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SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER (2 BEFORE ADVENT)

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

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

- 8.30am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

- 3.25pm T Time Tales
- 8.00pm Study Course 3 of 5

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER

- 9.15am Informal Prayer Meeting
- 9.45am Study Course 3 of 5
- 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
- 5.00pm Choral Evensong
sung by the Godfrey Searle Choir

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER (CHRIST THE KING)

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

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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

2 Thessalonians 3: 6 to 13

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters do not be weary in doing what is right.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 21: 5 to 19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

HYMNS AT 10.00AM (NEH)

Introit	244
Gradual	490
Offertory	378
Post Communion	466
Setting	John Rutter

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:
Sharon Willans, Geraldine Wright,
Jean Hovey, Phyllis Lloyd

For those living in Parkhall Road
For Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries

RIP: Valerie Glenn, Michael Ashley

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Edith (Bunty) Clarke, John Hull,
Martha (Molly) Johnston, Fred Floy,
Margaret Leach, John Brunning,
Bill Druett (Priest), Elsie Wood,
Ernest Packington.

AUTUMN TERM COURSE

This term our study course is based on the film *The Greatest Showman*. The sessions are on Wednesdays at 8.00pm, repeated on Thursdays at 9.45am running each week until 4 / 5 December. If you missed the earlier sessions, don't worry: still come along to any session. This course is suitable for everyone at St Mark's, whatever age.

Fr Martin

CHORAL EVENSONG

The Godfrey Searle Choir will be singing Choral Evensong this term at St Mark's on **Thursday this week** and again on **Thursday 5 December at 5.00pm**. All are welcome to come along and participate with some of the finest Choral music in the praise of God.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

We still need lots more people to help to deliver cards detailing our Christmas services to homes in the parish. Please sign up in the tower entrance. The cards will be ready for collection on Sunday 24 November and need to be delivered by Sunday 8 December.

COMMUNITY LUNCH – 8 DECEMBER

For the December lunch we need to provide 4lbs. parsnips not peeled or cut, or 4lbs. carrots, peeled but not cut, as well as the usual potatoes. The board will give you an indication of the vegetables required. Many thanks.

Alison Stagg

ST MARK'S SINGERS **CONCERT 30 NOVEMBER**

St Mark's is hosting a concert of St Mark's Singers on Saturday 30 November at 7.30pm (doors open at 6.45pm). Join us for a celebration of singing, raising money for our Church. Tickets for adults are £7.50, children £2.50 (both prices include a welcome drink) and a licensed bar will be available. Tickets are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarksreigate or from the Parish Office during opening hours.

KNITTING AND SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The next meeting will be held at Jenny Toy's house, 10 Raglan Road, Reigate, RH2 0DP, telephone 01737 247016, on Thursday 21 November at 7.30pm. New members are welcome, and any craft that you can hold on your lap.

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

If you are able to help with this important project and have not yet volunteered, please speak with Nigel Perkins, our venue co-ordinator, as soon as possible. The Shelter runs from 13 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.

TRAVELLING CRIB

If you would like to host Mary, Joseph and the donkey during Advent (from 1 December) please sign up at the back of church. Only a few spaces remain!

"THE BRIDGE"

Copies of the November edition of our diocesan newspaper are now available at the back of the church. Please do take a copy with you – they are free of charge.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY COLLECTION

Including Gift Aid tax to be claimed, this totalled £519.67. A cheque has been sent to Combat Street, centred at Leatherhead.

*Brian Rowbotham
Treasurer*

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

Here at St Mark's we have a dedicated team of people who attend to the two flower vases behind the high altar. At the moment there are just eleven people for the entire year, so we are keen to attract a few more volunteers for our 2020 rota. Normally, the flowers are arranged on Friday or Saturday, to suit individual convenience. It is a straightforward job consisting of providing, arranging and keeping an eye for a two-week period. With enough of us, it is likely that each person will only be responsible for two weeks during the year. We would love to hear from you and are happy to talk you through the job. Please speak to Valerie Jones (vjgingamum@hotmail.com) or Caryl Baughen (caryl@baughen.co.uk)

T TIME TALES - REFRESHMENTS

Can you spare an hour to help with refreshments at T Time Tales? There are several Wednesdays when we have no volunteers. If you can help with this task (which isn't onerous), please sign up at the back of church.

CHURCH CLEANING PARTY

On **Saturday 14 December** we have a Cleaning Party from 9am to dust and polish the church in readiness for Christmas. All are welcome.

CRIB AND CRISTINGLE SERVICE

On Christmas Eve we will be celebrating this Service at 4.00pm. The collection will raise vital funds for the work of the Children's Society. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute there is a box at the back of church containing Christingle Collection Candles. When filled please let us have them on 24 December or on any Sunday beforehand. During the service children may wish to place toys around the crib (please label wrapped gifts either "Boy" or "Girl" and the age group). These presents are donated to the local Women's Refuge.

Dino & Debbie Pelekani

ST MARK'S MISSION SURVEY

We are undertaking a survey of both church members and those living and working in the parish as part of a revision of our Mission Action Plan. Please take a copy or complete the online survey via the website.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the office will not be open on Wednesday 20 November.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19 Nov	10.00am	St Mark's Buffers
	8.00pm	PCC Meeting
20 Nov	8.00pm	Study Course 3
21 Nov	9.45am	Study Course 3
	7.30pm	Knitting & Spirituality
23 Nov	8.00pm	Social Dance
30 Nov	7.30pm	St Mark's Singers Concert
14 Dec	9.00am	Church Cleaning Party