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## **SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER (ADVENT 2)**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist and Holy Baptism
- 4.00pm Messy Church
- 6.00pm Taizé Prayer

## **MONDAY TO THURSDAY**

- 9.15am Morning Prayer

## **THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER**

- 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

## **SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER (ADVENT 3)**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00am Eucharist and Junior Church  
Christmas Presentation
- 6.00pm Festival of Lessons and Carols

## **THE COLLECT FOR TODAY**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.



**DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK**

**CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA**

**ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE**

**FIRST READING****Isaiah 40: 1 to 11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

**GOSPEL READING****Mark 1: 1 to 8**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

**HYMNS AT 10.00AM (NEH)**

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Gradual	15
Offertory	9
Post Communion	488
Setting	Terrence Hancock

**WELCOME**

We welcome Benjamin John Crilley who has come to church this morning for baptism. We also welcome his parents, relatives and friends who have come to support him as he starts his Christian journey.

## **INTERCESSIONS**

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

For those living in Fort Lane

For Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries

RIP: Julie Glass

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Tom Harley, Betty Longley, Jack Budgen, Joyce Molyneux, Beryl Forster, Lorna Stratford, Frances Kitteringham, Alice (Robbie) Robbins



A Charitable Society of The Church of England and The Church in Wales

## **CHRISTINGLE AND CRIB SERVICE**

On Christmas Eve we will be celebrating with a Christingle and Crib Service at 4.00pm. The collection will raise vital funds for The Children's Society. If you are unable to attend the Service but would like to contribute, there is a box at the back of the church containing Christingle collection candles. When filled please let us have them by 24 December. During the Christmas Eve Service children may wish to place toys around the crib (please label wrapped gifts either "Boy" or "Girl" and the age group). These presents are always donated to the local Women's Refuge.

*Patricia and Tony Bird  
01737 247941*

I hope you may be able to join us in the Committee Room at 10.00am on Saturday 23 December to help in making the Christingles? Do come along – its great fun and refreshments will be provided. Please contact me.

*Jenny Toye  
01737 247016*



## **CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

This year we are supporting two projects, one an African Water Enterprises project, who are using mobile technology in The Gambia to provide clean safe water to millions of people. The other, a Kaloko Trust project, supporting a third world agricultural support and cash transfers project in Zambia. Please support us.

## **FOODBANK**

You may have read of the work of St Matthew's Foodbank in the November Parish Magazine. The congregation here at St Mark's has always been generous with food contributions to the Food bank. However, on Fridays top-ups for gas and electricity (£10.00 per couple and £5.00 per single person) are now needed to be handed out more frequently and cash to cover this is required urgently. With the agreement of the PCC there will be a retiring collection next Sunday at the 10.00am service to help fund these top-ups. Many thanks in anticipation.

*The Foodbank Team*

## **CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL FLOWERS**

At each Sunday service during Advent, you will have the opportunity to make a donation towards the cost of our Christmas flowers. If you would like to give in memory of a loved one, please add their name to the list of dedications. The collecting box and the list will be the back of the church, by the entrance. Thank you for your generosity.

*Valerie Jones and Caryl Baughen*

## **PASTORAL LETTER**

I have written a letter to everyone at the beginning of this new Church Year, outlining plans for the next year. This letter was sent out by email to many parishioners. If you do not have an email address or have not received this letter, please take a copy from the back of the church. It contains important information for the whole church family.

*Fr Martin*

## **KITCHEN FUNDRAISING**

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our wine tasting evening and wreath making afternoon. They were both really enjoyable events and we are waiting for final costings but estimate over £400 was raised at each one. If you weren't able to join us this time there are lots more events being planned over the coming months. On **Saturday 20 January** we are running a **Helier Dreux quiz**. Tickets are £12.00 each and include a chilli supper - available soon. Please also see the flyers for how you can donate to the kitchen project online or by cheque. Thanks again for all your support.

*Mel Crighton, Nicci Lloyd,  
Barbara Perkins*

## **WINTER NIGHT SHELTER**

The Winter Night Shelter will be providing somewhere for homeless people to sleep again this year from 13 December to 7 March. St Mark's is hosting it on Friday nights in December and January. Please volunteer if you can to chat to guests and prepare food. See the website [www.rhtes.org](http://www.rhtes.org) for more details (including training dates) and to volunteer.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

15 Dec	Winter Night Shelter
17 Dec 10.00am	Junior Church Christmas presentation
6.00pm	Festival of Lessons and Carols
22 Dec	Winter Night Shelter
24 Dec 4.00pm	Christingle and Crib Service
11.30pm	Midnight Mass
25 Dec 8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Family Sung Eucharist
29 Dec	Winter Night Shelter

## **LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES**

Prophet voices loudly crying,  
making pathways clear;  
glimpsing glory, self-denying,  
calling all to hear.  
Through their message -  
challenged, shaken –  
hearts awaken: God is near!