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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

'All in good time'

Your travel plans may well have suffered some disruption in November due to the emergency roadworks on London Road just south of the Level Crossing. As a safety measure, the road was closed to south-bound traffic with a diversion along Raglan Road and Croydon Road. Although this was a relatively short redirection, given the volume of traffic that uses Reigate Hill, long and slow-moving queues of motorists became a common occurrence along Raglan Road, especially at the junction with Croydon Road. As the maintenance work progressed it was a real eye opener to see how some drivers navigated the road closure.

Despite many signs stating that the road was closed, and bollards on Reigate Hill at the junction with Raglan Road offering a physical barrier, numerous drivers simply ignored the road works and signage. Some cars, by weaving around the signs, drove down to the Level Crossing to discover no way through even if they tried going over the crossing on the wrong side of the road! Others weaved around Alma Road and Holmesdale Road and other streets in the area, which eventually led to new signs closing Holmesdale Road as well, from the Croydon Road end.

Although only a brief picture of modern life, I think it illuminated how busy and time pressured life has become, of how waiting is seen as something to be avoided and how easy it is to ignore the signs telling us to change direction. I'm sure that there are many of us who, despite trying to be patient, don't like waiting. We find, when we get delayed, increasing levels of anxiety, fretfulness and frustration. It's really difficult to stop these forces building up in us so, as our waiting drags on, we find it hard to be graceful and still when we experience a delay.

We are in such a rush, so much of the time, unforgiving in the pressure we place on ourselves in our haste. We have come to see waiting as nothing more than a problem, a nuisance, an interruption in our stream of life which breaks the control we think we have over time. The idea that waiting is often necessary, or occasionally valuable, seems hopelessly at odds with the rhythm of life we create and sustain for ourselves. However, having to wait and be at the mercy of another challenges the illusion that our timetable, our busy plans for getting

things done, should take priority over everybody and everything else that matters.

Chronic busyness, when we start to define ourselves by how busy we are, is addictive and it conspires to deaden our understanding of the true value and purpose of God-given time. It takes hold when we have not asked ourselves what is important in our lives and had the strength to stick to these priorities.

I pray that 2018 will be a year where we don't attempt to drive through the roadworks, that it will be filled with unavoidable slowness. A year where we can fully live out the refrain 'all in good time' and discover the growth and wisdom that comes from patient and graceful waiting. If there's still room for another New Year's resolution, make it your intention to find the space and stillness in 2018 to breathe fully, to stop the rush and to experience the wholeness and blessing that God pours into all our lives.

May I wish you all a happy and fruitful New Year.



CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

Thursday 4th	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
	2.00pm SMART

Sunday 7th **The Epiphany of our Lord**

Monday 8th	9.30am St Mark's Playgroup (First of term)
Wednesday 10th	3.25pm T-Time Tales (First of term)
Thursday 11th	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

Sunday 14th	Epiphany 2
	12.30pm Holy Baptism
	1.00pm Community Lunch
	6.00pm Taizé Prayer

Thursday 18th	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
Saturday 20th	7.30pm Helier Dreux Quiz (Kitchen Project)

Sunday 21st

Monday 22nd
Thursday 25th
Saturday 27th

Sunday 28th**FEBRUARY**

Thursday 1st

Sunday 4th

Wednesday 7th
Thursday 8th

Sunday 11th

Monday 12th

Wednesday 14th

Thursday 15th

Sunday 18th

Wednesday 21st
Thursday 22nd

Saturday 24th

Sunday 25th

Wednesday 28th
Thursday 1st March

Epiphany 3

4.00pm Messy Church

8.00pm PCC Meeting
12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
8.00pm St Mark's Social Dance

Epiphany 4

5pm-7pm ROOTS Youth Group

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

Presentation of Christ

TBC SMOAT Bingo Event

10am-12 Vintage Tea in the Church
12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

Sunday before Lent

1.00pm Community Lunch
6.00pm Taizé Prayer

No Playgroup (Half-term)

Ash Wednesday

11.00am Holy Eucharist with Ashing
No T-Time Tales (Half-term)
8.00pm Sung Eucharist with Ashing
12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

Lent 1

4.00pm Messy Church

8.00pm Lent Course
9.45am Lent Course
12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
8.00pm St Mark's Social Dance

Lent 2

5pm-7pm ROOTS Youth Group

8.00pm Lent Course
9.45am Lent Course
12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

Holy Baptism

The Community of God's People welcomes you with love.

10th December

Benjamin John Crilley

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.

