

## Collect, Special Prayer for today

Just and merciful God,  
true Lord of every house, sure delight of every  
heart, come into our midst today to speak your  
word and satisfy our hunger.  
Enable us to see you clearly, to welcome you with  
joy, and to give justice and mercy  
a place in our lives. Grant this through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with  
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

## New Testament Reading

**2 Thessalonians 1. 1-12 NT Pg: 221**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the  
Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must always  
give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as  
is right, because your faith is growing abundantly,  
and the love of everyone of you for one another is  
increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you  
among the churches of God for your steadfastness  
and faith during all your persecutions and the  
afflictions that you are enduring. This is evidence  
of the righteous judgement of God, and is intended  
to make you worthy of the kingdom of God, for  
which you are also suffering. For it is indeed just  
of God to repay with affliction those who afflict  
you, and to give relief to the afflicted as well as to  
us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven  
with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting  
vengeance on those who do not know God and on  
those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord  
Jesus. These will suffer the punishment of eternal  
destruction, separated from the presence of the  
Lord and from the glory of his might, when he  
comes to be glorified by his saints and to be  
marvelled at on that day among all who have  
believed, because our testimony to you was  
believed. To this end we always pray for you,  
asking that our God will make you worthy of his  
call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve  
and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord  
Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him,  
according to the grace of our God and the Lord  
Jesus Christ.

## Gospel Reading

**Luke 19. 1-10 NT Pg: 88**

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A  
man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief  
tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see  
who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he  
could not, because he was short in stature.

So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see  
Jesus, because he was going to pass that way. When  
Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to  
him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must  
stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and  
was happy to welcome Jesus. All who saw it began  
to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of  
one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said  
to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I  
will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone  
of anything, I will pay back four times as much.'  
Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to  
this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For  
the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the  
lost.'

## News

**Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal.** Many thanks to  
everyone who contributed gifts and money to the  
Appeal. Also to the helpers who packed 48 boxes at  
our Coffee Morning on October 26th. It is lovely to  
know that 48 families will be receiving our love and  
gifts for Christmas. A report and pictures will be in  
our November and December Parish Magazines.  
Many thanks again from Aveley Parker, Judy Peace  
and your Pastoral Team.

**The Traidcraft Stall** will be at St Martin's today and  
1st December.

**Remembering With Thanksgiving Service, today,**  
Sunday 3rd November at 2.45pm. Everyone is  
welcome to come along to this special service with  
music, time to reflect and a chance to join with  
others in a time of peace and healing.

**Bingo Evening to raise money for Pixham Church**  
on Saturday 16th November at 6:30pm, Old Pixham  
School. Adults £7.50, Children £4.00. Bingo Cards  
£1:00 each (playing 4/5 games). Great prizes and  
Bangers and Mash Dinner (Boxhill Bangers,  
vegetarian/vegan/gluten free options available).  
For tickets please contact Gayle on 07951 884836  
(preferably by text) or Anne Brown 884424 /  
annebrown49@hotmail.com Money raised will be  
put towards electrics and repairs to guttering. Please  
let us know your dietary requirements.

**Talk on Initiatives for the Homeless in Dorking.**

There will be a meeting at my home, 115 Parkway,  
RH4 1ET on 19th November, 7.30 until 9pm.  
Lucy, Director of the Glass Door in London will be  
helping us see what churches can realistically do for  
the homeless. Please come. Blessings, Paul Gough.

**Dorking Foodbank.** Thank you for your continued  
support. For the next week can we please ask for the  
following items: Small 500ml UHT Milk, Tinned  
Fish, Chocolate and Mini Individual Christmas  
Puddings. Please ensure food items are well within

date.

### Service of Prayer for Persecuted Christians.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, as you may know, 75% of those discriminated against because of their faith around the world are Christians. This should come as no surprise, of course, as Jesus clearly promises this! However, we should pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters; and Red Wednesday - 27th November 2019 - has been designated an opportunity to do this and to raise awareness of this in recent years.

Many Christian organisations and churches support this initiative, and Fr Tony will be holding a Service of Prayer for Persecuted Christians at St Joseph's on Red Wednesday, at 7pm, to which all are invited. The service will last an hour, and simple refreshments will be available afterwards, as well as more information about the plight of Christians around the world. I would urge all in our faith community... and beyond... to make very best efforts to be there, to stand in solidarity with our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. For more information see <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday/> Thank-you, Derek.

**Dorking Christian Centre invite you to enjoy a wonderful Christmas Day.** Come alone, come with friends, bring a neighbour, bring the whole family. Helping hands welcome, beforehand or on the day. Let us know if you can assist and if you would like to join in the festivities. The format of the day: 10am St Martin's Christmas Day Service, 11am welcome drinks, 12.30pm Festive Christmas Lunch, followed by gifts, games and entertainment, The Queen's speech at 3pm followed by tea, cake and conversation, 3.45pm goody bags and departures. Suggested donation £5 per head. Interested? Great! Please call Janette or Clare on 01306 886830 by Friday 20th December at the latest.

**News and Notices for the Weekly News Sheet** are to be forwarded to the church office by the close of business on Wednesdays. Tel: 01306 884229 or e-mail [smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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 Holy Trinity Westcott.

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:**  
Betty and Brian Smith, Heather Anderton, Pamela Kerslake, Mike Stewart, Simon Hardcastle, Paul Berning,



#### PRAYERS IN CHURCH

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

# 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 3rd November Fourth before Advent

### St Martin's

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

**10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Family Worship**  
President: David Cowan

**2.45pm Remembering with Thanksgiving**  
Led by: Derek Tighe

**6.00pm Choral Evensong**  
Led by: Derek Tighe



### St Mary's

**10.30am Holy Communion**  
President: Stuart Peace

### St Barnabas

**3.00pm Evensong Remembering with Thanksgiving**  
Led by: Mike Stewart

## This Week

**Tuesday 2.30pm** Women's Fellowship,  
Elizabeth Dobson,  
Talk about Medieval  
Brancepeth Castle

**Wednesday 11.00am** Holy Communion

**Saturday 10.00am** Christian Centre  
Coffee Morning

## Sunday 10th November Third before Advent

### St. Martin's

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10.00am Service of Remembrance followed by**

**10.45am War Memorial**

**St. Mary's Joint Service at St Martin's**

### St Barnabas

**10.30am Matins - Act of Remembrance**



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