

## Collect, Special Prayer for today

Almighty God,  
in the birth of your Son  
you have poured on us the new light of your  
incarnate Word,  
and shown us the fullness of your love:  
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love  
that we may know the fullness of his joy;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## New Testament Reading

**Ephesians 1. 3 - 14**      **NT Pg: 205**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with  
every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,  
just as he chose us in Christ before the  
foundation of the world to be holy and  
blameless before him in love.

He destined us for adoption as his children  
through Jesus Christ, according to the good  
pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious  
grace that he freely bestowed on us in the  
Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses according to  
the riches of his grace that he lavished on us.  
With all wisdom and insight he has made  
known to us the mystery of his will, according  
to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,  
as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up  
all things in Christ, things in heaven and things  
on earth.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance,  
having been destined according to the purpose  
of him who accomplishes all things according  
to his counsel and will, so that we, who were  
the first to set our hope on Christ, might live  
for the praise of his glory.

In him you also, when you had heard the word  
of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had  
believed in him, were marked with the seal of  
the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of  
our inheritance towards redemption as God's  
own people to the praise of his glory.

## Gospel Reading

**John 1. (1-9) 10-18**      **NT Pg: 98**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word  
was with God, and the Word was God. He was  
with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him  
nothing was made that has been made. In him

was life, and that life was the light of men. The  
light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has  
not understood it.

There came a man who was sent from God; his  
name was John. He came as a witness to testify  
concerning that light, so that through him all men  
might believe. He himself was not the light; he  
came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to every man was  
coming into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was  
made through him, the world did not recognise  
him. He came to that which was his own, but his  
own did not receive him. Yet to all who received  
him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the  
right to become children of God – children born not  
of natural descent, nor of human decision or a hus-  
band's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling  
among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the  
One and Only, who came from the Father, full of  
grace and truth.

John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying,  
"This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after  
me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" From the fulness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.

For the law was given through Moses; grace and  
truth came through Jesus Christ. No-one has ever  
seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the  
Father's side, has made him known.

## News

**The next dates for the Traidcraft stall** are today  
and 2 February at St Martin's, and 19 January at  
Pixham.

**CTD Annual General Meeting** will take place on  
Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.30pm in the  
Christian Centre. All welcome! It's not just  
formalities but a chance to learn about and celebrate  
the various activities of the past year.

**CTD Shared Service** for the Week of Prayer for  
Christian Unity - Sunday 26th January 6pm at  
St Joseph's. All welcome.

**URC Afternoon Tea** on Thursday 20th February  
2020 (2pm - 4pm) 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 who were very well received at Holiday at  
Home in the summer. Invitations will be available  
in January 2020. We look forward to seeing you in  
February. If anyone is interested in helping at the  
Holiday at Home week in August 2020 do make  
yourself known. Contact Chris Currie,  
07771596654 [chris.currie.dorkingurc@outlook.com](mailto:chris.currie.dorkingurc@outlook.com)

At CTD's last meeting on 2 October, I gave my '3 months notice' that I'll be standing down from the secretary's role at the AGM on 21 January. I have approached other CTD church reps to encourage their churches to take their turn in the role this time but I haven't had any comeback as yet and it may be that once again someone at St Martin's feels able and willing to step up.

A brief 'job description' is available- although it's pretty much obvious what it entails - and I am happy to have a chat about it without commitment. Please contact me on 01306 889008. Thanks. Debs Bunn.

**Bible Reading Fellowship:** Study notes for Jan-April 2020 are in pigeonholes at the back of St Martin's. Please collect yours, Sally Lowe (884467).

**SMURFS (St Martin's Under Fives)** Toddler group is next meeting on 7th February and on the first Friday of each month. The group is friendly and welcoming and love new visitors. Please bring your little ones along for a fun morning.

**Dorking Foodbank.** For the next week can we please ask for the following items: mini cereal variety packs, bars of soap, tinned macaroni cheese/veg chilli, tinned meat Bolognese/chilli and small cartons of UHT milk. The donation point is in the Christian Centre lobby. Please ensure food items are within date.

**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 John's, Chapel

**Reigate Baptist Church Christian Music ladies event,** 17th January 2020 at 7pm. Lou Fellingham, Songwriter and Worship Leader. For more information call 01737 248258. Tickets are £5. Enquiries to [info@reigatebaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:info@reigatebaptistchurch.org.uk)

**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 **Tuesday 7th January.** Tel: 01306 884229 or e-mail

[stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com)

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

And those who have recently died: Stephanie Wright

#### 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 5th January Second Sunday of Christmas

### St Martin's

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

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

**6.00pm Evensong for the Eve of Epiphany**  
Chris Watts

### St Mary's

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

### St Barnabas

**11.00am Matins**  
Chris Watts

## This Week

Tuesday 2.30pm Women's Fellowship  
Members Afternoon

Wednesday 11.00am **Holy Communion**  
Mothers' Union Corporate  
Communion

Saturday 10.00am Christian Centre Coffee  
Morning

10.00 am Table Top Sale at  
St Mary's, Pixham

## Sunday 12th January First Sunday of Epiphany

### St. Martin's

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

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

### St. Mary's

**10.30 am Morning Prayer**

### St Barnabas

**11.00am Holy Communion**

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