

# ST MARK'S PARISH CHURCH REIGATE

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## **SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER (HARVEST)**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00am Parish Eucharist  
6.00pm Healing and Wholeness

## **MONDAY TO THURSDAY**

9.15am Morning Prayer

## **WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER**

3.25pm T Time Tales  
8.00pm Discipleship Explored (1)

## **THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER**

9.15am Informal Prayer Meeting  
12.45am Holy Communion (Iona)  
9.45am Discipleship Explored (1)

## **SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER (TRINITY 20)**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00am Sung Eucharist  
6.00pm Taizé Prayer

## **THE COLLECT FOR TODAY**

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**DIocese of Southwark**



**CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA**

**ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE**

## **THE FIRST READING**

## **The sermon of St Francis to the Birds**

My sweet little sisters, oh, birds of the sky, you are bound unto heaven, to God, your Creator. In every beat of your wing and every note of your song praise Him. He has given you the greatest of gifts, the liberty of the air. You neither sow, nor reap, yet God provides for you the most delicious morsels, streams and lakes to quench your thirst, hill and dale for your home, tall trees to build your nests, and the most beautiful clothing, a change of feathers with every season. You and your kind were preserved in the Ark of Noah. Clearly, the Creator loves you most dearly, His gifts flow forth in abundance; so please be careful of the sin of thanklessness, and always sing out your praises for the Lord, our God!"

## **THE GOSPEL READING**

## **Mark 6: 25 to 33**

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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## **INTERCESSIONS**

Please pray for those in particular need:  
Sharon Willans, Jane-Ann Paul,  
Henry Miller

For those who live in The Way (part)

For Redhill Salvation Army

For anniversaries falling this week:  
Horace Stoneley, Kathie Kennedy,  
Arthur Oakley, Norman Taylor,  
Frederick Phipps, Rosalind Williams,  
Iris Liell, Alan Thiele, Vivian Hankin,  
Donald Bennell

## **HARVEST GIFTS**

This year the produce at the Harvest Service will be going to the local Food Bank. At the moment their stocks are very low and with the winter coming and colder days we rely on the harvest gifts to replenish the stock. As it is also a pet service we do supply pet food!

*Food Bank team.*

## **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

If you can assist with transport for the next lunch on Sunday 14 October, please contact Robert Cramp.

*Angela Daniels, Alison Stagg*

## **KITCHEN PROJECT FUNDRAISING**

The new kitchen is now substantially complete and was used for the first time for Messy Church. As you may know we have raised a considerable amount already through grants and donations enabling the work to go ahead over the summer. We are now looking to raise funds to complete the final phase of the project which is to replace the folding doors adjacent to the new kitchen as these can no longer be operated following the extension. If you can help us and would like to make a donation, cheques should be made payable to St Mark's PCC or donations can be made online using the following link: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/newkitchenstmarks>. If you can, please gift aid any donations as the project benefits by an additional £25 per £100 donated. Many thanks.

## **TESCO BAGS OF HELP**

The Kitchen Project has been selected for the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme! Customers vote for a charity by placing a token in a box at the front of the store. The Kitchen Project will be covered in three stores: Caterham Superstore (Guards Avenue, Coulsdon Road, Caterham CR3 5QX), Redhill Tesco Express (73 Canalside, Redhill, RH1 2NH) and Edenbridge Tesco Express (High Street, Edenbridge, TN8 5AD). We would, once again, be very grateful for your support. The charity with the most tokens during September and October will receive £4,000.

*Mel Crighton, Nicci Lloyd,  
Barbara Perkins*

## **PARISH OFFICE**

Please note the office will be closed on Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 October.

## **DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED**

This term I will be leading a new course based on St Paul's Letter to the Philippians. It will run for 8 weeks on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm and Thursday mornings from 9.45am starting on Wednesday 10 October/Thursday 11 October. The course books cost £2.50 each – please sign up on the sheet. This course is suitable for everyone at St Mark's, whatever age. Try the first session with no obligation to continue!

*Fr Martin*

## **COMMUNION CLASSES**

We will be holding classes this autumn for any children aged 7 or over who wish to receive Holy Communion. If you would like your child(ren) included, please speak with Fr Martin or Reverend Anna.

## **HOME GROUP**

Everyone is most welcome to come along to the Home Group meeting fortnightly at 8.00pm on Thursday evenings at 6 The Mount Drive for a time of fellowship, discussion and prayer in a relaxed atmosphere. The next meeting is on 18 October. If you would like to know more ask either Keith or Susannah Dyde or Barbara or Nigel Perkins.

*Fr Martin*

## **THE BRIDGE**

The October edition of our diocesan newspaper is now available at the back of the church. Do please take a copy away with you when you leave this morning. They are free!

## **ALL SOULS' SERVICE**

If you have someone you would like remembered at this service, please fill in a slip and place it in the box provided by the 28 October.

## **SMART**

We will be making floral table decorations on Thursday 6 November with the help of our very own flower arranger Ruth Percival. Please bring as many pairs of old scissors and secateurs as you can to share with the group. Please note that there will be a £2.00 charge per head to cover the extra cost of the flowers. For lifts please telephone Sarah Cousins on 01737 789943 or Louise Wallis on 01737 242129.

## **ADVENT CALENDARS, ANGELS AND CRACKERS**

This year we will once again be supporting The Meaningful Chocolate Company charitable giving by offering their Real Advent Calendar (£3.99), Host of Angels (£3.99) and Meaningful Christmas Crackers (£9.99) for purchase, providing we are able to meet their minimum & case requirements. Please look out for more information and orders can be placed through the office. Our order must be in by the end of October

to gain free delivery. These are sold at cost, should you wish round up your payment, the odd pennies will be passed onto The Children's Society.

## **ST MARK'S BUFFERS**

The next gathering of the St Mark's Buffers will be on Tuesday 16 October from 10.00am until 12noon in the church. All are welcome to join in with polishing the silver, brass and precious items. Polish, cloth, tea and company provided, please bring your own gloves and sense of humour. We are a happy bunch of buffers!

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

10 Oct	8.00pm	Discipleship Explored
11 Oct	9.45am	Discipleship Explored
16 Oct	10.00am	St Mark's Buffers
18 Oct	8.00pm	Home Group
21 Oct	4.00pm	Messy Church
27 Oct	8.00pm	Social Dance

Please send any notices for the news sheet to Terrence Hancock ☎ 01737 761178 or by email to [t.f.hancock@btinternet.com](mailto:t.f.hancock@btinternet.com) at the latest by 9.00am on Thursday