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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

On the Money

No, this isn't a letter asking you for more money!

Not everyone likes the new £5 and £10 notes – plastic money! But the new £10 note has provoked some disgruntled comments from Jane Austen fans. For it comes with an odd quotation from *Pride & Prejudice*: "I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading!"



What's wrong with that? Well, within the context of the book, those words were spoken to deceive. The simpering Caroline Bingley was only trying to woo Mr Darcy, whom she knew loved reading. Caroline Bingley actually hated reading!

So these words, now printed on thousands of £10 notes, are a prime example of "proof-texting". This is the practice of taking isolated, out-of-context quotations from a document to establish a proposition which may not reflect the original intent of the author.

What about us? How often do we so focus on finding a comforting biblical quotation that we forget to consider the context? Take a prime example: Jeremiah 29.11, much loved for its cuddly promises that God has in mind great plans that will benefit us. (It was Bible Gateway's second most popular verse in 2016.) Yes, God spoke them to comfort Israel, but what was actually happening at the time? Israel had sinned greatly, and so God had let her be taken into exile in Babylon. She had 70 years of captivity, exile and hardship ahead of her. And now God commanded Israel not to expect immediate blessing, but instead to seek peace and prosperity for Babylon. She should pray for her enemies, who had taken her captive.

So, in practice, the words of Jeremiah 29.11 are a challenge as well as a blessing. Israel will not be rescued right away, she needs to accept her current situation so totally that she prays for those difficult people around her. She must be patient. BUT – God does promise that it will ultimately work out for her blessing. He has in no way abandoned her.

For us, it is perhaps a call to commit to the place in which God has put us, whatever that is, and to "go all in", to seek to build up the people around us, and accept the difficulties and limitations. We can then know that God will bless us, in his perfect timing.

Going back to Austen – perhaps there really is no enjoyment like reading ... quotes in context!

With my best wishes



FOODBANK AT ST MATTHEW'S

HOW IT WORKS

The Foodbank was set up five years ago and since then, every year has seen an increase in the need for food and other household items. Currently the Foodbank policy, needs, finances, etcetera, are run by a Steering Group of six people:- Ian McMillan (Co-ordinator), Julia Sired (Treasurer), Liz Wheeler (organises the food), Sue Whitmore (statistics), Sally Bowes (website and other outreach), Maureen James (volunteers, rota, etc.). The group probably meets every couple of months, less in the spring and summer, and more in the autumn and winter when the harvest and Christmas gifts come in.

Volunteers are either members of St Matthew's Church or members of other local churches or other contacts known to the Steering Group. There are meetings for all volunteers twice a year. Two volunteers are on duty on Mondays and Wednesdays and four on Fridays. Extra sessions for sorting food are needed from time to time, particularly in the autumn.

Volunteers are asked once a month to commit for the following month. This way holidays, etcetera, are taken into account and there are very few problems with the rota. Mostly, volunteers cover two or three sessions a month.

The Foodbank is run inside St Matthew's church and is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 12 noon till 2pm. Top-ups for gas and electricity are also dealt with on Fridays, £10 for a couple or a family and £5 for a single person.

The Foodbank has a dedicated phone number, 07849 253085 and this phone is answered on weekdays between 10 am and 2pm. There are around six people who hold the phone at different times. The email address is admin@redhillfoodbank.org.uk.

Clients are recommended by various agencies who hold vouchers which they issue to the clients. They should also phone for an appointment slot for their clients. Agencies include the Citizens Advice Bureau, Raven Housing, Social Services, Probation and a number of others who are based locally.

On the whole the system works well enough. Clients are invited to choose from a food list and this means that dietary and cultural requirements can be attended to. It also gives the clients some say about their food needs and choices. There are specific bags for the homeless, which include tin openers, etcetera.

Food comes in from various sources:- Harvest Festivals are hugely important. In 2016, donations from some 30 harvests were received. Storage is in the cupboards at the back of the church, in the south porch, in the shed at the east end of the church and sometimes, in peoples' garages. There are a number of bins for collection out and about, and mostly, these donations are brought in. There is also a website which lists food requirements: www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk.

