

Message from Derek

Dear friends,

I hope that you will forgive the brevity of these words; but, in amongst an overloaded diary and a desk whose surface has yet to fully emerge from the mass (should that be mess?) of worldly paperwork that is presently hiding it, I wanted to take just a moment to wish one and all a very happy, blessed and peaceful Eastertide. With every resurrection blessing, Derek.

Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Old Testament Reading Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel Reading: John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

News

The April Magazine is available at the back of church. If any of our distributors are unable to collect their issues, let me know and I will pop them round. Also, if you know anyone who is unable to access previous issues and would like a copy we can print them at the church office. Let me know if you have stories, photographs or articles for future magazines. Christine Francis 889617.

The Christian Centre. We are looking forward to welcoming you back to the Christian Centre as soon as we are able to. In the meantime, we continue to offer takeaway lunches Mon-Fri 12-1pm. From 17 May we can re-open our café, and from 21 June we hope to be fully open with all activities resumed. Please note, these dates and regulations are subject to review by Government. For more detail please contact the Centre on 886830 9am-2pm or email: centremanager@dorkingchristiancentre.org.uk

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WITH ST. MARY'S PIXHAM

Welcome, particularly if you are new or just visiting, it is lovely to h

Sunday 4th April



Sunday

Live Service at St Martin's

**Sunday 4th April @ 10.00am
Family Communion for Easter Day**

*(If attending this service please e-mail
smartinsdorkingattendance@btinternet.com
Subject: Easter Morning Service)*

**Sunday 11th April @ 10am
Holy Communion Easter 2**

Online Services (pre-recorded)

You can find pre-recorded Sunday services online via our website: smartinsdorking.org or on our YouTube channel "Spire of Dorking"

**Sunday 4th April
Family Communion for Easter Day**

Private Prayer at St Martin's

Wednesday 7th April - 9.30-12pm

Saturday 10th April - 9.30-12pm

Live Services at St Mary's Pixham

**Sunday 4th April @ 10.30am
Easter Day Family Communion**

**Sunday 11th April @ 10.30am
Morning Prayer**

St Barnabas Services on Zoom

If you are not currently on the list of people invited to St Barnabas Zoom services, but would like to be, contact:

clazenby@stjnh.org.uk (4th)

chris@candvwatts.co.uk (11th)

**Sunday 4th April @ 11am
Holy Communion for Easter Day**

**Sunday 11th April @ 11am
Matins**

If you are not yet ready to gather physically in church, remember you can join us online at: www.stmartinsdorking.org, view our pre-recorded church services at Spire of Dorking on YouTube, follow us on twitter @spireofdorking, or for help or information, please e-mail us at: smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com

Private Prayer: Church is open on Wednesday and Saturday mornings 9.30-12pm for private prayer.

Christian Centre Plant Sale. The annual plant sale is on Saturday 1st May 10am-12pm, with social distancing in place. Donations of plants gratefully received the week before.

Traidcraft. I am happy to take orders and deliver in Dorking. Elizabeth - 881479, emddh7@hotmail.com

Dorking Foodbank: Donation points in supermarkets and Christian Centre remain in place. This week we particularly need donations of : Tins of Vegetables, Small Jars of Coffee, Tins of Tomatoes, Adult Toothbrushes and Tins of Soup.

Face coverings in a place of worship continue to be required (unless exempt). Thank you for your understanding.

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. Messages are picked up regularly.

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 Society of Friends (Quakers).

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is now available at <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer> . In April we pray for Epsom and Leatherhead.

Please remember in your prayers: Pam Toler, Rev'd Dr Malcolm Rothwell, James Bascoe, Colin Mills, Steve Parker, John Ivings, Barry and Rosie Pegram.

Please pray for those who have recently died:
John Oborn.



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

John Oborn's Funeral will be at Randalls Road Crematorium, Leatherhead at 11.45am on Tuesday 20th April. Numbers are restricted but there may be a webcast of the funeral. Details of this are to follow.

Being corporate at a distance. Whether you have a radio or the latest smartphone, find something for you:

Our Sunday Service will be available to view via this link on our "Spire of Dorking" YouTube Channel from 10am. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuzOsRDdiRJE8Y3Zjr3fj0g>

Bishop Andrew's Sermon - "A cloud of witnesses".
[Website Link](#)

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.

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong. Wednesday 3.30pm or Sunday at 3pm.

Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4 at 8.10am.

TV: Sunday Worship on BBC One at 11.15am and **Songs of Praise** on BBC One at 1.15pm.

Samaritans National Helpline: 116 123