

offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.”

He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

New Testament Reading Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16 NT Page: 240

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah’s involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised.

Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one.

Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel Reading Luke 12.32-40 NT Page: 80

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open

the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

News

Derek's last Sunday at St Martin's will be on 28th August and after the 10am service we are planning to give him a cheque from the congregation to use as he wishes. To give him a good 'send off' we will be having Prosecco and nibbles after the service. There will be a card for everyone to sign at the back of church on the next three Sundays.

If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Derek and family here are the Bank details of the specially designated account:

Name: St Martin's /Dorking /PCC. No.2 account,
Sort Code: 30-92-70, **Account Number:** 00416228.

This is a business account. Please pay online or pay at your bank if possible, as we have to pay a fee to pay in cheques. Many thanks, Veronica

I am very pleased to announce that we have been granted a List B permission from the Archdeacon, Martin Breadmore, to go ahead with the **Lighting work in St Martin's**. The work will be undertaken by CES and they hope to start in October.

Veronica

Dorking Area Foodbank - Thank you for your continued generosity. Items we are particularly short of this week are: long life fruit juice 1L cartons, 100gm jars of instant coffee, tinned meat, jars of pasta sauce and toothpaste.

The next Choral Evensong will be on Sunday 11th September for Heritage Weekend.

The Community Wardrobe has been set up to prevent clothing from going into landfill and to prolong the life cycle of each item. We are in The Christian Centre on most Fridays from 10.00am-1.00pm and 3.30pm-5.00pm. Keep an eye on social media for updates and changes to opening times (Facebook “The Community Wardrobe”). We look forward to seeing you there. Thanks, Michelle Winstone and Carolyn Cook, Directors, The Community Wardrobe.

Are you currently exploring or considering ordained ministry in the Church of England then join a vocational retreat at St. Columbas House, Woking 14th-16th October led by The Revd Haydon Wilcox. Contact: admin@stcolumbushouse.org.uk or ring 01483 766498 for more details.

Tiny Tots Nursery & Pre School has opened at St. Mary's Pixham. Hours are 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Please see www.tinytotspixhamnursery.co.uk, email tinytotspixham@outlook.com or phone 07469460155 for details.

For the next 2 weeks, please send "News and Notices" for the next issue of the Weekly News Sheet to: smartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or call 889617 and pass the details to Christine Francis. If articles are received by the close of business on Wednesday they will be included in the next issue.

You can leave messages on the church office telephone, but also there is a mobile number for urgent matters: 07392 819396

Church of England Daily Hope. Free phone line with hymns, reflections and prayers: 0800 804 8044.

Samaritans National Helpline: 116 123.

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For more information on events or for the Who's Who page, please see the back page of the St Martin's Parish Magazine.

Please remember in your prayers:

Michael Light, Patricia Smith, Peter Greene, Mimi Baines, Valerie Pritchard.

Please pray for those who have died:

Billy Yates.

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

Until further notice, there will be no led morning prayer in church.

Churches Together in Dorking Prayers.

Members of CTD all pray for one church, community, congregation or initiative each week. This week we pray for Holy Trinity Westcott.

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is

available at <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer>.

In August we pray for the deaneries of Guildford and Surrey Heath.

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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 and do join us for a coffee after the service.



St Martin's

Sunday 7th August

Holy Communion @ 10am
Combined with St Mary's, Pixham

Wednesday 10th August

Holy Communion @ 11am (BCP)
Mother's Union Corporate Communion

Sunday 14th August

Morning Worship @ 10.00am

St Mary's

Sunday 7th August

No Service. Combined Holy Communion service at St Martin's 10.00am

Sunday 14th August

Morning Prayer 10.30am

St Barnabas

Sunday 7th August

Matins @ 11.00 am

Sunday 14th August

Holy Communion @ 11.00 am

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Readings

Genesis 15.1-6

OT Page: 12

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no