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SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER (ADVENT 2)

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

MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY

9.15am Morning Prayer

THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER

9.15am Informal Prayer Meeting
12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER (ADVENT 3)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Sung Eucharist
4.00pm Messy Church
6.00pm Evening Prayer

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.

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CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

HYMNS AT 10.00AM

Introit	O come, O come, Emmanuel
Gradual	Bless the Lord, the God of Israel
Offertory	The kingdom of God is justice and joy
During Communion	The Benedicite (Lloyd)
Post Communion	Give me joy in my heart
Setting	Terrence Hancock

THE FIRST READING

Malachi 3: 1 to 4

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 3: 1 to 6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

INTERCESSIONS

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

For those living in Wray Lane

For Those who give their lives for
Christian ministry

RIP: Jenny Moses

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Tom Harley, Betty Longley,
Joyce Molyneux, Beryl Forster,
Lorna Stratford, Alice (Robbie) Robbens,
Jack Budgen.

TRAVELLING CRIB

If you would like to host Mary, Joseph and the donkey during Advent, please sign up at the back of church. There are still a few slots left.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Following my appointment as Rector of St Mary's Buckland and St Michael's Betchworth, my licensing will be held on Wednesday 10 April 2019 at St Michael's Betchworth. The precise timing is yet to be decided upon and will be announced in due course. It would be lovely if you could join me for this significant step in ministry. My final Sunday at St Mark's Church will be 3 March 2019. Thank you for your kind words of congratulations; I am very excited to be taking up a new post but very sad to be leaving the wonderful community of St Mark's.

Reverend Anna



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CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year we are supporting two projects. The first is a project from The Virtual Doctors, which uses smartphone technology to connect isolated healthcare workers in Zambia with doctors in the UK who offer diagnostic advice for complex cases. The second project is from IMPACT and is supporting a Bangladesh floating hospital which offers medical treatment and surgery to marginalised, rural communities throughout the country. Both of these projects help to get people back to full health so that they are able to support their families or go to school, thereby enabling them to stay out of poverty. If you can support us, please contact treasurer@SMOAT.org

Barbara Perkins

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DANCE

On Saturday 22 December from 8.00pm we have our Christmas Social Dance. Come along to hear Christmas classics, to have a dance (or just watch) and maybe to win a spot prize (not awarded on the basis of dance skills!) A perfect way to get into the Christmas mood. Only £7.00 (but bring your own drink).

CHRISTINGLE AND CRIB SERVICE

On Christmas Eve we shall be celebrating with a Crib and Christingle Service at 4.00pm. The collection will raise vital funds for The Children's Society. If you are unable to attend 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 any Sunday before 24 December. Many thanks.

Tony & Patricia Bird

JOIN US MAKING CHRISTINGLES

Come and join the team on 22 December at 11.00am in the hall, making Christingles for the Children's Society Service. Christingles are decorated oranges and we have around 200 to make, so the more volunteers we have, the better. Instruction will be given. To volunteer, or to find out more about it, contact Jenny Toye (01737 247016). Tea, coffee and biscuits will be supplied.

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

If you are able to help with this important project and have not yet volunteered, please speak to Nigel Perkins, our venue co-ordinator, as soon as possible. The Shelter runs from 14 December to the end of March, and at St Mark's we are hosting the Fridays in December and January. However, you can volunteer at any of the venues.

VARB'S FESTIVE FEAST

VARB'S Festive Feast is a Community Christmas Day lunch for anyone living in the Reigate & Banstead area, who would like to celebrate Christmas with other people. It is held at St Mark's and if you, or someone you know, would like to join us for a free traditional two course lunch, entertainment and lots of fun please ask them to contact Annette Cooper telephone: 01737 762115 or email: annette@varb.org.uk for a booking form.

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

We will soon be preparing our 2019 rota for attending to the flower vases behind the high altar. We are keen to find one or two more people to help. Normally the flowers are arranged on a Friday or Saturday, to suit individual convenience. Each person on the rota provides, arranges and keeps an eye for a two week period. With enough volunteers, it is likely that each person will only be responsible for two weeks during the year. It is a straightforward job, suitable for ladies and gentlemen. Thank you. Please consider this request carefully and contact Valerie Jones on 01737 246538 or at vjingamum@hotmail.com

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL FLOWERS

During Advent there will be an opportunity for you 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. At each service, a collecting box and the list will be found at the back of the church, near the entrance.

MONEY FOR NOTHING

Do you shop Online? Help us while you do, at no extra cost to you! Amazing but true, by simply taking the 'easy' route to your participating store and shopping as usual, a small percentage will be passed on to St Mark's. If everyone at St Mark's bought a Christmas gift or booked a holiday this way, just think how quickly we could generate much needed funds for our Church. It's just a click away! www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarksreigate/

KITCHEN PROJECT FUNDRAISING

We are delighted to let you know that we have been awarded **£2,000** from the **Tesco Bags of Help** scheme. A huge thank you to all who supported the project by visiting the various Tesco stores. We also raised **£445** at the **Wreath Making** event last Sunday. A very enjoyable afternoon with lovely wreaths made by everyone.

You will hopefully have seen from the noticeboard and signs around the church hall that we are looking to raise the **final £7,000** to replace the doors which separate the committee room from the main hall as these can no longer be operated fully following the kitchen extension. We are getting ever closer to this figure thanks to the above and other individual donations. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. If you would like to make a donation, cheques should be made payable to St Mark's PCC or by using the following link online: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/newkitchneestmarks> Please gift aid any donations as the project benefits by an additional £25 per £100 donated. Many thanks for all your support and donations.

*Mel Crighton, Nicci Lloyd,
Barbara Perkins*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16 Dec 4.00pm Messy Church
18 Dec 10.00am St Mark's Buffers
22 Dec 11.00am Christingle Making
22 Dec 8.00pm Social Dance
23 Dec 10.00am Junior Church Nativity
23 Dec 6.00pm Carol Service
24 Dec 4.00pm Crib and Christingle
24 Dec 11.30pm Midnight Mass
25 Dec 8.00am Holy Communion *BCP*
25 Dec 10.00am Holy Communion
with hymns

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