

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

## New Testament Reading

### 2 Peter 3. 8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

## Gospel Reading

### Mark 1.1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

## News

**Tree of Light Service at St Paul's Church.** Tonight 6.30pm – in person and live streamed. Christmas can be a particularly tough time for those who have lost loved ones. St Paul's is holding a Tree of Light service that offers a time of reflection to acknowledge feelings of loss as well as to remember how Christ's coming brings light into the darkness. All are very welcome to attend on-line or in person (space permitting). For more info visit our website.

**Christmas Cards.** As we are not able to put out boxes for Christmas cards at the back of church this year, if you would like to send just one small card to everyone, there will be a Christmas card 'tree' at the back of church. If you cannot get to church to do this, please send your cards to me at 5 Priory Close, RH4 3NG, and I will peg your card on the tree. Thank you, Veronica Watts.

**The December magazine** is now available in church. If any of the distributors would like their bundle to be delivered to them please ring Christine Francis 889617. If you know anyone who is unable to access the previous issues and would like a copy, please let us know and we can print them at the church office. If you have any thoughts, stories, photographs or articles that can be included in the mag please let us know in any format.

**Stewarding for Private Prayer on Saturday afternoons.** To enable people to see our lovely Christmas windows and tree while in the church for private prayer on Saturday afternoons, we still need some stewards to help on December 12th and December and 19th, either 12-1.30 or 1.30-3pm. Call Judy, 01306 883002.

**Samples of the Traidcraft Christmas card range** are available to browse when St Martin's is open for private prayer, along with copies of the Christmas catalogue; or go to [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk). I am happy to take orders, and to deliver within Dorking. Elizabeth Dobson (881479, [emddh7@hotmail.com](mailto:emddh7@hotmail.com)).

**Boxing Day at the Christian Centre.** We will be hosting an afternoon's entertainment, 12.30 to 3pm on Saturday 26th December: a light lunch (soup, cheese and pudding) followed by some games and finishing with tea and cake. All welcome (as far as capacity allows) but pre-booking is required. Please contact the Centre Manager on 01306 886830 or e-mail [centremanager@dorkingchristiancentre.org.uk](mailto:centremanager@dorkingchristiancentre.org.uk) by Friday 18th December latest.

**St Barnabas Services.** There is no service on 6th December, however the wedding of David Arnold and Bina Varkey is at 12pm. On Sunday 13th December there will be a live Holy Communion Service, also available via Rev'd Mike Stewart's YouTube channel.

**Park for Free after Three.** Until 29 Jan 2021 MVDC with Dorking Town Partnership will offer free parking every Friday from 3pm in St Martin's Walk, Wathen Road, Southside and West Street car parks. Also there will be **FREE PARKING all day on weekends in December!**

**CTD Monthly Prayer zoom** - 6.45pm this Sunday and each first Sunday of the month. Contact Father Tony for Zoom meeting details.

**Dorking Foodbank** is operating at the usual times ([CLICK HERE](#) for these) from the Christian Centre. Donation points in supermarkets remain in place, and the centre one is positioned in the foyer and can be accessed at the times listed above in the Christian Centre update. This week we particularly need: Christmas Biscuits, Mince Pies, Christmas Cakes, Washing-Up Liquid and Single Adult Toothbrushes.

**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](mailto:smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com) or call 884229. Messages are picked up regularly.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Brian Smith, Louise Dorrington, Allan Tighe, Angela Cole, Barry and Rosie Pegram, Renate MacLennan, Steve Taggart, Paul Berning.



**Please pray for those who have recently died:** Pamela Kerlake, Steve Lane-Allman, Stuart Ryland, Betty Smith, Peter Cole, Joy Folkard.

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

**The December edition of the Diocesan Calendar of Prayer** is now available at <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer>. This month we are praying for parishes in the deaneries of Farnham and Godalming.

**Being corporate at a distance.** Whether you have a basic radio or the latest smartphone, there is 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 Jo's Sunday Sermon** - is available at Diocese of Guildford's [website](#).

**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 11.45am.

**Songs of Praise:** on BBC One at 1.15pm.

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## Sunday 6th December Advent 2



As we all know, Christmas worship this year has to be rather different... and it saddens me greatly to be unable to provide the usual variety of festive services and nativities. Nevertheless, we will celebrate the birth of the Christ child—in church and online—the message remains.. it is "Comfort and Joy"  
Blessings, Derek.

### *Live Services at St Martin's*

**Sunday 6th December @ 10am**  
Eucharist for Advent 2

**Sunday 13th December @ 10am**  
Eucharist for Advent 3

**Sunday 20th December @ 10am**  
Eucharist for Advent 4

**Friday 25th December @ 10am**  
Family Communion for  
Christmas morning

### *Online Services (pre-recorded)*

**Sunday 6th December** Eucharist for Advent 2

**Sunday 13th December** Eucharist for Advent 3

**Sunday 20th December** Eucharist for Advent 4

**Thursday 24th December** Midnight Mass

### **Collect**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

### **Old Testament Reading**

#### **Isaiah 40.1-11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.