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SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER (TRINITY 18)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Sung Eucharist 4.00pm Messy Church 6.00pm Evening Prayer

MONDAY TO THURSDAY

9.15am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER (ST LUKE)

12.00 noon Memorial Service

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER (TRINITY 19)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Sung Eucharist6.00pm Evening Prayer

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you 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.



FIRST READING Philippians 4: 1 to 9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22: 1 to 14

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

HYMNS AT 10.00AM (NEH)

Introit: 436 Gradual: 457 Offertory: 478 Post Communion: 383

Setting: John Rutter Eucharistic Prayer: G

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need at this time: Fr Campbell Snow

For those living in Colley Way

For Reigate Park Church (URC)

RIP: Monica Hearly, Sheila Beattie, Melanie Knight

For anniversaries falling at this time: Mollie Willitt, Honor Packington, Nancy Stone, Briony Merriman, George Crook, Robert Rennison, Gwendoline Hieatt, Derek Bedford

CONFIRMATION

If you would like to explore the possibility of being confirmed later this year, please speak to Fr Martin or Reverend Anna so that preparation sessions can be arranged. Young people should already be at secondary school, but there is no upper age limit for adults! Enquiring now does not commit you to being confirmed.

CHILDREN AND COMMUNION

The PCC decided that we should allow children of 7 years and older to receive Holy Communion before Confirmation as long as they are baptised and have completed a preparation course. We are about to start the first of these courses, so if your child(ren) fall into this category and you wish that they receive Holy Communion, please contact Fr Martin or Reverend Anna with their details. We are also happy to talk with you about this policy.

KNITTING AND SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The group will next meet on Thursday 19 October at 7.30pm, at Jenny Toye's home, 10 Raglan Road. New members are welcome; just turn up with your knitting, crochet, embroidery or other craft.

<u>TOWER FUND-RAISER -</u> TABLE TOP SALE

In the church hall next Saturday 21 October, between 1.00pm and 4.00pm, we shall be holding a Table Top Sale to raise funds for the urgent repairs to the church tower. Entrance will cost £1.00, with tea/coffee and cake available to purchase during the afternoon. Tables are now for rent at £10.00 each - but hurry as they are going fast. already booked include: Plants, Games & Puzzles, Phoenix Cards, Woodturning, China & Glass, Stationery, Silk Scarves and Hand-knitwear. Help would be much appreciated in setting out tables and chairs (from 11.00am) and then putting them away (from 4.00pm). Many thanks in anticipation.

Patricia Bird (01737 247941)

KITCHEN FUND RAISING DATES

As many of you know our kitchen is in urgent need of upgrading and a lot of work has been going on looking at design, specification, and cost. We are planning some fundraising activities with the first two events taking place in the run up to Christmas. First, a wine tasting evening on Thursday 30 November, followed by a Christmas making afternoon wreath Sunday 3 December. More details will follow shortly but please hold the dates in your diary. Details of the project are now available to see!

> Mel Crighton, Nicci Lloyd, Barbara Perkins

ALL SOULS' SERVICE

We shall be commemorating the departed at a special service at 6.00pm on Sunday 5 November. If you wish to have the name(s) of departed relatives read out at this service, please complete a slip at the back of the church and place it in the box provided.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a memorial service for the late Monica Hearley here in St Mark's on Wednesday 18 October at 12 noon.

REQUEST FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS AND THE MINISTRY TEAM

We are in need of one or two volunteers to become deputy wardens. This is an opportunity to learn about how the church works and to get to know members of the church community. It is also a generous act of service to others, development and personal а opportunity. The duties are not difficult or onerous, but they are responsibilities and we ask you to hold them once every You will also have the few weeks. Ministry and Warden teams to support you with information, experience and lovingly hold you in your service.

We are very happy for anyone to see if the role fits for them by trying it out for an agreed period of a few weeks on a temporary basis.

If you would like to discuss this please speak to Ken Packer, Paul Selvadurai, Fr Martin or Reverend Anna. Contact numbers are in the Parish Directory, ask in the vestry or grab any of them when you see them (but not literally please).

Ken Packer, Churchwarden

PARISH OFFICE

The Office will be closed this week. Please direct any queries to Fr Martin or Reverend Anna.

PILGRIM COURSE

The Eighth Pilgrim Course ('Church & Kingdom') takes a break this week, but resumes on Wednesday 25 October at 8.00pm, repeated on Thursday 26 October at 9.45am. The course book once again costs £5.00. Other dates are: 8/9, 15/16 and 29/30 November.

SOCIAL DANCES

The monthly Ballroom and Latin Dances on the 4th Saturday of the month have exceeded all expectations with over £1,700 raised in the first 6 months. Why not come along to the next one on **Saturday 28 October from 8.00pm until 11.00pm** either on your own or with friends. Dancing is not compulsory! Entrance £7 and please bring your own drinks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19 Oct	7.30pm	Knitting Group
21 Oct	1.00pm	Table Top sale
25 Oct	8.00pm	Pilgrim Course 3 of 6
26 Oct	9.45am	Pilgrim Course 3 of 6
28 Oct	8.00pm	Social Dance
29 Oct	5.00pm	'Roots' Youth Group
1 Nov	10.00am	Vintage Tea morning
5 Nov	6.00pm	All Souls' Service
12 Nov	<u>9.45am</u>	Remembrance Sunday
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