1st November

Kenneth Stanley Sutherland

KITCHEN PROJECT UPDATE

Please help us to transform our 30 year old kitchen to a shiny new one to meet all food and hygiene standards



Grants

We are delighted to be able to report that we have received our first grant monies towards the new kitchen project. An amount of £2,500 has been awarded to us by our local Surrey County Councillor Dr Zully Grant-Duff as part of her Member Allocation for the current year. A portion of this money is being used to buy a lockable under counter freezer which will be in use straight away and available for the winter night shelter, community lunch and Messy Church teams. A larger

portion will be used to upgrade the electricity supply to the hall in the New Year.

Thank you to all who supported our project in the Aviva Community Fund. Unfortunately, we did not get through to the final stages but we have been awarded £300 and this should be received in the next month or so.

We are also applying for numerous other grants and if anyone has any information about monies that may be available we would be pleased to hear from you.

Events

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent events. We raised £452 from our wreath making afternoon and over £400 from our wine tasting quiz evening. Our next event is the Helier Drew Quiz on 20th January and we are also planning a race night and other activities throughout next year. Any ideas for events will be welcome.

Donations

As you know we are looking to raise £120,000 in total to transform our church kitchen so we can continue and expand our community activities. Online donations including Gift Aid can be made by using the following link:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/newkitchenstmarks>

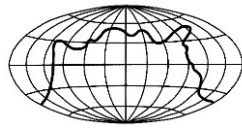
Alternatively, cheques can be made payable to St Mark's PCC and sent to the following address:

St Mark's Church, 8 Alma Road, Reigate RH2 0DA. Please state that monies are for the kitchen project. If you are a tax payer and making a donation by cheque, please ask for information on how to Gift Aid, enabling the church to claim a further 25% on your donation.

Many thanks,

The Kitchen Project Team:

Mel Crighton, Nicci Lloyd & Barbara Perkins



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ST MARK'S OVERSEAS AID TRUST

BRIDGE2AID

Last month I told you about Village Water. This month I just wanted to give you a little information on Bridge2Aid, a charity we have supported a few times over the last few years.

Bridge2Aid fights the causes of poverty in some of the poorest communities in the developing world. They do this by strengthening local healthcare systems – specifically by training local healthcare workers in the provision of emergency dental treatment. Since 2004 Bridge2Aid has provided training which has given access to safe emergency dental care for over 4 million people in Tanzania. They have done this through sending volunteers from the UK dental community to train rural health workers. They are saving lives and freeing millions more from the prospect of misery and pain.

More than 70% of the world's population have no access to the most simple dental pain relief, leaving billions to face a daily battle with pain in the toughest of life circumstances. Oral disease, infection and chronic pain desperately need to be addressed to enable people to work, attend school, and care for their families. Bridge2Aid's sustainable training model provides local health workers with the essential skills they need to improve the lives of people for the long term. Initially they have developed a programme in rural Tanzania, and their long term plan is to roll this training out to any country where there is a need, enabling training in emergency dental care for health workers in all remote rural communities of developing countries.

So, how does their training model work?

Experienced dental professionals (dentists, nurses, hygienists and therapists) volunteer on their Dental Volunteer Programme to serve as trainers. The volunteers teach District Dental Officers (senior urban-based local dental personnel) how to teach emergency dental skills – 'training the trainers'. Rural Health Workers are then provided with the skills, equipment and support to deliver safe, free emergency dental treatment in their communities. This is where the core value of sustainability really comes to life. Once the trainers are trained,

Bridge2Aid concentrates its efforts on facilitating the procurement of equipment. This is where SMOAT has helped in the past.

Buying four dental kits and sterilisation units provides the Rural Health Workers with the equipment to help up to 40,000 people.

It's hard to believe, in this day and age, that 70% of the world's population don't have access to dental pain relief. We hope that the dedication shown by Bridge2Aid will help to bring that percentage down over the next few years.



Barbara Perkins (Chairman SMOAT)

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

ARCH'S WAY

You will remember (of course) that last Christmas we invited Alison's parents Graham and Mary from St Malo to join us for a few days, and we discussed New Year Resolutions. Looking back, nothing much seems to have changed. Where people were fighting last year, they are still fighting now. The worries that Graham had about Brexit, he still has now. Sadly, the change we saw was mainly in ourselves.

The problem that Alison and I noticed was that Graham seemed to have aged considerably since we saw him last. He was never the most active of people, and he was carrying quite a few more pounds than he should. Still, for his age of 75, he had been managing pretty well. However, now he appeared ill at ease and distressed. Although his memory seemed adequate (though not particularly good), he consulted his diary many times, as if he might be missing an important engagement elsewhere.

