

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARK, REIGATE

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SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 14)

10.00am Holy Communion

MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER (HOLY CROSS DAY)

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

2.00pm Memorial Service for Hilary Clegg
(please see notice about attendance)

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 15)

10.00am Holy Communion

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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

These are the readings appointed for today

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:
Jean Hovey, Alison Stagg, Esther Lyons,
Yvonne Powell, Jenny Archer,
Janet Burns

For those living in Brokes Crescent

For Reigate Park Church (URC)

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Margaret Bridgen.

FUNERAL SERVICES

On **Wednesday 16 September at 2.00pm** we will have a Memorial Service for **Hilary Clegg** in St Mark's. Because of Government regulations, **only 30 people can attend**. The service will be streamed live on our YouTube Channel. If you wish to attend in person, you must contact the Parish Office by 5.00pm on Tuesday 15 September. **Only those on the list will be admitted to the Church.** There is some space for non-family, so please do register if you wish to be there.

On **Wednesday 23 September at 2.00pm** we will have the Funeral Service for **Angela Alabaster** in St Mark's. The same arrangements will be in place, but you will need to register by 5pm on Tuesday 22 September.

For both services, we will allocate non-family places on a first come basis.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER

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.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Our APCM and Annual Meeting will be on Sunday 11 October at the 10.00am Service. This is the Meeting postponed from April. You will also be able to attend the meeting via Zoom. More details will be issued in due course.

PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL

Are you on the Electoral Roll? If not, and you are 16 or over, and either live in the Parish, or have worshipped regularly at St Mark's for at least six months, and would like to apply to be on the Roll, please complete an application form which you can get from me. When completed please return it to me or to the Parish Office. The Roll will be closed on Sunday 27 September for the Annual Revision. The revised Roll will be displayed in Church on the noticeboard near the north-west door on Sundays 4 and 11 October. Should you have any questions, however trivial, do please ask me.

*Terrence Hancock
Acting Electoral Roll Officer
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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.



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ST MARK'S OVERSEAS AID TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 28091

This year SMOAT celebrates its 40th Anniversary. We had several fund raising events planned, which were, sadly, all thwarted by COVID-19. However, we have been meeting via Zoom to discuss ways to move forward and I am excited to announce that we are holding a socially distanced, fully COVID-safe event.

SMOATathome will be an afternoon tea and quiz for all the family, to be enjoyed at home, delivered to your door, just for fun. On the afternoon of Sunday, 11 October, we will deliver scones, jam, clotted cream, and a quiz for all ages. Now, more than ever, overseas aid projects need our support. As we have seen in the news, charities are struggling and some are closing down. We are determined to keep raising money and helping out as many projects as we can. We couldn't let our 40th year pass without holding a fund raising event and we would love you to support us on 11 October, enjoying a delicious afternoon tea, with homemade scones, while helping to support people overseas who need our help. Tickets will be £5.00 per person, with the option of buying more scones for £2.50 each. This event will be restricted to RH1 and RH2 for delivery reasons and there is a shut off date for buying tickets of Wednesday, 7 October. You can purchase tickets on [TicketSource.co.uk](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk) or contact me at Barbara@barbaraperkins.co.uk