Collect Prayer

Almighty Father,

you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

New Testament Reading Acts 4:32-35 NT Pg: 130

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Gospel Reading John 20 19-end

NT Pg: 123

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

News and Notices

A HUGE thank you to everyone from Clergy to Sidespersons, Flower Arrangers to Church decorators, Sacristan and Servers, Wardens, Social Media and Publicity helpers, Easter Garden Maker, and Hot Cross Bun Butterers, and all those not mentioned on this list who contributed in some way to our services over Holy Week and Easter. We were very please to see so many people through our doors, and to share the Easter message with the wider community.

The Anglican Electoral Roll for St Martin's and St Mary's Pixham is being revised. If you are not on the existing roll and wish to be included, please complete an application form and return it to Elizabeth Dobson (9 Rothes Road, Dorking RH4 1LF, or email to emddh7@hotmail.com) or to the church office, no later than Monday 22 April. The application form is available at the back of church in St Martin's and Pixham or please click: https://stmartinsdorking.org/news to take you to our News pages where you will find the forms.

The April edition of the St Martin's Parish Magazine is now available at the back of church.

Annual Plant Sale, Saturday 27th April at the Christian Centre - they would appreciate any donations of plants and home made cakes. See Janette or Louise in the Centre for more information.

A Special Holy Communion service is being held at St Barnabas Church to celebrate "Marriage" on 28th April at 11am. The Whyte Effect choir are joining us for our 11am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion service with the theme 'The Wedding at Cana' taken from St John 2: 1:11, when Jesus turned water into wine as it is in the usual, the expected, that our preconceived ideas are upended by the transformation into remarkable, superb, 'out of this world'. Jesus is the one who transforms the ordinary. There will be familiar, well-loved hymns and music throughout the service. We are inviting our recent wedding couples to join us as well as those currently preparing to be married this year at St Barnabas church. All will be welcome and we very much hope you can join us for the service and for refreshments afterwards.

Appeal for volunteers for chalice assistants rota—this is to set up the nave altar for Holy Communion at 10am. We have had one or two volunteers, but please speak to Judy or Felicity if you have questions about this role. This is not an onerous job and you will be shown the ropes!

Friends of Dorking are once again organising Dorkers' Eggcellent Easter Hunt around Dorking during the Easter holidays. All children and their families can take part in this FREE event around the town, running until Sunday 14 April. Entry forms can be downloaded at https://www.friendsofdorking.org/activities.html, with printed copies also available from SC Fuller in South Street, Dorking Library and Putty Cakes in West Street. This event is great outdoor fun for all ages.

St Martin's Tea, Games and Social. Saturday 4th May at 2.30pm in the Christian Centre. Come along and join us for Company, Tea, Scones, and Games. Everyone is welcome!

Dorking Area Foodbank: Thank you for your support. This week we would like to receive donations of:- Tins of meat, Jam, 1L cartons of long life fruit juice, Fray Bentos meat pies, 4x toilet rolls, Shampoo, Washing up liquid. Many thanks.

Weekly News Sheet. "News and Notices" and all articles for the next issue of the church news sheet are to be forwarded to the church office by Wednesday afternoon for inclusion in the next issue by phone on 01306 884229 or: stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com or

Church of England Daily Hope Line. This includes a Weekly Service, Morning and Evening Prayers and Sleep-Well Bible Reflections: Tel 0800 804 8044.

Samaritans National Helpline: 116 123.

For more information on events or for the Who's Who page, please see page 23 of the St Martin's Parish Magazine.

Please remember in your prayers...

Mary, David and Andrew Cowan, Nicholas Grealy, Allan Tapley, Pauline Welton, Henry Haire, Gay Fraser.

Please pray for those who have died. Canon Roy Matthews.

Alison Harding and family would like to thank everyone for their flowers, cards and good wishes, following the death of Alison's father aged 96.

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 pray for Beatitudes.

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



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 April Holy Communion @ 10am

Choral Evensong @ 6pm

Wednesday 10th April Holy Communion @ 11am

Sunday 14th April Holy Communion BCP @ 8am Morning Worship @ 10am

St Mary's

Sunday 7th April Holy Communion @ 10.30am

Sunday 14th April Morning Prayer @ 10.30am

St Barnabas

Sunday 7th April Matins @ 11am

Sunday 14th April Holy Communion @ 11am

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