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SUNDAY 24 JUNE (ST JOHN THE BAPTIST)

WELCOME

We give a warm welcome to The Reverend Canon John Ackland, celebrant and preacher at both the 8.00am and 10.00am services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Sung Eucharist6.00pm Evening Prayer

MONDAY TO THURSDAY

9.15am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE

3.25pm T Time Tales

THURSDAY 28 JUNE

12.45am Holy Communion (Iona)7.30pm Dunottar Choral Society

FRIDAY 29 JUNE (ST PETER & ST PAUL)

SUNDAY 1 JULY (TRINITY 5)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.00pm Healing and Wholeness

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; 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.



THE EPISTLE READING Galations 3: 23 to 29

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ; There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 1: 57 to 66 and 80

The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

HYMNS AT 10.00AM (NEH)

Introit See back page
Gradual 12
Offertory 294
Post Communion 120
Setting John Rutter

<u>INTERCESSIONS</u>

Please pray for those in particular need at this time:

Sharon Willans, Arthur Parkes

For those who live in Raglan Close

For Reigate Methodist Church

For anniversaries falling at this time: Joyce Axon, Violet Paxton, Muriel Palmer, Elizabeth Pinder, Alfred Jones, Shelagh Brown (Priest), Kathleen Leborgne

LAVISH SOME LOVE ON ST MARK'S

It is time to lavish some tender love and care (TLC) on our church. There are a selection of tasks requiring willing hands and we are looking to achieve a great deal over the period Friday 29 Jun to Tuesday 3 July. Offering the opportunity for everyone to give an hour or two at a time convenient to them! There is something for everyone – why not come as a family, bring friends?

Do you have a jet/power washer? Handy with a paint brush?

Weeding – is this your passion?

Are you good at silver and brass polishing?

Please check the board at the back of the church and add your support for making St Mark's look wonderful!

COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next lunch will be on Sunday 8 July. Please sign on the list at the back of the church if you can provide potatoes or carrots. Drivers are always required please contact Robert Cramp. Community Lunch has been awarded the Mayor's Volunteer Team Award. The theme this year is 'Taking Responsibility', and the judging panel are delighted to recognise the work of all our volunteers. This award is for everyone who has played a part in the running of the Community Lunch over the years. Thank you all.

Angela and Alison



Abbeyfield's Summer tea Party - Sunday 8 July 4.00pm until 6.00pm. Please join us for Abbevfield's Summer Fete at 34 Somers Road, Reigate. Included in the entry price are the unlimited supply of tea, scones and cake! Also, on offer are raffle, tombola, garden games and bric a brac. Entry price is £5.00 per adult and £3.00 per child. Any questions - please, contact me.

Leonora Corden



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed tour Box opening event last week. Thus far we have banked well over £1,000 with several boxes vet to be received for counting. Proceeds from the stalls and some generous cheques also made the afternoon worthwhile for this wonderful charity we have supported over many years here at St Mark's.

Tony & Patricia Bird

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29 Jun – 3 Jul Lavish some love on St Mark's

8 Jul 10.00am Visit from the Bishop of Croydon (The Right Reverend Jonathan Clark)

Pease send any notices for the news sheet to Terrence Hancock **₹** 01737 761178

or email t.f.hancock@btinternet.com at the latest by 9.00am on Thursday

INTROIT HYMN

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord, for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords. To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word; help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase; fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned: pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span; may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind; that by our response and service earth its destiny may find; earth its destiny may find.