Money is always needed and gratefully received. The Foodbank has benefited hugely from the Co-op's Local Community Fund in the past and a re-application has been made recently. We are awaiting the outcome on this. Individual gift-aiding can be done via the Church's charity number.

On the whole, clients should only receive three food parcels. In reality, this doesn't always work because of delays in benefits, etcetera. In this case, the situation is discussed with the agency concerned and in many cases, the Foodbank continues to give food.

The Foodbank has adapted and varied its way of working over the last five years and, most certainly, will continue to do so. In the early days, our hope had been that it wouldn't be needed for very long but, as we can see, this hasn't been the case.

The Foodbank Team

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1 November	10.00am	Vintage Tea
Thursday 2 November	2.00pm	SMART
Sunday 5 November		All Saints' Sunday
	6.00pm	All Souls' Memorial Service
Wednesday 8 November	8.00pm	Pilgrim Course 4 of 6
Thursday 9 November	9.45am	Pilgrim Course 4 of 6
Saturday 11 November	7.30pm	Concert – Buckland & Betchworth Choral Society
Sunday 12 November		Remembrance Sunday
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist
	11.00am	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
	1.00pm	Community Lunch
Wednesday 15 November	8.00pm	Pilgrim Course 5 of 6
Thursday 16 November	9.45am	Pilgrim Course 5 of 6
Saturday 18 November	7.30pm	Concert – Cantamus
Sunday 19 November		2 Before Advent
	4.00pm	Messy Church
Saturday 25 November	3.00pm	Woodwind Concert
	8.00pm	St Mark's Social Dance
Sunday 26 November		Christ the King
	5.00pm	Roots Youth Group
Monday 27 November	8.00pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday 29 November	8.00pm	Pilgrim Course 6 of 6
Thursday 30 November (St. Andrew)	9.45am	Pilgrim Course 6 of 6
	8.00pm	Wine Tasting Event

DECEMBER

Sunday 3 December		Advent Sunday
	3.00pm	Wreath Making Event
	6.30pm	Confirmation Service (St Philip's)
Wednesday 6 December	10.00am	Vintage Tea
	3.25pm	T-Time Tales (last of term)

Thursday 7 December 2.00pm SMART

Sunday 10 December Advent 2
 1.00pm Community Lunch
 4.00pm Messy Church

Sunday 17 December Advent 3
 10.00am Sung Eucharist with
 Junior Church Production
 6.00pm Festival of Lessons and Carols

Saturday 23 December 8.00pm St Mark's Christmas Social Dance

Sunday 24 December Advent 4 / Christmas Eve
 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.00am Sung Eucharist
 4.00pm Christingle & Crib Service
 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Monday 25 December Christmas Day
 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.00am Sung Family Eucharist

Thursday 28 December Holy Innocents
 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

Sunday 31 December Christmas 1
 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.00am Sung Eucharist
 6.00pm Evening Prayer

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 5th	All Saints' Sunday	Revelation 7.9-17 Matthew 5.1-12
Sunday 11th	Remembrance Sunday	1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 Matthew 25.1-13
Sunday 19th	2 nd before Advent	1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30
Sunday 26th	Christ the King	Ephesians 1.15-23 Matthew 25.31-46

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

Holy Matrimony

Lord, strengthen these your servants with your grace, that they may keep the promises they have made in your presence.

7th October

Graeme Peter Dack w Kayleigh Marie Duffell

Funerals

Bring us, O Lord, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven; to enter into that gate and dwell in that house where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but an equal light; no noise nor silence, but an equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity; in the habitations of thy glory and dominion, world without end. Amen.

25th September

Peter Gordon Harris

29th September

Barbara Jean Wickens

18th October

Sheila Monica Hearley



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ST MARK'S OVERSEAS AID TRUST

What's in the News

The News has recently been dominated by the disasters in the Caribbean and the Southern States of America, and quite rightly so. We should be aware of the suffering of our fellows and the causes. There was also a short piece on the floods in Bangladesh which made 4 million homeless.

Have any of you heard of the devastation to crops of all kinds in Africa south of the Sahara? I must confess I had not till I happened to phone Sally of Faith in Action. That name may ring a bell from the back of your consciousness because she has spoken at our Christmas Appeal and I have written about that organisation several times before.

