

Collect, Special Prayer for today

Nurturing God, to each of us, born from a mother, you have given the gift of the promises of Jesus Christ, born of Mary.

Grant us wisdom and grace to nurture each other in the ways of faithfulness, protecting the weak, equipping the young, and sending those who are ready into the service of your Gospel and your world.

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 5. 16-21 NT Pg: 194

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15. 1-3, 11b-32 NT Pg: 83

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son."

But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

News

There is a CTD Shared Service at St Mary's Pixham today at 6pm followed by refreshments. Please park at the Cricket Ground.

The new Anglican Electoral Roll is now on display at the back of church at St Martin's and St Mary's. Please check it and let Elizabeth Dobson know of any errors or omissions. The version of the roll that includes addresses is available for inspection in the church office.

"Sign me up!" stewardship, time and talents campaign. There are spare copies of the information pack containing the two response forms on the table by the entrance to church. If you missed Derek's sermons on 17 and 24 March, you can read more about the background to the campaign in articles in the April magazine. Do please consider prayerfully your responses, and bring the completed forms to next Sunday's 10am service or return them via the Church Office - pink (giving) forms should be in a sealed envelope. If you have any detailed questions about the forms please ask Nick or Peter.

Good Friday Walk of Witness. Peter Bruinvels needs volunteer marshals (10.40am for briefing in Dorking Halls car park by Medwyn). Please consider whether you or someone you know could take this on. Please respond to him direct on 01306 887082 or canonbruinvels@gmail.com

Friday Lenten Lunches. On Friday's during Lent you are invited to share a frugal meal of soup, bread and cheese, and give what you might have spent - more if you wish! - towards the work of Christian Aid. Venue: **St John's Church, North Holmwood, 12-1.30pm.**

Easter Eggs for Send Prison. Please leave your egg in the Church Office or Christian Centre for Anne Brown to collect. Any sized egg is appreciated. Thanks!

The April copy of our magazine giving full details of all services during Easter is available in church.

SMURFS (St Martins Under Fives) Toddler group, meet this **Friday 5th April** and on the first Friday of the month.

"This Man". A Modern Oratorio. The Easter Story as you've never heard it before! Saturday 6th April at 7.30pm, Leatherhead Methodist Church, Church Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8AY. Adults: £12: Concessions: £10: Children: £10. Booking Online: thismantickets.co.uk. Box Office: 07947910002 or Leatherhead Methodist Church: 01372 362145 leatherheadmc@gmail.com

DEC Cyclone Idai emergency appeal. Street collection in Dorking on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April. Anyone willing to help for an hour with the collection should sign up on the sheet at the back of church or contact Elizabeth Dobson, 01306 881479/ emddh7@hotmail.com

CTD Shared Services this year are booked for:-
Today 31st March, 6pm at St Mary's Pixham
30th June, 6.30pm at St Paul's
30th September, 6pm at the Friends' Meeting House.

Changes to Morning Prayer. From Tuesday 9th April, Morning Prayer will be at the new time of 9am not 8.45am. Note there will be no Morning Prayer during the week commencing 22nd April.

Fauré Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine on Good Friday April 19th at 7pm, St Martin's Church. Retiring collection in aid of St Catherine's Hospice.

Dorking Foodbank. This week we need the following items: Biscuits, Snacks, Toothpaste and Beans. The donation point is in the Christian Centre lobby area.

The next Traidcraft dates are: 7 April, 28 April, 5 May at St Martin's and 14 April at Pixham.

News and Notices for the Weekly News Sheet are to be forwarded to the church office by the close of business on Wednesdays to smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@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 Christians Against Poverty.

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: Gay Fraser, Phyllis Russell, Paul Berning, Mike Stewart, Audrey Timmins, Nicola Carnegie-Floyd, Jack Judd.

And those who have recently died: Arthur Boggis.

PRAYERS IN CHURCH. Morning Prayer is at 8.45am in the Lady Chapel Monday to Thursday. Midday prayer is on Friday in the Lady Chapel.

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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, and do join us after the 10 o'clock service for coffee.

Sunday 31st March Fourth Sunday in Lent Mothering Sunday



St. Martin's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
President: Derek Tighe

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

St. Mary's 10.30am Short Service for Mothering Sunday
Led by: David Cowan

6.00pm CTD Fifth Sunday Service
Led by: David Cowan

St Barnabas No Service

This week

Tuesday 2.30pm Women's Fellowship, Craft Afternoon

Wednesday 11.00am Holy Communion

Friday 10.00am SMURFS in the Christian Centre

Saturday 10.00am Christian Centre Coffee Morning

12.00pm Music at Midday, Lance Mok, Piano

7.30pm Brockham Choral Concert

Sunday 7th April Fifth Sunday in Lent

St Martin's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Family Worship

6.00pm Choral Evensong for Passiontide

St Mary's

10.30am Holy Communion

St Barnabas

11.00am Matins

12.45pm Baptism