

The Lord watches over those who love him, ♦
but all the wicked shall he destroy.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, ♦
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Second Reading

Romans 9.1-5

I speak the truth in Christ – I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit – I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, for ever praised! Amen.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14. 13-21

When Jesus heard about the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered. “Bring them here to me,” he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

News

Face coverings. Last week in the covering message to WNS we drew attention to the then new CoE guidance strongly advising that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship.

Two days ago the Prime Minister went further and announced that the wearing of face coverings in such settings would become enforceable by law from 8 August. Please comply with this next week.

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.

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.

As you know the magazine is available on the St Martin's Church website. August has just been uploaded. If you know anyone who is unable to access the magazine and would like a copy, please let us know and we can print them a copy in the church office. You can however print a copy yourself by downloading the pdf file to your computer and selecting booklet from your printer menu. It prints half size and looks very good and only uses six A4 sheets of paper. If you have any thoughts, stories, photographs or articles that can be included in the September Mag please let us know in any format, Christine Francis.

Christian Aid Week 2020. The St Martin's e-envelope raised £415 towards the work of Christian Aid; many thanks to all who donated by this and other routes.

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

Coronavirus - Pastoral Care. If anyone is housebound, for any reason, and especially at this time, the pastoral team can always be contacted and will be pleased to offer assistance in getting any essentials such as food or medicines. Please either call the Church Office on 01306 884229 or for direct support from the Pastoral Team email smartinsdorkingpastoral@gmail.com.

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: Toothpaste, Tins of Soup, Long Life Milk, 1 Litre Cartons of Fruit Juice and Tins of Custard.

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, Allan Tighe, 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/UCuzOsRDjIRJE8Y3Zjr3fj0g>

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.

Stay safe everyone, and have a...



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WITH ST. MARY'S PIXHAM

Sunday 2nd August
Trinity 8

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

Isaiah 55.1-5

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without
cost. Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labour on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen
to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight
in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me;
hear me, that your soul may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my
faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him
a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of
the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you
know not, and nations that do not know you will
hasten to you, because of the LORD your God, the
Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with
splendour.”

Psalm 145. 8-9, 15-22

The Lord is gracious and merciful, ♦
long-suffering and of great goodness.

The Lord is loving to everyone ♦
and his mercy is over all his creatures.

The Lord is sure in all his words ♦
and faithful in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all those who fall ♦
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, ♦
and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand ♦
and fill all things living with plenty.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways ♦
and loving in all his works.

The Lord is near to those who call upon him, ♦
to all who call upon him faithfully.

He fulfils the desire of those who fear him; ♦
he hears their cry and saves them.