Faith in Action was formed as the result of a chance encounter with the Developing World by her husband Martin when the engine of the plane he piloted broke down and he ventured into Africa to be transformed by the plight of so many. He left his spare clothes behind but felt he had to do something more permanent. They began modestly, by filling containers with clothes and other necessities. They have been doing so for thirty years and have grown into a small but very active and involved

organisation, so that now it provides all manner of social assistance and notably funds irrigation projects.

They work for a very poor part of Malawi, The Shire, which is in the flood plain of a tributary of the Zambezi River. It is a very poor area of basically subsistence agriculture which yields one poor crop, usually of maize, a year. The people are always short of food. That is until Sally, through her organisation, introduced pumped irrigation systems, which increase the harvests to two reliable ones a year and transformed subsistence agriculture to market gardening, the proceeds of which go to repay the loans for buying the water pumps, and fund a variety of social services as well as raising the income of 50 farmers. They have a model for co-operative progress which many would envy. So, long term (4 years) this is self financing and socially productive of essential services. It's hard to better that.

That area of Malawi just made the papers three years ago when it suffered a flood which swept away most houses, damaged wind pumps used for irrigation and, with it, a harvest leaving the population short of food. There was no aid from Central Government or NGOs and even the schools, which provided some shelter for a time, were taken back for their proper use. The law, which forbids the cutting of trees to preserve the fast disappearing woodlands, forbids cutting wood for houses and they are still struggling to build homes.

The next year, can you believe, there was a drought with little harvest and little food from outside. So how did they survive? In short, I do not know, but I do know that many dived in the crocodile infested lakes to harvest the tubers of water lilies. We also know that there were several deaths to the crocs and many lost limbs. But none of this was in our news. Perhaps with so much to know about celebrities there was no space, or maybe it does not interest or sell papers.

But this year is different. In 2016 a bug called the Army Worm arrived from the Western Hemisphere, it is thought in deliveries of maize. Actually the worm is a caterpillar from moths and spreads very quickly especially in winds which incidentally have badly damaged many of the windmills which power the water pumps. It really struck in Malawi this year and they lost 70% of their maize crop. But the bug is indiscriminate and attacks rice, wheat, barley sorghum and most vegetables. The web carries a photo of high grass stripped to the core by these caterpillars. They eat almost anything. The Web says there is no really satisfactory pesticide and no doubt it will take time for one to be found either by Government Agencies or NGOs.

I understand Professor Wilson of Lancaster Unit is an authority but there is still no answer on the Web. The probable spread of the Army Worm to the whole of Sub Saharan Africa in the coming season, is well documented by DIFID which gives advice on ameliorating its effects but no cure.

So, what to do? That question poses itself for the whole of Central and Southern Africa but it also arises in the Shire and for Sally. As an aside, the Charity Commission website shows that the income of Faith in Action fell by nearly a half in 2016 but Sally is certainly a woman of faith and says it shows signs of reviving. Nevertheless at the end of 2016 the funds were down to £9000. But Faith in Action does not fund raise following Paul's teaching at 2 Corinthians 9.7 that we should give as we have decided in our own heart. But back to The Shire.

The next main planting season comes with the rains in November, Climate Warming permitting. However, there are many irrigation schemes in place and planting can take place there now. Why plant when the worm is so devastating? Why not wait for a solution? Really that is not an option. No outside help can be expected. Without their own food, starvation is a probable. So Sally is funding an experiment using the best pesticide available and surrounding the fifty two acres irrigated plot with plantains which are indeed resistant to the pest and maybe provide some shelter from this wind born plague. She thinks the effectiveness of the experiment should be known within three months. The budget for this is substantial since it covers seeds, fertilizers, sprayers, pesticides and plantains: six thousand pounds.

Whether very successful or not by November, general planting must take place and for the other irrigated areas it is better that planting should be earlier. That will also require very high expenditure and even if the income flow has improved on last year, money will be very short. Time is also short for those who live in the Shire.

