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SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2026 (2 BEFORE LENT)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and Online

WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel

3.25pm T-Time Tales

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2026 (SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and Online

4.00pm Messy Church

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

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ARCHDEACONY OF REIGATE

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Romans 8: 18 to 25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6: 25 to 34

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:
Yvonne Powell, Jacqueline McCallough,
George Hook, Lennox Hartman,
Rosemary Absalom, Jane-Ann Paul,
Sonia Pearson, Sylvia Loring.

For those living in The Clears

For Sandcross Lane Church Reigate

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Doris Butler, Gweneth Medwin,
Emily Boniface, Reginald Coker,
Richard Hampton, Allen Porter,
Edith Mary Cleaver.

GREEN SUNDAYS

On the **1st** **Sundays** of the month from **December** to **March** inclusive all services will be in the Hall as we attempt to use less energy. Dates are:

Sunday 1 March 2026

On these Sundays, the services will NOT be Live-streamed.



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SMOATathon

A date for your diary – on 22 March 2026 we will be holding our SMOATathon, an afternoon of music, open to everyone (of all ages) to come and listen, or regale us with your music! If you play an instrument or love to sing, then please drop me an email chair@smoat.org.uk and we will find you a slot, whether it is two minutes, five minutes or twenty minutes! It will start at around 11.30am and finish sometime between 3pm and 3.30pm. If you are simply coming to listen, you can come and go as you please and there will be drinks and homemade cake available all afternoon. We will be supporting a Child Health Programme in Cambodia.

LOOKING AHEAD

Lent is not far away. Ash Wednesday (the start of Lent) is on 18 February. There will be only the one service at 8.00pm - Sung Eucharist with the imposition of Ashes.

REGULAR GIVING TO ST MARK'S

If you are able to, please consider making a regular donation to St Mark's through the Parish Giving Scheme. This is the most effective way to donate as we receive 100% of your donation and Gift Aid is automatically claimed. Please follow the link below to sign up.

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Please contact me if you need any more information. Many thanks.

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