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Collect Prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose children suffered at the hands of Herod,
though they had done no wrong:
by the suffering of your Son
and by the innocence of our lives
frustrate all evil designs
and establish your reign of justice and peace;
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

Jeremiah 31. 15 – 17

OT Pg: 762

Thus says the Lord:
A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more.
Thus says the Lord:
Keep your voice from weeping,
and your eyes from tears;
for there is a reward for your work, says the Lord:
they shall come back from the land of the
enemy;
there is hope for your future, says the Lord:
your children shall come back to their own
country.

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1. 26 – 29

NT Pg: 177

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters:
not many of you were wise by human standards, not
many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.
But God chose what is foolish in the world to
shame the wise;
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the
strong;
God chose what is low and despised in the world,
things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that
are, so that no one might boast in the
presence of God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 2. 13 - 18

NT Pg: 2

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord
appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up,
take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and
remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to
search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph
got up, took the child and his mother by night, and
went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of
Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by
the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have
called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been
tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he
sent and killed all the children in and around
Bethlehem who were two years old or under,
according to the time that he had learned from the
wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken
through the prophet Jeremiah:

'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled,
because they are no more.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
in your humility you have stooped to share our
human life
with the most defenceless of your children:
may we who have received these gifts of your
passion
rejoice in celebrating the witness of the
Holy Innocents
to the purity of your sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross;
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Events, News and Notices

*Thank you to everyone who has helped make
St. Martins such a special church this year.*

Season of Generosity - if you have yet to return your
form, please do so - it is not too late. The new Parish
Giving website is now available for new and
amended donations

Dorking Area Foodbank. Requested donations of:
boxes of muesli bars, instant coffee, long-life semi-
skinned milk, bags of dried lentils, chocolate bars
and long life fruit juice.

St Matthew Bible Study. The group have now
paused for the Christmas break. We will reconvene
at the vicarage on Tuesday 6th January and resume
the studies at Matthew 13-14.

As we are part of an eco-church and trying to obtain
our silver badge, **bring your own cup for coffee after
church**

Coffee rota after church. Thank you so much for
those who have offered to serve coffee after church
while Robina is unable to do it. It would be very
helpful if there could be two on each Sunday. If you
are able to help there is a rota at the back of church.
Please do keep the coffee going!

Community First Aid
Training on Thursday 29 January 2026 in Dorking Library. From 6.30 until 8.30pm. The invitation is not just for Dorking St Martin's Church, it includes parish members, partners and friends. It would be good to have a really good turnout. Canon Peter Bruinvels.

Electronic Donation Point in church: To help keep our church open, a Sum-Up Donation machine is available at the back of church for contactless donations by card. Please complete the GiftAid declaration if you are able.

Warm Space. The Christian Centre will be open 8.30 until 10am during January and February offering a warm place to sit and have hot drinks, cereal, porridge and toast. Helpers are needed and only a smiley face and the ability to make tea are required. Contact Sue Jamieson on shjamieson@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07743054327 if you can help. Your help would be hugely appreciated.

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

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers: Martyn Farrant, Susie May, Sandy Luff, Pauline Welton, Jacqueline Ko, Matthew Smith, Mary and Andrew Cowan.



Please pray for those who have died. Susan Beardsall, David and Pam Wilcox and Peter Bolitho We also pray for Sandra Wedgwood, who died last week, a Friend of St Martin's in every sense of the word.

We pray for Alison Harding who died at home Sunday 23rd November.

We pray for Tim and his family at this time.

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer:

www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer. December intention: Farnham and Godalming deaneries.

Download Daily Prayer App and Everyday Faith from Google Play or Apple App Store.

Church Office opening times: 10-12pm 2 days a week (Monday and Friday). At other times, telephone: 01306 884229 or email stmartinsdorkingchurchoffice@gmail.com

Weekly News Sheet Content to be submitted by TUESDAY afternoon for inclusion in the next issue

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St. Martin's DORKING

WITH ST. MARY'S PIXHAM

Welcome, particularly if you are new or visiting, please stay for refreshments after the service.

Sunday 28th December, 1st of Christmas, Holy Family, Holy Innocents

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8am Holy Eucharist BCP

Celebrant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell

Wednesday 31st December

11.15am Holy Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Richard Cheetham

Sunday 4th January, 2nd of Christmas, Epiphany

8am No Service

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Richard Cheetham

Morning Prayer every weekday at 8.30am

Evening Prayer every weekday at 6pm

St Mary's, Pixham:

Sunday 28th December

9.30am Joint service at St Martin's

Sunday 4th January

9.30am Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Barbara Steadman-Allen

St Barnabas, Ranmore:

Sunday 28th December

11am Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell

Sunday 4th January

11am Matins for Epiphany

Officiant and Preacher: Chris Watts

Epiphany Carol Service 11th January 4pm

at St Martin's with the church choir

Epiphany Carol Service 18th January 11am

at St Barnabas with the Whyte Effect

God of Mission

Who alone brings growth to your Church,

Send your Holy Spirit to give

vision to our planning,

wisdom to our actions,

and power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,

in spiritual commitment to you,

and in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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