So, contrary to its general policy of not contributing to advertised disasters because any contribution would be a drop in the bucket, SMOAT has made a small donation to this fund for use in the near future, but also for the future of the Shire. For anyone interested the address of Faith in Action (used also for cheques) is:

Emmanuel Cottage, Rusper Road, Ifield, West Sussex, RH11 OLN

Harry Ingram

REGULAR SERVICES AT ST MARK'S

SUNDAYS

8.00am	Each Sunday	Holy Communion (said) Book of Common Prayer
10.00am	1 st Sunday	Parish Eucharist (with Junior Church)
	2 nd Sunday	Sung Eucharist (with Junior Church)
	3 rd Sunday	Sung Eucharist (with Story Telling)
	4 th Sunday	Sung Eucharist (with Junior Church)
	5 th Sunday	Sung Eucharist (with Junior Church)
4.00pm	3 rd Sunday	Messy Church
6.00pm	1 st Sunday	Evening Prayer (said)
	2 nd Sunday	Taizé Prayer
	3 rd Sunday	Evening Prayer (said)
	4 th Sunday	Evening Prayer (said)
	5 th Sunday	Evening Prayer (said)

MONDAY TO THURSDAY

9.15am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAYS (during school term-time)

3.25pm 'T'- Time Tales

THURSDAYS

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
followed by tea or coffee

GREECE RE-VISITED

A couple of years ago, Jenny and I visited Samos, a small Greek island situated close to Turkey. At that time we were very struck by the number of refugees coming from Turkey in rubber boats carrying very little other than the clothes they stood up in - apart from their mobile phones, of course. This year we visited there again and we found the atmosphere and the conversation had changed. In the bars and restaurants, the topic is not about refugees any more. Also, a relief to us, it wasn't about Brexit either. It was a pleasant change to be there a fortnight without anyone (well, hardly anyone) talking about Brexit. And the reason is: their prolonged period of 'austerity'. Sounds familiar?

The Greek economy had been moving along in its own pleasant way until it became part of the Eurozone in 1981. Later, their drachma was replaced by the Euro in 2001. It is said to be 'an open secret' that the figures were fudged (i.e. fiddled) to allow Greece to adopt the Euro. Greece was living beyond its means and its national debt was steadily rising. Their economy works (or doesn't) in a way it is difficult for we Brits to understand. The elements are the same but the proportions are vastly different.

Take a simple example: it is generally accepted that most people in UK would like to own their own home. The general opinion is that house prices are very expensive, being at present around 8 times average salaries. In Greece, a qualified doctor can expect to be earning about 800 euros per month, or £9,500 per year. Houses currently being advertised indicate that to buy a simple 3 bedroom mainland house will cost £251,000, or 26 times the doctor's annual salary. To buy a 3 bedroom house in Crete, the advertised price is £442,000, or 42 times the doctor's salary.

There is considerable anger that when Alexis Tsipras was elected President in 2015, his main message was that he would bring an end to austerity. In fact, the opposite has happened. Between 2010 and 2016 there have been 12 rounds of tax increases and spending cuts. Wages have fallen by around 20% (some of this being due to changing contracts from employed to self-employed). Some commentators say that the reduction in wages was inevitable because, being in the Euro zone they cannot devalue the currency, therefore reducing wages is the only way to become more competitive. Dropping out of the Euro is regularly discussed. Our adult unemployment rate is about 4.5%; theirs is 22%. Our youth

unemployment rate (age 16 - 24) is 12%; theirs is 43%. In 2013 Greek youth unemployment reached 60%.

A small indication of how these dry figures affect the population can be seen in the OECD paper (Organisation of Economic Development) in 2015 which reported that 20% of the population - one person in every 5 - lacked the funds for daily food expenses. In 2015 an Athens bakery chain gave away ten thousand loaves of bread each day, one third of its total production. The general manager said, "In the third round of austerity measures which is beginning now, it is certain that there will be no consumers - there will be only beggars."

But enough of this tale of woe! What are they doing wrong, or what are we doing better? Rather than the over-used word 'corruption', I would say that their taxation systems do not work and consequently the state does not have sufficient funds to run the country effectively. It is currently estimated that 80 billion euros is stored in Swiss banks on behalf of Greek citizens. To combat this, an agreement has now been reached with Switzerland that, from 2018, Swiss and Greek banks will exchange information on accounts held by citizens of the other country.

