

“Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.”

New Testament Reading

James 1. 16-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7. 1-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’ He said to them, ‘Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.” You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’ Then he said to them, ‘You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition!’

For Moses said, “Honour your father and your mother”; and, “Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.” But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, “Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban” (that is, an offering to God) – then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this.’ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’ When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, ‘Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?’ (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, ‘It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’

News

I shall be starting up **coffee and tea after morning service** on 29th August - please do come along and chat to friends old and new over a beverage and naughty biscuits -if anyone would care to bake a cake please bring it along - it will be much appreciated! Stephen Hope.

Church Office Hours. With immediate effect, the new opening hours for the church office are Tuesday to Friday 11.00am to 12.30pm. If you would like to book an appointment or arrange a visit to see me, or discuss a baptism, wedding, concert etc. please email stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com, call 01306 884229, or visit in person during the above times. Thank you, Vicki.

The first Lunchtime Recital is Saturday 4th September at 12 noon. It will be performed by Fumi Otsuki on the violin and Sarah Kershaw on Piano. The title of the concert will be “A contrast between music of Parry and Delius.”

The Traidcraft stall will be at St Martin's on Sunday 12th September.

Choral Evensong for Heritage Weekend is on Saturday 18th September at 5.30 pm (instead of Sunday 19th as Stephen has another commitment on the Sunday). After Choral Evensong, there will be a special **Harvest Supper at 7pm** in the Christian Centre. If you would like to come to the meal please sign the list at the back of church or call Diana Burges, 01306 881291. It will be good to get together after such a long time!

Stephen Hope conducts the Sussex Festival Choir at Arundel Cathedral on September 19th - Haydn Nelson Mass and Mozart Vespers tickets £24:£22 in support of St. Catherine's Hospice - Tickets from Stephen: 07770 392067 stephenhope60@gmail.com.

Dorking Foodbank: we are experiencing a huge demand on our supplies just now and are forever grateful for all that you donate. The items we would like to focus on this week are: Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Soup, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Veg, Multibag 6 Packs of Crisps and Jars of Pasta Sauce.

Help needed for cleaning the church! I have divided the church into 12 sections and I am looking for 12 volunteers to 'adopt' a section with a view to keeping it clean and tidy. You can come in any time to clean as the church is open every day from 9.30-4pm including weekends. More information from me! Many thanks, Veronica, 01306 640775.

Big questions with Archbishop Welby in Dorking on Saturday 25th September.

Booking is now open for eleven Big Questions events across the diocese to which you can hear Archbishop Justin respond to questions from the public and speak on how to find hope in uncertain times. Guests can book places to come on their own. Archbishop Justin will be at the Dorking Halls on Saturday 25th September at 11.30am. Tickets are free but you need to book on www.BigQuestions-Dorking.eventbrite.co.uk

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 your article to: smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or call 01306 884229 where messages will be picked up regularly. Thank you.

On Sunday 5th September at Pixham there is a short service of thanksgiving for Dorothy Rowe at 10.30am followed by a short service of Holy Communion.

Please remember in your prayers:

Henry and Godfrey Haire, Rosie Pegram, James Bascoe, Rev'd Dr Malcolm Rothwell, Colin Mills.

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 are praying for The Foodbank.

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is now available at <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer>. In August we pray for Guildford and Surrey Heath deaneries and in September for Dorking and Emly 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!

**29th August
Trinity 13**

St Martin's

Sunday 29th August

Holy Communion @ 10am

Sunday 5th September

Holy Communion @ 10am

St Mary's

Sunday 29th August

No Service

Sunday 5th September

Thanksgiving for Dorothy Rowe and Holy Communion @ 10.30am

St Barnabas

Sunday 29th August

No service

Saturday 4th September

Wedding of Anthony Mayes and Catherine Hills

Sunday 5th September

Matins @ 11am

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 4. 1-2, 6-9

Moses said: "Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you. "Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?"