

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

New Testament Reading

James 2. 1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.] What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7. 24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'

But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

News

Sunday 5th September at Pixham - there is a short service of thanksgiving for Dorothy Rowe at 10.30am followed by a short service of Holy Communion.

Churchyard Gardening. Volunteers are required for some trimming of shrubs on Friday 10th September, 10am onwards, please arrive armed with your gloves and secateurs. Many hands make light work! It would be great if you are able to spare an hour to help get the churchyard tidy in time for Heritage Open Weekend. Thank you all in advance.

Heritage Open Days!

Can you help please?

We are short of stewards to be in church during heritage

weekend 18/19 September and if you could help by being in church for an hour over the Saturday and Sunday it would be a lovely outreach for those coming to look at our church. There is a list at the back of church for people to sign. Very many thanks for those who have signed already, Judy.



Choral Evensong for Heritage Weekend is on Saturday 18th September at 5.30 pm (instead of Sunday 19th). After Choral Evensong, there will be a special **Harvest Supper at 7pm** in the Christian Centre. If you would like to come to the meal please sign the list at the back of church or call Diana Burges, 881291. It will be good to get together after such a long time!



Can anyone help Stephen Hope setting up refreshments on a Sunday after the service? It would be great if a few volunteers could make a Coffee Rota similar to the one we had prior to lockdown.

Help needed for cleaning the church! I have divided the church into 12 sections and I am looking for 12 volunteers to 'adopt' a section with a view to keeping it clean and tidy. You can come in any time to clean as the church is open every day from 9.30-4pm including weekends. More information from me! Many thanks, Veronica, 01306 640775.

Stephen Hope conducts the Sussex Festival Choir at Arundel Cathedral on September 19th - Haydn Nelson Mass and Mozart Vespers tickets £24: £22 in support of St. Catherine's Hospice - Tickets from Stephen: 07770 392067 stephenhope60@gmail.com.

Dorking Foodbank: The items we would like to focus on this week are: Biscuits, Tinned Meat, Jars of Pasta Sauce, Washing Up Liquid and Washing Machine Capsules.

Big questions with Archbishop Welby in Dorking on Saturday 25th September.

Booking is now open for eleven Big Questions events across the diocese to which you can hear Archbishop Justin respond to questions from the public and speak on how to find hope in uncertain times. Guests can book places to come on their own. Archbishop Justin will be at the Dorking Halls on Saturday 25th September at 11.30am. Tickets are free but you need to book on www.BigQuestions-Dorking.eventbrite.co.uk

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 your article to: smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or call 01306 884229 where messages will be picked

Please remember in your prayers:

Henry and Godfrey Haire, Rosie Pegram, James Bascoe, Rev'd Dr Malcolm Rothwell, Colin Mills.

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

Morning Prayer will be said by The Rev'd Derek Tighe in the Lady Chapel at 9am Monday to Thursday.

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 New Life Church.

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

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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 today. Do join us after the service for a chat and a cuppa.



5th September
Trinity 14

St Martin's

Sunday 5th September
Holy Communion @ 10am
Followed by Baptism of Lawrence

Wednesday 8th September
Holy Communion @ 11am

Sunday 12th September
Morning Prayer @ 10am
with Baptism of Nelly and Ada

St Mary's

Sunday 5th September
Thanksgiving for Dorothy Rowe and
Holy Communion @ 10.30am

Sunday 12th September
Morning Prayer @ 10.30am

St Barnabas

Sunday 5th September
Matins @ 11am

Saturday 11th September
Wedding of Benedict Griffiths & Louisa Watts

Sunday 12th September
Holy Communion @ 11am

Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35. 4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.