Collect, Special Prayer for today

Merciful God,

you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

New Testament Reading Colossians 2. 6-19

NT Pg: 215

Brothers and sisters, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.

He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Gospel Reading Luke 11. 1-13

NT Pg: 77

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

News

SMURFS (St Martin's Under Fives) Toddler group is next meeting on Friday 2nd August and on the first Friday of each month. The group is friendly and welcoming and love new visitors. Please bring your little ones along for a fun morning.

Reminder - to be prepared for the local road closures on Sunday 4th August during the RideLondon event.

Advanced notice for events at St Mary's Pixham:

*Bank Holiday Monday 26th August 2019, Teas and Scones, between 10.30-4.00pm. Drop in for a cuppa and a chat.

*Saturday 21st September 2019, Heritage Open Day, 10-4pm, including Musicians Music Medley with a Trio of French Horns, local history displays, Pixham Group of Artists Art Exhibition, displays about Gertrude Jekyll and Sir Edwin Lutyens, refreshments including ploughmans' lunches. All proceeds to go towards Phase 2 of St Mary's fundraising, covering the cost of repairs and repainting of all the gutters and downpipes, and most of the cost of improvements to the electrical system.

The summer issue of the Methodist magazine The Connexion has been published. There will be a few free copies at the back of church, or you can request from www.methodist.org.uk/theconnexion.

The latest edition of the Diocese's Grapevine (for July) is now available online. If you need a printed version please ask the church office.

The Traidcraft Stall will be at St Martin's on 1st September. Further dates to follow.

CTD Shared Service: 29th September, 6pm at the Friends' Meeting House.

Dorking Foodbank. For the next week can we please ask for the following items: UHT milk, twin packed sponge puddings, chocolate/snacks, sugar and washing-up liquid. The donation point is in the Christian Centre lobby. Please ensure food items are within date.

'Come & Sing' event at St Martin' in support of St. Catherine's Hospice on Saturday 28th September - Rutter, Sprig of Thyme - beautiful arrangements of a set of traditional folk songs, instrumental items, and concluding with the 'Rhythm of life (Sweet Charity) with audience participation! Accompanied by the Sinfonia da Chiesa ensemble. Singers £15, audience free admission - retiring collection - singers from 1pm, performance at 7pm.

Advanced dates for your diary!

*Quiz Night on Saturday 19th October at the Christian Centre. 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start. To secure your place please contact Elizabeth Dobson on 01306 881479 or e-mail emddh7@hotmail.com

*Shoe boxes for Romania - Coffee morning to help pack gift boxes for Romanian children and families on Saturday 26th October from 10am. If you have any small items to fill the boxes with or would like to buy extra in the coming weeks, please give to Judy Peace (e.g. tooth brushes, pens, socks, gloves, soap, flannels etc). More details will follow soon. Please start collecting shoe boxes.

News and Notices for the Weekly News Sheet are to be forwarded to the church office by the close of business on Wednesdays. Tel: 01306 884229 or e-mail stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com

Churches Together in Dorking Prayers. Members of CTD all pray for one church, community, congregation, organisation or initiative each week. This week we are praying for St John's Capel.

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:
Rosie Pegram, Sandra Lowry, Iris Ball,
Heather Anderton, Brian and Betty Smith,
Renate MacLennan, Paul Berning, Tim Golding,
Steve Parker, Dr Pat Goode.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWS SHEET HOME TO REFER TO



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 28th July Sixth after Trinity

St. Martin's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President: Mike Stewart

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10.00am St Martin's @ 10

Holy Communion

President: Rev Sue Conroy

St. Mary's

10.00am Rise and Shine

President: Graham Everness

St Barnabas

11.00am Matins

President: Mike Stewart

This Week

Wednesday 11.00am Holy Communion

Saturday 10.00am Christian Centre Coffee Morning

Sunday 4th August Cycle Race Seventh after Trinity



St Martin's

8.00am No Service 10.00am No Service

6.00 pm Sung Holy Communion

St Mary's

10.30am Holy Communion

St Barnabas

11.00am No Service

Holiday at Home 2019
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd August
Enjoy a holiday week whilst staying in your own
home. Theme: "We're all going on a
Summer Holiday"

Further Details and Program contact Christian Centre 01306 886830 (9.00 am – 2.30 pm) or Chris Currie, Dorking URC 0777 159 6654