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SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER (ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS)

- 10.00am Holy Communion
 - 4.00pm Family Service (via Zoom)
 - 6.00pm All Souls' Service (online only)

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)

10.00am	Holy Communion followed by
11.00am	Act of Remembrance

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING Revelation 7: 9 to 17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! 'And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eves.'

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 5: 1 to 12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need: Jean Hovey, Alison Stagg, Esther Lyons, Yvonne Powell, Janet Burns, Jackie Whymms

For those living in Doods Place

For St Mark's Overseas Aid Trust

RIP: Jenny Archer

For anniversaries falling at this time: Julia Piggott, Ann Stillito, Gladys Baldry, Douglas Richman, Tom Pinder, Mary Waterlow, Charles McCullagh, John Sharpley

THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION

We are resuming the Thursday Iona Holy Communion Service. This short said service is ideal for those who want to worship in a very small group. Initially this service will be held twice monthly on the <u>first and third Thursday of the</u> <u>month</u>. The next service will be on **5 November.**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We will be holding our Act of Remembrance at the end of the **10.00am Service on Sunday 8 November**. This service will start at 10.00am (and not earlier). **If you wish to attend**, it will greatly help us in preparing the Church if you would let Alexia in the Parish Office know - email: office@stmarksreigate.co.uk or phone: 01737 210785.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

There will be a service of Holy Communion at 10.00am 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. In addition, there will be a recorded service with hymns on the website each week available from Sunday afternoons. Please do take a look.

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



CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We will be launching our Christmas Appeal at the 10.00am service on 22 November. If you cannot attend in person, please tune in to the Church service to watch our presentation. This year we are supporting A Chase Africa project in Kenya to fund mobile medical clinics in the Molo and Kuresoi regions. Each clinic will reach 900 people who would otherwise not have healthcare. We are also supporting an Afrinspire water and sanitation project in Zambia, providing clean water for 3,500 people. These are such great projects to be involved with and we would very much appreciate your support. Thank you.

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. 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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are already having to make plans for our Christmas Services, and what we will be offering this year will be different. In order to publicise what we are planning, both services in Church and online, it is even more important this year to deliver our Christmas cards to every home in the parish.

Logistically this will be very challenging and so I am asking for your help in delivering the cards. The system for signing up is different from past years so that we can manage it in a Covid secure way.

We have 61 streets (or part streets) to cover. Alexia, our Parish Administrator, will have the master list so you can either phone her or email her if you wish to volunteer to deliver a batch of cards and which street(s) you would like. She will confirm with you your allocation.

The cards will be delivered to your home on the weekend of 28/29 November (instead of collecting them from Church). Please ensure we have a telephone number for you - a mobile is useful so that the person delivering them to you can text you rather than a voice call. We ask that the cards are delivered by 13 December so that people have the card before the first service listed.

We hope that our Christmas services, both those in Church and those online, will be a blessing to our community this coming Christmas and that all those who wish to connect with the Church and with God in this Holy season will be able to.

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FAMILY SERVICE

The Remembrance Family Service on Saturday 7 November at 4.00pm is now fully booked. We have a waiting list which Alexia, our Parish Administrator is keeping. If you wish to be added to this list, please contact the Office. If you are going, but now find you cannot, also please contact the Office as we have a waiting list. We also have a Zoom Family Service on Sunday 1 November at 4.00pm.

THANK YOU

Now that I am back in Reigate, I want to thank you for your thoughts and prayers whilst I have been away.

Janet Burns

ALL SOULS' SERVICE

Our annual All Souls' Memorial Service will be available **today via our website**. This year it will be an **online service only.** We will be remembering loved ones departed during the service and you will be able to watch this service at anytime over the next few weeks.