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SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 15)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online

MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER (HOLY CROSS DAY)

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

9.00am Prayer Meeting

3.25pm T-Time Tales

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

There will be no Holy Communion service today

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 16)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online

4.00pm Messy Church

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

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THE FIRST READING

Genesis 50: 15 to 21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18: 21 to 35

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

INTERCESSIONS

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

For those living in Croydon Road

For Merstham Baptist Church

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Margaret Bridgen.

FOODBANK

St Matthew's Food bank is still desperately short of donations. More and more people are turning to the Foodbanks for the first time, and yet the amount of donations has fallen. If you are able to give anything at all, please leave your donation at the Vicarage or at the back of the Church. Please remember that no fresh food can be accepted and all tins and packets must be in date. More information can be found at:

<https://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/shopping-list>

HARVEST – PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

Our Harvest Festival this year will be on Sunday 4 October. We will again be collecting food items for our local foodbank as there is still a great need within the community.

The window shelves in the church will be put up on Thursday 1 October and we hope that you will all be able to bring some items to arrange on the shelves before the Sunday services.

All foodbanks work in similar ways, using a standard shopping list. You can find the requirements on the St Matthew's Redhill website. It will itemise the foods which are a priority at the moment or in short supply and it is well worth looking at this before you buy. Vegetarian meals and soups are often needed and instant mashed potato is also a good option. The foodbank does not want any perishable goods, out of date foods, alcohol or medicines. Food poverty is something that we can all help to eliminate, so please be generous with your donations for this harvest celebration. Thank you.

Valerie Jones and Caryl Bayghen.

HARVEST SUPPER

Please join us for our Harvest supper on **Sunday 4 October at 5.00pm** following the 4.00pm service. This is always a great opportunity for our whole church community to come together to enjoy a meal of cottage pie and dessert with drinks. The price for adults is £8.00 and children £5.00 with a family ticket £22.00 (max. 2 adults and 3 children). Places must be booked and paid for in advance and please remember to let us know of any dietary requirements. Payment can be made by card machine (at any service or in the office) or by cash or cheque.

We are also looking for helpers to prepare food beforehand and to help to set up, serve and clear away. Please use the sign-up sheets at the back of church or contact Alexia in the church office. The deadline for signing-up is ***Tuesday, 29 September.*** Many thanks.

Mel Crighton

HELIER DREUX QUIZ

SMOAT is delighted to welcome back Helier Dreux for one of his fantastic quizzes on Saturday 10 October. Doors will open at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets will be £15.00 per person and will include a charcuterie and cheese board. There will also be a raffle. There is no bar so please bring your own drinks. Tickets are available at:

https://www.ticketsource.com/whats-on?date=next_month&q=St+Mark%27s+overseas+aid+trust

or you can contact me at
chair@SMOAT.org.uk.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Barbara Perkins
Chairman

PARISH OFFICE

The office will be **closed** on Thursday 17 September.

FAIRTRADE

Reigate has been given reaccreditation as a Fairtrade Community. This will be celebrated, as part of Fairtrade Fortnight, on **Saturday 26 September** from 10.00am to 12noon, at Reigate Methodist Community Café, 53 High Street, Reigate.

LENDING LIBRARY

Feel free to borrow any book you like from the lending library in the Bell Tower, and return it when you have finished. If you want to add any of your own books to the lending library, Christian books only, please do so.

REIGATE DEANERY OPEN EVENT

All are invited to join Deanery members for a special **Reigate Deanery Charities & Community Marketplace**.

We are hoping to bring together around **25 local charities and organisations** from across our Deanery and surrounding communities. It will be an opportunity to meet the people behind these organisations, find out more about the work they are doing, and discover how our churches and church communities might be able to support them.

We hope it will be an inspiring and enjoyable evening celebrating the incredible work taking place within our local communities.

Thursday 15 October 2026

7:30pm–9:00pm

St Mary's Church Centre, Chart Lane, Reigate, RH2 7RN

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.

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/reigate-st-mark-reigate/>

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

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