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## Collect Prayer

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
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

**Isaiah 60. 1 – 6**      **OT Pg: 717**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

## New Testament Reading

**Ephesians 3. 1 – 12**      **NT Pg: 206**

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known

to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

## Gospel Reading

**Matthew 2. 1 - 12**

**NT Pg: 1**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## Post Communion Prayer

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

## Events, News and Notices

**St Matthew Bible Study** will reconvene at the vicarage on Tuesday 6th January and resume the studies on Matthew 13-14.

**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.

Don't forgot **next coffee morning** is at Putty Cakes in West Street on Wednesday 7th January at 10.30. All welcome!

**Help needed on Tuesday 6th January** from 10am to take down the Christmas decorations and the Christmas Tree!

**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.

### 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, Alison Harding, David and Pam Wilcox and Peter Bolitho. We also pray for Sandra Wedgwood, a Friend of St Martin's in every sense of the word. The Harding family suggested donations to Princess Alice Hospice via [funeralguide.co.uk/obituaries/139309](http://funeralguide.co.uk/obituaries/139309)

**Please pray for our local schools,** St Martin's, The Priory, The Ashcombe and St Teresa's.

**Diocesan Calendar of Prayer:** [www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/christian-calendar/calendar-of-prayer). January intention: Aldershot and Cranleigh 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](mailto: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 4th January, 2nd of Christmas, Epiphany

**Sunday 4th January, 2nd of Christmas, Epiphany**  
8am No Service

9.30am Sung Eucharist  
Celebrant and Preacher: Richard Cheetham

## Wednesday 7th January

11.15am Holy Eucharist  
Celebrant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell

## Friday 9th January

10am Wholeness and Healing Eucharist  
Celebrant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell

## Sunday 11th January, Epiphany 1, Baptism of Christ

8am Holy Eucharist BCP  
Celebrant and Preacher: Gerard Mee

9.30am Sung Eucharist and  
Renewal of Baptismal vows  
Celebrant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell  
and Gerard Mee

4pm Epiphany Carol Service with the church choir  
Officiant: Anthony Rustell

**Morning Prayer** every weekday at 8.30am  
**Evening Prayer** every weekday at 6pm

## St Mary's, Pixham: Sunday 4th January

9.30am Eucharist  
Celebrant and Preacher: Barbara Steadman-Allen

## Sunday 11th January

9.30am Morning Worship  
Officiant: Caroline Lazenby

## St Barnabas, Ranmore: Sunday 4th January

11am Matins for Epiphany  
Officiant and Preacher: Chris Watts

## Sunday 11th January

11am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Anthony Rustell

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