

## Readings for St Martin's and Pixham

### Collect, Special Prayer for today

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day  
presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you with pure  
and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### New Testament Reading

**Hebrews 2.14-18**      **NT Pg: 234**

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### New Testament Reading

**Luke 2. 22-40**      **NT Pg: 64**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

### News

**Martin Ellis.** All will be sad to hear that Martin passed away at home on Thursday afternoon after a short illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with Miriam at this time.

**Today at 3pm** Rev'd Mike Stewart will lead the first service for Families and Children of the year at St Barnabas Church. All are welcome to this service of Candlemas, a chance to celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple which marks the end of the season of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. This informal family service will be followed by drinks and biscuits.

**Rev Val Ogden** our previous Methodist Minister will be helping at a Mission Weekend at London Rd Methodist Church, Horsham on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th February. Sat 10.00am - A presentation about her time in Fiji followed by a light lunch. Sun 10.30am - Morning Service followed by lunch £8.00. To sign up/info ring Carolyn King, 01403 268816.

**Family Ceilidh/Barn dance on Saturday 8th February, 7.00pm** at St. Mary's, Pixham Church. Pizza and chips provided but bring your own drink. Tickets £11.00 for adults and £7.50 for children. Please contact Anne Brown on 01306 884424 or [annebrown49@hotmail.com](mailto:annebrown49@hotmail.com)

**URC Afternoon Tea** Thursday 20th February 2020 (2pm-4pm), West Street. This is to celebrate the 7th Holiday at Home week at the end of August. All are welcome to the tea which will also include musical entertainment from the Courgettes and Zucchini Sisters. If anyone is interested in helping at the Holiday at Home week in August (24th-28th), theme "Growing and Going" or if you are interested in being a committee member for planning this event or helping at the event, contact Chris Currie, 07771 596654 [chris.currie.dorkingurc@outlook.com](mailto:chris.currie.dorkingurc@outlook.com)

**Christian Centre Building Closure - Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd February.** Please note the Centre will be closed while new flooring in the entrance and café area is put down.

**Benefice Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday** 26th February will be at St Barnabas Ranmore at 8pm.

**World Day of Prayer 2020.** This year the service will be held at St Paul's, 11am on Friday 6 March. It has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, on the theme "Take up your mat, and walk". Everyone welcome to the service and to the Lent lunch that follows.

**Soul Connect "BASE CAMP" Weekend** 13th-15th March 2020. Sleeping and eating @ Crossways Church for 2 nights! A great time of teaching and fun using the local area amenities and countryside. We are also aiming to do a Community action project too. This is for young people in school years 7 to 13. It costs £25.00 per head

**Dorking Foodbank.** For the next week can we please ask for the following items: Small Jars of Coffee, Jam, 1 Litre Cartons of Long-Life Fruit Juice, Sponge Pudding Twin-Packs and Tins of Dog Food. The donation point is in the Christian Centre lobby. Please ensure food items are within date.

**The next date for the Traidcraft stall** is today, 1st and 22nd March at St Martin's and 23rd February and 29th March at Pixham.

**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 St Martin's Shared Church Anglican.

**News and Notices for the next issue of the Weekly News Sheet** are to be forwarded to the church office by the close of business on Wednesday. Please e-mail [stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com) or call 01306 884229.

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:** Miriam Ellis, Betty and Brian Smith, Steve Parker, Pamela Kerslake, Paul Berning, Heather Anderton, Simon Hardcastle, Frankie Stoner.

**And those who have recently died:** Martin Ellis, Lea McPhail, Tony Allnutt.

### PRAYERS IN CHURCH

Morning Prayer is at 9am in the Lady Chapel Monday to Thursday. Midday Prayer is on Friday in the Lady Chapel.

**Please note:** There will be no led prayer on Friday 7th February due to a Funeral Service.

*For details of many more events and contact numbers please see 'Activities' & 'Who's who' pages of St Martin's Magazine.*

# st martin's DORKING

WITH ST. MARY'S PIXHAM

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 2nd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple



### St Martin's

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
President: Derek Tighe

**10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Family Worship**  
President: Derek Tighe

**6.00pm Choral Eucharist for Candlemas**  
President: Derek Tighe

### St Mary's

**10.30am Holy Communion**  
President: David Cowan

### St Barnabas

**11.00am Matins**  
President: Mike Stewart

**3.00pm Service for Families and Children**  
Led by: Mike Stewart

## This Week

Tuesday	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship Talk From Mary Cowan
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Friday	10.00am	SMURFS in the Christian Centre
Saturday	10.00am	Christian Centre Coffee Morning
	7.00pm	Family Ceilidh/Barn Dance at St Mary's Church, Pixham

## Sunday 9th February Third Sunday before Lent

### St. Martin's

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Holy  
Communion**

### St. Mary's

**10.30am Morning Prayer**

### St Barnabas

**11.00am Holy Communion**