Williams.

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 St Mary's Holmbury and St John's Wotton.

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is available at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer. In April we pray for Epsom and Leatherhead deaneries.

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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.

Sunday 28th

April

Easter 5

St Martin's

Sunday 28th April

Holy Communion @ 10am
with Baptism of Maliyah-Rose Mitchell

Wednesday 1st May

Holy Communion @ 11am

Saturday 4th May

Tea, Games and Social @ 2.30pm

Sunday 5th May

Holy Communion @ 10am

Choral Evensong

Farewell to Stephen Hope @ 6pm

St Mary's

Sunday 28th April

Songs of Praise @ 10.30am

Sunday 5th May

Holy Communion @ 10.30am

St Barnabas

Sunday 28th April

Holy Communion @ 11am

Sunday 5th May

Matins @ 11am

Prayer for Vacancy

God our Father, you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be his body in this place: Send us your Holy Spirit at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision and energy and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community. Give your heavenly wisdom to those who are to choose a new priest for this parish, that she or he may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people, ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your Son, Jesus. Amen.