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SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER (THE HOLY INNOCENTS)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and Online

WEDNESDAY 31 DECEMBER

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel

THURSDAY 1 JANUARY (THE NAMING OF JESUS)

SUNDAY 4 JANUARY (CHRISTMAS 2) "GREEN SUNDAY"

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Hall
10.00am Sung Eucharist in the Hall
4.00pm Family Service in the Hall

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace; 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

Jeremiah 31: 15 to 17

Thus says the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. Thus says the Lord: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the Lord: they shall come back from the land of the enemy; there is hope for your future, says the Lord: your children shall come back to their own country.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2: 13 to 18

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

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 Earlswood Baptist Church

For those living in St Albans Road

RIP: Audrey Sharpley

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Marion Bird, Bernard Willett,
Evelyn Baker, Hywel Spencer Ellis,
Margaret Elizabeth Taylor,
Lorna Watson, Barbara Dobbin,
C Carey Taylor (Priest), Bob Thomas,
Kathleen Hieatt, Doris Burns,
Dorothy Monksfield.

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 4 January 2026

Sunday 1 February 2026

Sunday 1 March 2026

On these Sundays the services will **NOT** be Livestreamed.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those who have worked so hard in preparing for our Christmas celebrations. So many are involved including musicians, servers, flower arrangers and all those who quietly work behind the scenes, too many to mention. Thank you all so much.

Fr Martin

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

St Mark's is hosting Winter Night Shelter each Friday night until 23 January. If you have attended a volunteer training session since the Shelter resumed in 2023, please sign up for shifts on Dutyman. There will be a further training session at 3.00pm on Sunday 11 January at Shrewsbury Chapel, Shrewsbury Road, Redhill RH1 6BH.

Nigel Perkins

PERSONAL CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please don't forget to look in the tower lobby and take any cards addressed to you. Remember – any cards still there after 31 December will be removed.

"THE BRIDGE"

The December/January edition of our diocesan newspaper is now available. You can read and download The Bridge here: southwark.anglican.org/thebridge

SABBATICAL

From 1 January 2026 until 28 March 2026 I will be on Sabbatical. It is 8 years since the last one and they are supposed to be every 7 years. All services during this time will happen as usual and Communion Services will be led by Revd Reg and other visiting clergy. Revd Reg and the churchwardens will be ensuring all runs smoothly during this time. All enquiries, etc should be sent to Alexia in the Parish Office and she will direct them to the appropriate person.

Fr Martin



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REGISTERED CHARITY No. 28091

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We launched our Christmas Appeal, last Sunday 23 November. This year we are supporting one project in Tanzania with our partner Action in Africa. We are hoping to raise at least £6,300 to buy seven motorbikes to enable medical teams to get to far flung patients in the community of Nyaishozi, where the terrain makes it almost impossible to reach people. Watch the Appeal video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1eximWEEQs>. Any donations would be very gratefully received.

BINGO – A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We are holding a Bingo afternoon on Sunday 25 January 2026! To avoid disappointment, pop the date in your diary now. More details will follow but, rest assured, there will be lots of homemade cakes for everyone and a tombola for the children.

Barbara Perkins

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the office will be closed this week – re-opening on Monday 5 January 2026.

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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