

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARK, REIGATE

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SUNDAY 12 JULY (TRINITY 5)

10.00am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 19 JULY (TRINITY 6)

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THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK



CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 55: 10 to 13

Thus says the Lord: For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13: 1 to 9, 18 to 23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:
Geraldine Wright, Jean Hovey,
Alison Stagg, Esther Lyons,
Yvonne Powell, Margaret Winney,
Jenny Archer

For those living outside the Parish
For Redhill Vineyard Church
RIP: Rosemary Hill

For anniversaries falling at this time:
David Whitmarsh Knight, John Price,
Dan Clarke (Priest), Winifred Knowles,
Edward Sykes, Heather Hancock,
Stan Oakley, Peter Dodson

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The Churchwardens and I wish to hear from anyone who would like any help or a chat. Also, we want to hear from anyone who may be able to offer some help to those in our community who have been advised to self-isolate. Please contact the office.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER

I am pleased to confirm that the Church is open for Private Prayer every day from 9.00am to 5.00pm. There are some simple guidelines to follow to prevent coronavirus contamination, and to maintain as clean and safe an environment as possible.

- Entry will only be via the North East entrance (the glass door near to the War Memorial). If you are coming by car, you may wish to park on the street rather than the car park, but please take notice of parking restrictions.
- As you enter the building, please clean your hands with the sanitiser provided and use the paper towels if required, disposing of them in the bin.
- We suggest you also clean your hands on leaving.
- Please do not enter the areas of the Church which are taped off: these areas are not sanitised daily and will only be sanitised for Sunday worship. This includes all access to the Hall and Toilets.
- Notices saying, "I sat here" will be available. If you have sat down on a chair or a pew, please leave this flier/sign in your place. This will help people avoid sitting in the same place before cleaning takes place.

- There will be no facility for writing prayer requests. You can make prayer requests by contacting me on 01737 241161 or vicar@stmarksreigate.co.uk.
- You are welcome to light a candle on the stand in the Lady Chapel. There will be no matches available but a candle will be kept alight from which individual candles can be lit. Please feel free to sit and pray.

By following these guidelines as well as frequent cleansing of the open parts of the church, we can all use the building for prayer. At all times please keep a minimum of 2 metres from anyone not in your household.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

A service of Holy Communion at 10.00am will take place every Sunday. Over the coming weeks and months we hope to include the 8.00am and 6.00pm services, but this will require a thorough clean of the Church between services, and this is not in place as yet. The 10.00am service will also be streamed live online on our website and will also be available to view later.

There are also links on our website to other Church of England worship materials including the Daily Prayer App which I use every day. Perhaps you might like to use this with me every morning?

Fr Martin

FOOD BANK

We have set up a collection point outside the Vicarage (every day from 8.30am to 9.00pm) for donations of: Tinned veg, meat, fish, soup, baked beans; rice, pasta, pasta sauce, breakfast cereal; UHT Milk, Long-life fruit juice; biscuits, jam, tea, coffee, dried ready meals; toothpaste, shower gel, etc.

These will be given to St Matthew's Food Bank which is seeing increased demand at the moment. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Annual Meeting (APCM) has now been postponed until the autumn, so there is no imminent closure of the Electoral Roll. However, if you are not on the Roll, are 16 or over and either live in the Parish or have habitually worshipped at St Mark's for six months, and would like to be included, please ask me for the simple application form and return it to me. I will be happy to answer any questions you may like to ask about the Roll. During the present emergency I am quite happy to receive forms at 46 Ridgeway Road, Redhill RH1 6PH as I can always process these at home.

*Terrence Hancock
Acting Electoral Roll Officer
01737 761178*

PARISH OFFICE

Alexia, our Parish Administrator, is working in the Office on Wednesdays and Thursdays and from home at other times. She has the office computer and can complete all the administrative tasks needed. Alexia is also a vital part of the help we are giving to members of our community.

The contact number has changed so that she can be called wherever she is working. Please call Alexia on **07979 788601** for anything connected with the office. The email address remains the same. Alternatively, Fr Martin can be contacted on 01737 241161.