

Readings for St Mary's, Pixham. Isaiah 58: 1-9a and Matthew 5: 13-20

Collect, Special Prayer for today

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 112. 1-9 (10) OT Pg: 592

Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest. Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever. Light shines in the darkness for the upright; gracious and full of compassion are the righteous. It goes well with those who are generous in lending and order their affairs with justice, For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance. They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Their heart is sustained and will not fear, until they see the downfall of their foes. They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever; their head will be exalted with honour. The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair; the desire of the wicked shall perish.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 5. 13-20 NT Pg: 4

Jesus said: "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."

News

Martin Ellis – Funeral Details. The Funeral Service will take place on Saturday 22nd February at 11am, Museum Street Methodist Church, 17 Black Horse Lane, Ipswich, IP1 2EF. The church can be accessed from Museum Street and Black Horse Lane. There is a car park available from Black Horse Lane entrance. The church has wheelchair access and toilets. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of St Martin's for car sharing purposes.

Message from John Pilkington.

Many of you will remember the clothes and supplies appeal across Dorking over the last few years - especially for winter clothing for people in Syria. St Martin's church acted as the collection point and many of you volunteered time and gave money to help sort, bag and send off items for onward transportation to Syria. You are all part of this Samara's story. **Samara Levy the Lady behind the appeal is coming to Dorking on Sunday 8th March** and will be at St Paul's Church to share her story about the appeal and the ongoing story 'Rebuilding the Ruins'. All are invited to come and hear from Samara. No need to book - just come! St Paul's also has a 6.30 service following on from the talk and everyone is welcome to stay for that.

Christian Centre Building Closure - Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd February. Please note the Centre will be closed while new flooring in the entrance and café area is put down.

Benefice Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday 26th February will be at St Martin's at 8pm.

World Day of Prayer 2020. This year the service will be held at St Paul's, 11am on Friday 6 March. It has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, on the theme "Take up your mat, and walk". Everyone welcome to the service and to the Lent lunch that follows.

A few copies of the latest issue of Methodist's "The Connexion" are at the back of church. Please take and read. More copies from www.methodist.org.uk/theconnexion

Dorking Foodbank. For the next week can we please ask for the following items: packets of instant mash, long life sponge pudding twin packs, male and female disposable razors, shaving foam/gel, tins of dog food. The donation point is in the Christian Centre lobby. Please ensure food items are within date.

Date for your diary. On Saturday 2nd May The Christian Centre will be holding their Annual Plant and Cake Sale. Please save the date in your diary to come along and support this event. When planting your seeds this spring, remember that donations of plants would be gratefully received. Thank-you!

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.

The next dates for the Traidcraft stall is 1st and 22nd March at St Martin's and 23rd February and 29th March at Pixham.

St Paul's Legendary Feb Half Term Holiday Club is back! Feb 17th - 21st - For five days only. 5-11s (R-yr6) Mon-Fri 10am-12. This year it's a Special Agents Mission. Cost: from £5/day to £16 for the whole week. More info/see short recording of all the fun - visit www.stpaulsdorking.org.uk/holidayclub For more info on any of our services or mid week groups please visit our website www.stpaulsdorking.org.uk or email reception@stpaulsdorking.org.uk or call us on 01306 743378 (mornings)

The February edition of "The Grapevine". This monthly bulletin from Guildford Diocese is now available at www.cofeguildford.org.uk or if you need a paper copy, please ask at the church office.

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 Martin's Methodist Church and The Christian Centre.

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 or call 01306 884229.

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: Miriam Ellis, Betty and Brian Smith, Steve Parker, Pamela Kerslake, Paul Berning, Heather Anderton, Simon Hardcastle, Frankie Stoner.

And those who have recently died: Sir Hugh Cubitt, Martin Ellis, Tony Allnutt.

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 9th February Third Sunday before Lent

St Martin's

8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

President: Dave Cowan

10.00am **St Martin's @ 10 Holy Communion**

President: Dave Cowan

St Mary's

10.30am **Morning Prayer**

Chris Watts

St Barnabas

11.00am **Holy Communion**

President: Mike Stewart

12.30pm **Baptism Service to welcome Joshua**

Maidment into the church family:
Mike Stewart

This Week

Tuesday 2.30pm Women's Fellowship
Talk from Christine Lawrence

Wednesday 11.00am **Holy Communion**
Mothers' Union
Corporate Communion

Saturday 10.00am Gambia Horse and
Donkey Trust Coffee Morning

Sunday 16th February Second Sunday before Lent

St. Martin's

8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

10.00am **St Martin's @ 10 Holy Communion**

St John's, North Holmwood

6.00 pm **Choral Eucharist**

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.