

ST MARK'S PARISH CHURCH REIGATE

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SUNDAY 24 MARCH (LENT 3)

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

MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY

9.15am Morning Prayer

THURSDAY 28 MARCH

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

SUNDAY 31 MARCH (LENT 4 – MOTHERING SUNDAY)

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

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK



CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

THE FIRST READING**Isaiah 55:1 to 9**

The Lord says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

THE GOSPEL READING**Luke 13:1 to 9**

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

HYMNS AT 10.00AM (MP)

Gradual	707
Offertory	214
During Communion	The Venite
Post Communion	200
Setting	Terrence Hancock

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:
Sharon Willans, Geraldine Wright

For those living in Clifton's Lane

For St Michael & All Angels Betchworth

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Joyce Wincott, Campbell Snow (Priest),
Edith Coates, John Watson,
Andrew Page, Mollie Gordon,
Rose Gilbert, Sydney Bufton,
John Gascoigne-Pees, Roy Henderson

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

16 / 17 APRIL 2019

The deadline for registration forms for the Easter Holiday Club is fast approaching. Please pick one up from the back of church or see the website and apply this week. We also need more adult helpers if even for just a few hours - full guidance given and it is always good fun. Please sign up if you are able to help. Any questions please ask.

Mel Crighton

REVEREND ANNA

If you are planning to come to the licensing service at St Michael's Betchworth on **Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm**, please pass your details to: officerectory@btinternet.com or tel: 01737 843335

Space at St Michael's is limited both for seating and parking. We are encouraging car sharing, and if you have a spare seat available, would you consider providing a lift to one of our non-drivers? We have several members of the congregation that would love to come to the service but need transport. If you would be prepared to take (and return) an extra passenger, or if you require a lift please let Fr. Martin or Shona Prosser know and we will put you in touch to make arrangements.

PALM CROSSES

A group will be meeting to make Palm Crosses on Wednesday 3 April at 11.00am in the Committee Room. Please come and join us! We need to make 100 crosses and instruction will be given. Please ring Jenny Toye on 01737 247016 if you can come and bring a pair of scissors and a sharp knife with you. Refreshments will be provided.

LENT LUNCHES

Lists of the various Lent Lunches are at the back of the Church. Please sign up for which lunch you would like to attend.

ELECTORAL ROLL

This year we are completely renewing the Electoral Roll. This means that no one on the present roll will be included in the new roll **UNLESS** they complete a new application form. These forms are available in Church and must be returned completed by **Sunday 7 April 2019** at the very latest (early return will be warmly welcomed). This new roll will be used for eligibility to vote and speak at this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Sunday 28 April 2019 or to stand for certain roles including PCC members and Sidespeople. Doing nothing means you will not be entitled to vote or speak at the meeting. If you have any questions, or need help completing the form, please ask Fr Martin or me.

Alison Stagg
Electoral Roll Officer

LENT COURSE

We will be looking at faith through the life and works of C S Lewis, including video clips from *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and *Shadowlands*. There will be no charge for materials! The dates of the final sessions are:
Wednesday 3 April at 8.00pm: and
Thursday 4 April at 9.45am



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REGISTERED CHARITY No. 28091

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We have had an amazing response to our Christmas Appeal. We are raising money for two organisations: The Virtual Doctors in Zambia and IMPACT Floating Hospital in Bangladesh. Our Appeal will close on 31 March so if you haven't yet had the chance to donate, please consider making a donation to these wonderful organisations and help to save and rebuild many lives. Thank you for your ongoing support, it really is greatly appreciated, and will undoubtedly change many people's lives.

JAZZ EVENING

We are delighted to inform you that we raised £2,000 for Freedom from Fistula. Based in Sierra Leone, they offer life-changing surgery and support to women pre- and post-childbirth.

BEETLE DRIVE

At a fun-filled afternoon event on a wet and windy Sunday, we raised over £400 for Bees for Development. We will be sending £1,000 to the organisation, which will enable families to set up small businesses.

EUROPEAN SUMMER TIME

This begins next Sunday. Please remember that clocks should be put **forward** one hour on Saturday evening.



NEW PARTITION DOORS BETWEEN THE HALL AND COMMITTEE ROOM

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who has donated towards the kitchen project and the new folding doors. We now have all the funds we need, and the doors will be installed in April.

*Mel Crighton, Nicci Lloyd,
Barbara Perkins*

PARISH EASTER CARD

We are planning to deliver a card detailing our Easter services to every home in the parish. We still have several roads that are not covered, so please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the tower entrance. The cards are ready for collection and need to be delivered by Sunday 7 April.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27 Mar	8.00pm	PCC Meeting
3 Apr	8.00pm	Lent Course 3 of 3
4 Apr	9.45am	Lent Course 3 of 3
	2.00pm	SMART
7 Apr	4.00pm	Family Service
10 Apr	7.30pm	Induction of Rev'd Anna at St Michael's Betchworth
16 Apr	9.30am	Easter Club
17 Apr	9.30am	Easter Club

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