Also, it was clear that he had lost confidence. Last year he was arguing that Britain was foolish in its Brexit decision and was insisting that a deal should be struck immediately to protect the rights of ex-patriots like him and Mary. This year, he was clearly frightened rather than argumentative. Issues such as the dreadful Grenfell fire or the possible threat from North Korea filled him with horror and deep foreboding. Mary was quick to comfort and reassure him but it was clear that the nature of their partnership had changed. She was now supporting him to an extent that was unnecessary a year before.

How subtly age creeps upon us. We live our everyday lives as if nothing will change. Then something triggers the thought that things have changed and we shall have to adjust, to cope with the new situation, whatever that might be. Alison reminded me of the little signs that recently had caused us to worry about her parents. We had always kept in touch with them every few weeks via Skype (a video conversation on our computers), but recently we had joked that they seemed to have forgotten which way round to hold their tablet, so that we were looking at the room, not at them.

At this point, Alison looked over my shoulder at what I had written and said, "Well, if that's what you want to say about the New Year, it's pretty miserable stuff." "No," I said, "That's not it. It's more about how we cope and how we do actually help each other."

As I was saying, aging is inevitable and everyone has to go through it, becoming more and more dependent on support from others. In my father-in-law's case, both he and Mary spoke enthusiastically to us about the welcome they had always experienced at their local church in France. They had joined groups of various kinds and Mary sings in the choir. In recent times it is very often the case, as in theirs, that relations and even one's own children are many miles away and therefore cannot offer the company and support that would have been completely normal and expected, a few generations ago.

I remember when I was preparing for my own confirmation, the vicar asked me why I wished to be confirmed. I guess I gave an answer about my faith, such as it is, and that the congregation was a shining example of good-hearted people who looked out for each other and gave help whenever needed. The vicar replied, "The Church isn't a social club, you know." He was quite right, of course. I should not have run those two ideas into the same conversation. But I suggest it's a fact that, in the average C of E congregation there are many people who have an increasing need of friendship, help, advice or support.

Clever technology has become a particular problem to a great number of people. To over-simplify the situation, the older people find it difficult and complicated while the younger people find it easy but don't understand the risks (or don't take them seriously). It is clear that the banks, for example, are investing huge sums of money so that we will conduct our business from our home computers or mobile phones, rather than calling in at a local branch, if there is one. It is equally clear that there is a considerable number of people who know there are risks but do not know how to avoid them - such as when to change passwords, and how to detect when a telephone call is a potential fraud.

It has become commonplace to receive an email message from an organization such as Amazon, or a government department or utility saying that a sum is due and should be remitted immediately 'to the address above'. It is extremely difficult to tell by its appearance whether it is genuine or not. I know that Graham is having real difficulty in deciding what to do in such situations; he has always been the one to deal with such matters but it is gradually becoming too difficult for him.

It is a great comfort to some of us that there is a group of good-hearted people that we can meet over a cup of coffee, as well as in prayer, to discuss our problems and worries. As the saying goes, 'I can't fix that problem for you, but I know someone who can.' Social networks such

as SMOAT and SMART have enormous value in very many ways. It can truly be said that we can thank God for them.

Time to go!

Roman Arch

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

SMART

Smart will meet on Thursday 4th January
in the Church Hall to discuss
Health Care Then and Now
- a discussion for all to join in with.

Please contact either Sarah Cousins 01737 789943
or Louise Wallis 01737 242129 if you need a lift.

READINGS FOR JANUARY

Sunday 7th	The Epiphany	Isaiah 60.1-6 Matthew 2.1-12
Sunday 14th	2 nd of Epiphany	1 Samuel 3.1-10 John 1.43-51
Sunday 21st	3 rd of Epiphany	Genesis 14.17-20 John 2.1-11
Sunday 28th	4 th of Epiphany	Deuteronomy 18.15-20 Mark 1.21-28

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2018

Subscriptions are now due for the Parish Magazine in 2018. If you have the magazine delivered to your home, please pay the delivery person. If you collect a named copy from church, please pay me, Jenny Toye.

Individual copies cost 30p but if you pay annually, you pay a lower price of £3 for the year. If you have queries, please ring me on 01737 247016.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jenny Toye



HELIER DREUX QUIZ

Helier has made a name for himself locally as being a quiz master extraordinaire! Come along and join us for a chilli supper (vegetarian option available) while you put your brain to the test. Will you be able to top the leader board or will you be on the table that wins the Smarties?

Form a table of eight or just come along and join a table on the night.

