

## Collect, Special Prayer for today

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## NT Testament Reading

**Romans 4.1-5,13-17** NT Pg: 164

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## Gospel Reading

**John 3.1-17** NT Pg: 100

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

## News

**The Traidcraft stall dates are** - 22nd March at St Martin's and 29th March at Pixham. There will also be a stall in the Christian Centre on Saturday 21st March. Now is the time to order your Easter Eggs and Cards!

**Samara Levy the Lady behind the Syrian clothes and supplies appeal** is coming to Dorking today, 8th March. She will be at St Paul's Church at 5pm to share her story about the appeal and the ongoing story 'Rebuilding the Ruins'. St Paul's also has a 6.30pm service following on from the talk and everyone is welcome to stay for that.

**Lent Courses at St Martin's/St Mary's.** There are a number of options this year; two of the groups will study the Operation Noah Course - "Climate Change and the Purposes of God". Diana Burges will run this 5 session course on Monday afternoons at her home (5 Tutts Close) starting on 2nd March. The Saturday Breakfast Group will offer the same course starting on 7th March at 8.30am each week in the Christian Centre. Please contact Diana (881291) or Peter Bunn (889008) respectively if you would like to attend. Mark in March Lent Group at Mary Cowan's house (885341), Tuesdays from 3rd March at 5pm.

**Lenten Pause for Thought.** We are holding a weekly prayer meeting at the Christian Centre on Thursday mornings at 10.30am on 12th, 19th, 26th March, and 2nd April. Please call Rowan Nunnerley, Chaplain at the Centre for further details on 01306 886830.

**Friday Lenten Lunches.** On Fridays during Lent you are invited to share a frugal meal of soup, bread and cheese, and give what you might have spent more if you wish! - towards the work of Christian Aid. **Venue this week: The Christian Centre (St Martin's) Friday 13th March, 12.30-1.30pm.**

**The March edition of "The Grapevine"**. This monthly bulletin from Guildford Diocese is now available at [www.cofeguildford.org.uk](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk) or if you need a paper copy, please ask at the church office.

**Pixham Pixies dates:-** meetings are on 16th and 30th March at St Mary's Church Pixham. Contact Mary Cowan for more information on 01306 885341.

**Tenebrae Meditation** by the Whyte Effect Choir, at St Barnabas Church Ranmore Common on Wednesday 8th April at 7pm.

**"Come and Sing" Rutter Requiem with the Sinfonia da Chiesa Ensemble.** At St Martin's Church on Good Friday 10th April. Registration: 1.30pm, Rehearsal: 2pm, Concert: 7pm. Dress Smart, tea and coffee provided. Singers £12, Audience Free, retiring collection in support of St Catherine's Hospice.

**Easter Eggs for SEND Prison.** Are you able to donate any Easter Eggs for HM Prison Send? These eggs will be given to children visiting their Mum in prison. This is a joint project with St Mary's and St Barnabas. Please bring your eggs into the church office. Thank you all!

**Do you have a room to let?** A female visitor from South Africa is looking for someone who lets out a room and with use of a kitchen for around 9 days from 29th April. If you can help, please contact Andrew Dorman on 01306 743587 or [Andrew.dorman@btinternet.com](mailto:Andrew.dorman@btinternet.com)

**Mobility Scooter for Sale.** Colt Pride De Luxe, owner no longer able to use following a stroke. Includes a waterproof cover and visibility jacket. For price and information contact Tracey (carer) on 07789 218990.

**Dorking Foodbank.** For the next week can we please ask for the following items: Toilet Roll 4-pack, Washing Up Liquid, Litre Cartons of Long-Life Fruit Juice, Half litre cartons of UHT milk, Sponge Pudding twin packs. The donation point is in the Christian Centre lobby. Please ensure food items are well within use by date.

**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 on Wednesday. Please e-mail [stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com) or call 01306 884229.

**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 Paul's Dorking.

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:**  
Betty and Brian Smith, Steve Parker,  
Pamela Kerlake, Heather Anderton,  
Simon Hardcastle, Frankie Stoner, Paul Berning.



**And those who have recently died:**  
Rev'd John Silk.

*For details of many more events and contact numbers please see 'Activities' & 'Who's who' pages of St Martin's Magazine.*

# 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 8th March Second Sunday in Lent

LENT 

### St Martin's

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

**10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Holy Communion**  
President: Derek Tighe

**12.30pm Baptism of Finley Hawthorne**  
Led by: Derek Tighe

### St Mary's

**10.30am Morning Prayer**  
Led by: Chris Watts

### St Barnabas

**11.00am Holy Communion**  
President: Mike Stewart

## This Week

Tuesday	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship Talk from Janette Masters, Christian Centre Manager.
Wednesday	11.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b> Mothers' Union Corporate Communion
Friday	12.30pm	Lent Lunch at the Christian Centre
Saturday	10.00am	Dorking Gardeners Club Coffee Morning

## Sunday 15th March Third Sunday in Lent

### St. Martin's

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10.00am St Martin's @ 10 Holy Communion**

### St. Mary's

**10.30am Pixham Praise with Holy Communion**

**St Barnabas No Service**

## PRAYERS IN CHURCH

Morning Prayer is at 9am in the Lady Chapel Monday to Thursday. Midday Prayer is on Friday in the Lady Chapel.