The Greek government is now encouraging the use of Credit and Debit cards in order to provide automatic documentation of transactions, giving evidence of income tax and VAT liabilities. By July this year, about 400,000 firms were instructed to install Point of Sale equipment or be fined. I have to say that in the fortnight we were in Greece, we never had any kind of till slip recording the cost of our dinners. Coffees, yes: dinners, no. In a recent study, the level of tax evasion (i.e. the illegal non payment of taxes) is estimated at 11 - 16 billion Euros per year. One reason is that there are twice as many self-employed people in Greece as the European average and studies show that self-employed people can usually 'hide' over half their income. Salaried people can hide 1% or less.

I apologise for all the numbers and statistics in this article. The Greeks are so friendly and welcoming yet underneath, there is great uncertainty about the future and, in many cases, real hardship. I hope all our friends there survive the introduction of their Point-of-Sale equipment and the subsequent taxation, and still keep smiling! We shall find out next year - we've already booked.

Malcolm Toyne

SMART

SMART will meet on Thursday 2nd November
in the Church Hall between 2.00-4.00pm
to do some planting! Bulbs and pots and appropriate soil
will be provided, as will guidance as to how to do it!

Bring a pair of gloves if you don't want to get your hands dirty.
Tea and biscuits will be available for all,
once your bulb bowls are complete.

If you would like a lift please
contact Louise Wallis or Sarah Cousins.
All are welcome.

ST MARK'S PASTORAL TEAM

St Mark's pastoral team is available to support and help those in need in our community. If you know anyone that would benefit from a visit from our team, or would like to speak confidentially about personal matters, please feel free to approach members of the team directly, by email or alternatively there are referral slips available at the front and back of the church. All referrals are treated with the strictest confidence.

Team members are:

Ian & Jenny Archer, Marilyn Assender, Patricia Bird, Sarah Cousins, Stephanie Lawrence, Ken Packer, Alison Stagg, Louise Wallis, Reverend Martin & Reverend Anna.

For more information Email:

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Reverend Anna Moore curate@stmarksreigate.co.uk



A very Happy Birthday to

David Perkins	2nd
Elsie Bowers	4nd
Sophie Lam	9th
Brea Morris	9th
Edward Hessey	10th
Abigail Kovacs	10th
Joseph Ayling	11th
Esther Booker	12th
Jonnie Read	16th
Zachary Booker	20th
Arken Palvolgyi	23rd
Ruby Morris	24th

TABLE TOP SALE

We are very happy to report that at the Table Top Sale on Saturday 21st October we raised well over £500. With the addition of sales of plants, apples and cakes after church the next day, we reached the grand total of £627.10. This will go a small way to the cost of the urgent repairs to our church tower, but every little helps.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed by setting up, donating goods for the table tops (and those coming to buy), providing refreshments - and clearing up too.

Patricia Bird, Elizabeth Davis & Shona Prosser

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2017

There are at least three local choral performances, as shown below, to commemorate Remembrance Day on Saturday 11th November. At St Mark's, we have a special symbol of Remembrance standing outside our church. The Reigate War Memorial, as it is officially named, is 100 years old this year, being built and dedicated in 1917.

On Saturday 11th November at 7.30pm in St Mark's Church, the **Buckland & Betchworth Choral Society** will be presenting a programme of music specially chosen to reflect Armistice Day. The centrepiece of the concert will be Gabriel Fauré's Requiem. As well as other choral works, Anna Tetsuya will perform Beethoven's Sonata Pathétique.

Tickets at £15.00 can be purchased through Ticketsource: www.ticketsource.co.uk, from Buckland Deli (01737 842028) or on the door. Students: £7.50, under 12s free. Please join us for a glass of wine during the interval.

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Also, on 11th November at 7.30pm in St Martin's Church Dorking, **Brockham Choral Society** will present the Duruflé Requiem as well as additional items of French music from the Renaissance to the 21st Century. Admission: £12 in advance, £15 on the day, under 25 in full time education £5.