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20th January 2018
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7.30pm start**

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supper. There will
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Benjamin Lloyd	8th
Aaran Sheasby	14th
Matthew Crighton	21st
Kyrah Hayward-Bukenya	28th
Seren Morgan	30th

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD FOR DECEMBER

ACROSS: 1 Tabernacle 7 Absalom 8 Incas 10 Roes
11 Captured 13 Fright 15 Cavell 17 Cyclonic 18 Herb 21 Sonar
22 Amazing 23 Settlement

DOWN: 1 Taste 2 Bold 3 Ramiah 4 Abiathar 5 Lucerne
6 Sacrifices 9 Saddlebags 12 Theocrat 14 Incense 16 Pilate
19 Exist 20 Save

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November Solution

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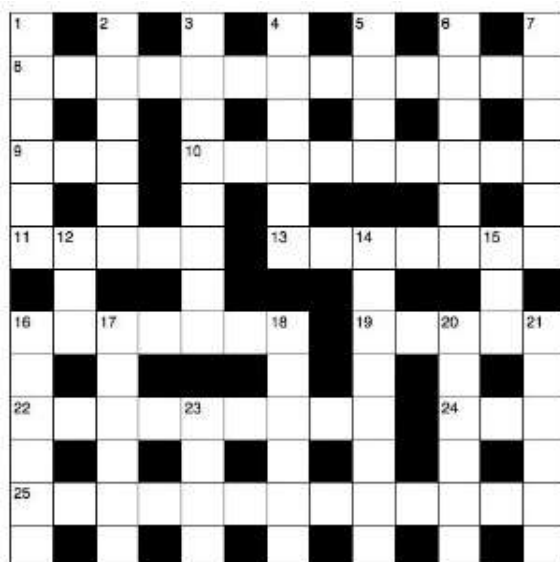
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THIS MONTH'S CROSSWORD

Across

- 8 How the Abyss (NIV) is described in the Authorized Version (Revelation 9:1) (10,3)
- 9 Frozen water (Ezekiel 1:22) (3)
- 10 The Ten Commandments (9)
- 11 In Roman Catholic theology, neither heaven nor hell (5)
- 13 Des cons (anag.) (7)
- 16 'Though [your sins] are red as — , they shall be like wool' (Isaiah 1:18) (7)
- 19 Keen (Romans 1:15) (5)
- 22 Repugnant, loathsome (Jeremiah 24:9) (9)
- 24 Drink like an animal (Judges 7:5) (3)
- 25 First and last (Revelation 22:13) (5,3,5)



Down

- 1 Father of Ahi, a Gadite (1 Chronicles 5:15) (6)
- 2 Where David found the stone with which he killed Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (6)
- 3 'Hour by hour fresh lips are making thy — doings heard on high' (8)
- 4 'And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their — at night' (Luke 2:8) (6)
- 5 United Society for Christian Literature (1,1,1,1)
- 6 'If he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would — — or a tax collector' (Matthew 18:17) (1,5)
- 7 Where Paul was taken when things became difficult for him in Berea (Acts 17:15) (6)
- 12 Istituto per le Opere di Religione (Vatican Bank) (1,1,1)

- 14 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new — ; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17) (8)
- 15 Used to colour ram skins red for use in the tabernacle (Exodus 25:5) (3)
- 16 Vat car (anag.) (6)
- 17 'Be joyful — — , patient in affliction, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (6)
- 18 'The parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts — — special treatment' (1 Corinthians 12:23) (4,2)
- 20 Ancient rowing boat (Isaiah 33:21) (6)
- 21 Say again (2 Corinthians 11:16) (6)
- 23 What Jesus did in the synagogue in Nazareth after he stood up (Luke 4:16) (4)

MAGAZINE - Change of Editor

Dear Readers

We're now into 2018 which is the 11th year I have been editing your magazine. As I said a few months ago, I shall be hanging up my editorial eyeshade in April, the time of our APCM.

I am hoping that someone will come forward to take this job on. It's not necessary for the editor to write articles (unless he or she wishes to). The essential is to gather information from others, which normally arrives by email, and massage it into a presentable format.

Although we are now in the electronic age, I believe the magazine in paper form will still have an important role to play for the foreseeable future, so I hope a volunteer will come forward and contact Father Martin or myself.

Malcolm Toye (Magazine Editor)

P.S. As I shall be away for part of January, please send contributions for the February magazine to Terrence Hancock email: t.f.hancock@btinternet.com or telephone 01737 761178, by 6th January, please. Many thanks, Terrence!

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