

Do please take time to listen to her words and then to meditate on them; as I listened to it in readiness to begin editing, I found myself filled with the same sense of awe that I experience when watching the ISS. I started by saying, "Go watch the ISS!" I'm ending by saying, "Go watch Jenny's sermon on Sunday" ... do both, because they are both good for the heart.
Every blessing, Derek.

Collect, Special Prayer for today

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

New Testament Reading

Acts 2.1-21

NT Pg: 127

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Gospel Reading

John 20.19-23

NT Pg: 123

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

News

Christian Centre. Although the Centre Café is closed, the foyer is open for Community Fridge access 9am-2.30pm on weekdays. We also have capacity to offer an extra 15 pre-booked lunches each day. The menu changes daily and pre-booking is required to reduce food waste. We already deliver to Canterbury Court, Hanover Court and Sondes Farm. Please contact the Centre Managers on 886830 if you feel you would like this service.

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: stmartinspastoral@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 even though the one in the Centre is not available in the current lockdown. The most critical donations we need this week are: packs of 4 toilet rolls, boxes of muesli bars, sponge pudding twin packs, washing machine laundry capsules and bars of chocolate.

As you know the magazine is available on the St Martin's Church web site. 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. Under normal circumstances next month would be a double issue combining July and August, however, the magazine team are happy to do a dedicated August issue, it may be fewer pages, but is another way of keeping in touch. So any thoughts, stories, photographs or articles you would like included, please let us know. It can be any format, computer file or handwritten. Christine Francis.

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

Church of England Daily Hope – Free phone line with hymns, reflections and prayers: 0800 804 8044

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 stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or call 884229. The Church Office is closed. However, Vicki and Michelle can still be contacted by email or phone.

Please remember in your prayers:

Pamela Kerslake, Paul Berning, Rosie Pegram, James Stanton.

And those who have recently died:

Michael Kent, Brian Carr, Jacqueline Lloyd, Cicely Mary MacGeorge.

Those in our congregation who have long term concerns are prayed for regularly.



Michael Kent. Carolyn, Nick and the wider family would like to thank the St Martin's church family for the very many kind messages, phone calls and cards that they have received following their father's death. It is a great source of support to us. Sadly the present circumstances mean that we can only have a small family funeral but we hope to have a Thanksgiving Service at St Martin's in the not too distant future.

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 Available from 10am on Sunday, please note the earlier time - to avoid a clash with St Barnabas. Click on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuzOsRDiRJE8Y3Zjr3fj0g>

“Live” Service of BCP Holy Communion

to celebrate Pentecost via Zoom from St Barnabas at 10.50am for 11am. Please email carolandmikestewart@outlook.com if you would like to be invited. We also hope to record the Service on Zoom and post it to our public youtube channel after the Service has finished. [Link to YouTube](#)
Chris Watts will be preaching and we have some lovely music as well. Please join us!

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.
Songs of Praise on BBC One at 1.15pm.

Live Stream Event St Paul's Dorking are streaming Sunday services live via their website.

Guildford Cathedral Pentecost Zoom Beacon Event @ 6pm-7pm on Sunday 31st May.

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WITH ST. MARY'S PIXHAM



**Sunday 31st May
Pentecost**

From Derek

Well, somewhat unusually I am opening with 'Good evening' from the Vicar's Study. And I want to begin by asking you whether or not you have ever stood outside and watched the International Space Station (ISS) fly overhead? If not... you should!

I am writing this now (i.e. this evening) because I have just come in from watching it passing overhead. It is a source of great amusement to my children that I often make such a big thing of this occurrence.

It first came into sight this evening in the West at 2207hrs... at which point it was some 920 miles away from Dorking. It passed (almost) directly overhead 3 minutes later... at which point it was more or less 265 miles above our heads and travelling at some 17000mph. It finally disappeared from view at 2215hrs (5 minutes later). At this point... it was approximately 1287 miles away from Dorking; it was, as closely as I can estimate, somewhere over Brno in the Czech Republic as it finally disappeared from view here in Dorking. That's worth stopping and thinking about for a moment or two: a manmade object, orbiting some 265 miles above the earth was still visible from Dorking as it passed over Brno in the Czech Republic!

OK... so... by now you are probably wondering what on earth this has got to do with anything? Well, it's this. Although this particular thing (the ISS) may be man-made it is (in my humble opinion) still a miracle... and I marvel at it... in much the same way that I marvel at the sight of a Boeing 747 making the transition from ground to air during its take-off roll... every time! Sorry if you think that's weird. But I think that it is so important to be able to appreciate the everyday miracles that surround us continuously. If we drift through our lives failing to marvel at what is miraculous around us, how can we be adequately prepared to appreciate those moments that some would more readily label 'miracles'?

The Feast of Pentecost marks, what is for me, one of the great faith miracles: the Holy Spirit descending, very tangibly, upon the disciples ten days after Jesus' ascension. To those of you reading this who do not have a faith, what does this mean to you? What do you think might have been happening here? To those of you with a fledgling faith, how does it sound? Scary? Awesome? Confusing? And to those of you who have been going to church all of your lives, what emotions does this stir up in you? Does it stir up any emotions in you?! Or has Pentecost become, perhaps, just another date on the Church's calendar? Whichever of these (maybe none of these) might apply to you, I would commend to you Jenny Firth's sermon to us in this coming Sunday's Eucharist service from St Martin's.