



**3rd December
2017**

**First Sunday of
Advent**

Welcome to St. Martin's Church

Today's services and events

8am Holy Communion BCP
10:30 Christingle Family Service

WELCOME

Welcome to our services today. If this is your first time at St Martin's please introduce yourself to a member of the Clergy. Members of all Christian churches are most welcome to receive Holy Communion.

We have an audio loop in the church. Children are most welcome to use our children's corner if they would like to. There is a WC just beyond the transept (side chapel).

Please use a yellow Gift Aid envelope if you would like to make a donation. We hope you enjoy the service and please join us for refreshments afterwards.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

DIARY

10am	Wednesday	Holy Communion
10am	Wednesday	Marty's Friends – Toddler Group
8pm	Friday	Choir Practice in the Church
8.45am	Saturday	Morning Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9:00am Holy Communion Community Hall
10:30am Parish Communion

READINGS

Isaiah 64. 1 – 9
1 Corinthians 1. 3 - 9
Mark 13. 24 - 37

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PARISH PRAYER CALENDAR

We pray for:

The bereaved relatives and friends of Dorothy Lawson.
The work of the Children's Society.
The residents of Orchard Close.



NOTICES

ALPHA

The Alpha Course is considered a very good introduction to the Christian faith and has been appreciated by newcomers to church and regular worshippers as a refresher. St Martin's together with St Mary's, West Horsley and All Saints Ockham will be running a course in January. If you are interested in finding out more please come along to the launch evening which takes place in the Canterbury Rooms on Tuesday 16th January at 7.30pm. The course takes place on Tuesday evenings. More details on the parish website or speak to Renos.

CHURCH CLOSURE

Please note that the church will be closed to the public during this coming week for urgent electrical works. Access for the Wednesday service and cleaning etc will be available.

REVERSE ADVENT CHALLENGE



The Churches in the Group Ministry are joining forces with Saviour's, Guildford to take part in the Reverse Advent Challenge. During Advent we are each asked to keep a box and each day put one item in the box that would be suitable for use by our local Food Bank. The box filing starts on 1st December and a collection date has been set for Saturday 16th December at The Wheelhouse in West Horsley.

SONGS OF PRAISE AT ST MARTIN'S COURT – THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER at 2:30. Come and sing your favourite hymns. Everyone welcome.

HEAR HERE – THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER AT 10AM – 12 NOON IN THE CANTERBURY ROOMS (behind the church)

Every 2nd Thursday of the month: A free service for people with NHS hearing aids including basic maintenance, battery supply, leaning and re-tubing, trouble shooting and advice. Please bring your brown NHS Battery Book and your hearing aid. All welcome

TENORS UNLIMITED Tenors Unlimited will be performing at Saint Andrews Church, Cobham on Saturday 16th December at 7.00pm. A limited number of tickets are for sale at Bishopmead Post Office. See poster on noticeboards for details.

EASYGIVING

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for St Martin's? There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra! So, if you're planning to do some online Christmas shopping head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmartinschurch> and every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to St Martin's for no extra cost whatsoever!



The Cobham Area Foodbank delivers to those in need in East Horsley. They are in need of: - UHT/Long-life milk – custard – tinned vegetables (not sweetcorn or pulses) – tinned potatoes – tinned meat tomato ketchup – hot drinking chocolate – – men's deodorant- toilet rolls. Thank you for your support.

Flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of Alan Perry.

