

# *Carol Service*



**2.00 p.m. Tuesday 8th December 2015**  
**at St. Martin's Church, Dorking**

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Organised by Age UK Surrey for the people of Surrey

# **St. Martin's Church, Dorking**

**The Reverend Derek Tighe will officiate**

## **Age UK Surrey**

Age UK Surrey believes that later years can be fulfilling, enjoyable and dignified, but for some they can be challenging times. We have over 14 services and activities to help support older people in Surrey and believe that we are well placed to understand the issues and seek solutions. Although we are a Partner of Age UK, our Charity is independent so that all donations and legacies stay in Surrey. Please call us, visit our offices or come and join us as a Client, Supporter or Volunteer. We welcome you all to enjoy our festive Carol Service and wish you a Happy Christmas.

## **St. Martin's Church, Dorking**

Welcome to this Church which is shared by Anglicans and Methodists. For more than 1,000 years Christians have worshipped on this site in the centre of our busy market town. This Church is the fourth one on the site (the first was recorded in the Domesday Survey) and was completed, with its 200 ft. spire, in 1877. Together with the adjacent Christian Centre as a place of wider outreach into the Community, St. Martin's provides a Christian witness at the heart of the town – a venue for quiet personal reflection and prayer as much as for the formal civic service or a lively end of term service with our linked Church primary school. With its fine organ it is much in demand as a venue for concerts, and there is a strong choral tradition underpinning much of our worship. We hope you will find here a place of peace and beauty at this festive time. The Church is named after St. Martin of Tours (see below).

## **St Martin of Tours**

Martin was born in 316 AD in Savaria in Hungary. His Father was a senior officer in a unit of the Roman army. Christianity had been made a legal religion (in 313) in the Roman Empire and at the age of 10 he attended the Christian Church against the wishes of his parents. Conscripted as a soldier into the Roman army, he found the duty incompatible with the Christian faith he had adopted and became an early conscientious objector. Martin was eventually released from military service, declared his vocation, and made his way to the city of Tours where he became a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop of Tours. Hilary helped Martin to found a monastery at Marmoutiers on the opposite shore of the Loire. In 371 AD Martin himself succeeded Hilary as Bishop of Tours. As Bishop he enthusiastically ordered the destruction of pagan temples, altars and sculptures. He himself withdrew from the city to live in Marmoutier, the monastery he had founded. Martin was particularly dedicated to the freeing of prisoners and was against the then common practice of executing Heretics so that when authorities, even Emperors, heard he was coming they refused to see him because they knew he would request mercy for someone and they would be unable to refuse.

The best known legend of St. Martin relates to his time as a soldier in the Roman army when stationed in Gaul. One day as he was approaching the gates of the city of Amiens he met a scantily clad beggar. He impulsively cut his military cloak in half to share with the man. That night, Martin dreamed of Jesus wearing the half-cloak he had given away. The dream confirmed Martin in his piety. The part of the cloak kept by himself became a famous relic preserved in the oratory of Marmoutier Abbey. Martin died of natural causes in 397 AD.

The veneration of Martin was widely popular in the Middle Ages. He is the Patron Saint of beggars, wool-weavers and tailors (because of sharing his cloak), soldiers, vintners and innkeepers (because his feast falls just after the late grape harvest).

## **Surrey Cantata, conducted by Sebastian Forbes**

Surrey Cantata was formed by **Sebastian Forbes** in May 2008, as an ad hoc vocal ensemble for singing concerts and Church services. Prominent in the choir's short history are their annual tours to Brittany - three concerts each July - and regular appearances in Guildford's two biennial music festivals. Surrey Cantata sings at various Church services, most regularly at Southwark Cathedral where they have annually sung at a Sunday Eucharist and Evensong. Smaller forces often sing at special services such as weddings and funerals, in particular at the Churches of East and West Clandon where Sebastian Forbes is organist.

### **Organist: Matthew Rickard**

**Matthew Rickard** studied at the University of Surrey and the Royal Academy of Music, and has a busy performing career as both chamber musician and soloist. He has recorded several CDs with the violinist Rupert Marshall-Luck for the EM Records label, which have been featured on BBC Radio 3, BBC Four, and many other radio stations around the World. He is Organist at St. Peter's Church in Old Woking, where he also runs a professional recital series.

### **Narrators: Rosie Wood, Maurice Dawes**

**Rosie Wood and Maurice Dawes** are members of the congregation at St. Peter and St. Paul, West Clandon. Each enjoys a busy life with a large family. In addition Rosie is active in voluntary work, including being a Governor at two local prep. schools, whilst Maurice is a Chartered Accountant and has been a Church Reader since the late 1960s, when he was Church Warden in West Sussex.

Age UK Surrey wishes to thank **Maureen Galea** for her help and support with the music selections. She is a pianist and soloist in her own right, but today is singing with Surrey Cantata.