Tickets are available from Pauline Whitehead 01306 881821, Maria Chadwick c/o Michael Frith, 40 South St, Dorking, 01306 882728 or online www.brockhamchoral.org/tickets.

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Also, on 11th November at 8.00pm in St Mary's Church Reigate, the **Reigate & Redhill Choral Society** will present Rutter's Requiem and a selection of Rutter's arrangements of British Folk Songs. This concert is in support of the Royal British Legion. Tickets are £14 in advance (under 21 £10), through TicketSource: call or text 07588 730246. Alternatively, on the door: £16.

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On Saturday 18th November, **Cantamus Reigate** (Director Nick Landauer, Organist John Hatton) will present a Workshop and performance of Mozart's Requiem in St Mark's Church. If you are a singer, Registration is at 1.15pm with the rehearsal starting at 2pm. After a break for refreshments, the informal performance will start at 6pm.

Please bring your own copy if you have one, although there will be some available to borrow. There will be a singing fee of £15 (U18s and students free).

Any audience may listen to the performance at 6pm free of charge but there will be a retiring collection for the charity Doctors for Nepal. Singers, please email nick.landauer@live.co.uk to let him know that you intend to come.

Due to shortage of space, there is no Crossword in this month's edition.

SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1 Bartholomew 9 Evil one 10 Adore 11 Ran 13 Oreb
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25 Age 28 Alarm 29 Partake 30 Sennacherib

DOWN: 2 Alive 3 Took 4 Over 5 Onan 6 Emotive 7 Jehoshaphat
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SUDOKU

This Month

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Last Month

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should be sent to Malcolm Toye
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Telephone: 01737 247016 or email: mctoys@hotmail.com
by 10th November please.

A NEW KITCHEN FOR SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

Update October 2017

We are moving into the next phase in our kitchen renovation project. Having firmed up the plans, we are now focussing on fundraising, involving as many of our congregation and our local community as possible.

We have several events planned including:

- A wine tasting and quiz night hosted by the Vineking on 30th November at 7.30pm
- A Christmas wreath-making workshop on Sunday 3 December at 3pm

You can buy tickets for these via the Parish Office by cash or cheque, or through our brand-new ticketing website (yes really!). Go to:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarksreigate

We are also applying for grants from organisations who fund community-based projects, the most recent of which is Aviva Community Fund. **We need you** to vote to get on the shortlist for grant funding!

Go to: <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-5375>

You can ask your family, friends and anyone you know to vote as well. The more votes we have, the better our chances of receiving a grant.

We are so pleased to have had such a great response to our project so far.

THANK YOU!



Mel Crighton, Barbara Perkins & Nicci Lloyd



Community Fund

Vote for us in the
Aviva Community Fund

Voting is open 24 Oct - 21 Nov You can cast up to 10 votes
to support our project by registering at avivacommunityfund.co.uk

 AVIVA | Community Fund Retirement | Investments | Insurance | Health



Voting is NOW OPEN!

Please vote for the St Mark's Kitchen Project to help us raise money to fund a much-needed new kitchen.

Go to:

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-5375>





CHRISTMAS WINE TASTING & QUIZ NIGHT

HOSTED BY *theVineking*
Independent Wine Merchants 

An opportunity to blind taste a selection of wines and receive a discount on any orders placed on the evening from the selection.

Put together a table of six for the tasting and quiz or join one on the night (Over 18s only)

Thursday 30th November 7.30pm
Tickets £15, to include a glass of fizz on arrival,
blind wine tasting and a savoury platter per table

Cash bar also available

St Mark's Church Centre, Alma Road, Reigate RH2 0DA

Tickets available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarksreigate
Or from the Parish Office, opening hours Monday – Thursday 9am to 1pm
www.stmarksreigate.co.uk www.facebook.com/StMarksChurchReigate

**ALL PROCEEDS TO THE NEW KITCHEN PROJECT
ST MARK'S CHURCH, REIGATE
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1134121**



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING AFTERNOON

Sunday 3rd December 3pm - 5pm

Tickets £20, to include all materials and decorations plus refreshments

Bring a pair of kitchen scissors

St Mark's Church Centre, Alma Road, Reigate RH2 0DA

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