**There will be a retiring collection to be shared between Age UK Surrey and St. Martin's. If you are a UK Taxpayer please use the Gift Aid envelope included with this programme and the Government will then add 25p to every pound donated.**

**2.00 p.m. The Reverend Derek Tighe will lead the procession**

**CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND FOR THE PROCESSION AND CAROL**

## **Unto us is born a Son**

- All: Unto us is born a Son,  
King of quires supernal,  
See on Earth his life begun,  
Of lords the Lord eternal,  
Of lords the Lord eternal.
- Choir only: Christ, from heav'n descending low,  
comes on earth a stranger,  
ox and ass their owner know,  
becradled in a manger,  
becradled in a manger.
- Men only: This did Herod sore affray,  
and grievously bewilder,  
so he gave the word to slay,  
and slew the little childer,  
and slew the little childer.
- Women only: Of His love and mercy mild  
this is the Christmas story,  
and O that Mary's gentle Child,  
might lead us up to glory!  
might lead us up to glory!
- All: O and A and A and O,  
cum cantibus in choro,  
let the merry organ go,  
Benedicamus Domino,  
Benedicamus Domino.

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**CONGREGATION PLEASE BE SEATED**

**Welcome and Bidding Prayer**  
**The Reverend Derek Tighe**

**Introduction**  
**Robert Avis**  
**Chairman of Trustees, Age UK Surrey**

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**All readings by the Narrators are from the narrative sequence The Last Straw**

**The Narrator**  
The Promise

**Reading** Isaiah 9, 2 and 6-7  
A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Reader: Robert Avis

**Carol – PLEASE ALL STAND**

## O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of Hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, thou day-spring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, thou key of David, come  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high  
and close the path to misery.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times did'st give the law,  
in cloud, and majesty and awe.

## CONGREGATION PLEASE BE SEATED

### The Narrator

The Annunciation

**Reading** Luke 1, 26-36

A reading from the Holy Gospel according  
to Luke

Reader: Sue Zirps

## Carol – CONGREGATION PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

### On This Day Earth Shall Ring

*H C Stewart*

Sung by Surrey Cantata, conducted by  
Sebastian Forbes

## The Narrator

The Nativity

**Reading** Luke 2, 1-7

A reading from the Holy Gospel according  
to Luke

Reader: Jean Spencer

## Carol – PLEASE ALL STAND

### Away in a Manger

Away in a manger,  
no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus  
laid down his sweet head,  
the stars in the bright sky  
looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus,  
asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing,  
the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus  
no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus!  
Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side  
until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus;  
I ask Thee to stay  
close by me forever,  
and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children  
in Thy tender care,  
and fit us for Heaven  
to live with Thee there.

## CONGREGATION PLEASE BE SEATED

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## **The Narrator**

The Shepherds

### **Reading** Luke 2, 8-14

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

**Reader:** David Hahn

## **Carol – PLEASE ALL STAND**

### **While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night**

While shepherds watched  
their flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down  
and glory shone around.

"Fear not," he said,  
for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled minds,  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind."

"To you in David's  
town this day  
is born of David's line,  
the Saviour who is Christ the Lord  
and this shall be the sign."

"The heavenly babe  
you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
and meanly wrapped  
in swathing bands  
and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the Seraph,  
and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song.

"All glory be to  
God on high  
and to the Earth be peace;  
goodwill henceforth  
from Heaven to men  
begin and never cease!"

**CONGREGATION PLEASE BE  
SEATED**

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## **The Narrator**

The Magi

### **Reading** Matthew 2, 1-12

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Reader:** Bob Greenfield

## **Carol – PLEASE ALL STAND**

### **As with Gladness Men of Old**

As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright,  
so, most gracious God, may we  
evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,  
to that lowly manger-bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
Him whom Heaven and Earth adore,  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek Thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare,  
at that manger rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee our heavenly King.

Holy Jesu, every day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright  
need they no created light,  
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,  
Thou its Sun which goes not down;  
there for ever may we sing  
hallelujahs to our King.

**CONGREGATION PLEASE REMAIN  
STANDING**

## **Prayers – The Reverend Derek Tighe**

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### **Carols – CONGREGATION PLEASE BE SEATED**

Sung by Surrey Cantata, conducted by Sebastian Forbes

#### **Nowell Nouvelet**

(traditional. French)

arranged. S Forbes

#### **On Christmas Night all Christians sing**

(traditional. English)

arranged. D Willcocks

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### **CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND FOR THE BLESSING**

## **The Blessing**

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### **Carol – PLEASE REMAIN STANDING**

#### **Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens adore Him**

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens adore him;  
praise him, angels, in the height;  
sun and moon, rejoice before Him,  
praise Him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;  
worlds His mighty voice obeyed:  
laws, which never shall be broken,  
for their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;  
never shall His promise fail:  
God hath made His saints victorious;  
sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation;  
hosts on high, His power proclaim;  
heaven and earth and all creation,  
laud and magnify His name!

Worship, honour, glory, blessing,  
Lord, we offer to Thy name;  
young and old, Thy praise expressing,  
join their Saviour to proclaim.  
As the saints in Heaven adore Thee,  
We would bow before Thy throne;  
As Thine angels serve before Thee,  
So on Earth Thy will be done.

### **CONGREGATION PLEASE REMAIN STANDING WHILE THE CLERGY AND PRINCIPAL GUESTS RETIRE**

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