

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARK, REIGATE

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**Until further notice there will be no Public Worship on
Sundays held in church. All Sunday services will be on Zoom**

SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY (LENT 2)

10.00am Worship on Zoom

MONDAY 1 MARCH (ST DAVID)

THURSDAY 4 MARCH

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

SUNDAY 7 MARCH (LENT 3)

10.00am Worship on Zoom

4.00pm Family Service on Zoom

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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

The readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 17: 1 to 7,15 and 16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 8: 31 to 38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:
Jean Hovey, Alison Stagg, Esther Lyons,
Yvonne Powell, Jackie Whymms,
Ruston Biggs, Alex Parish, Anne Cramp.

For those living in Laglands Close

For St Mark, Reigate

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Betty Rogers, Mary Parkhouse,
Kathleen Lutwyche, Hilda Edwards,
Winifred Betty Earl, Harold Wincott,
Kingsley Liell.

COFFEE MORNING

This Wednesday, 3 March, there will be another Coffee Morning on Zoom from 10.00am to 11.00am. Please join me if you can for some general chat and to meet up virtually with friends from St Mark's. The Zoom link will be emailed out on Tuesday so please look out for it.

Fr Martin

PARISH OFFICE

Until further notice Alexia will only be in the office on Thursdays from 9.00am until 4.00pm.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER

The church is open for Private Prayer every day from 9.00am until 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.

Fr Martin

LENT

Here is some more specific information about our Lent activities and about the Bishop's Lent Call.

1. The second session of the Lent Course based on Living His Story by Hannah Steele will be this Wednesday (3 March) at 8.00pm on Zoom - the link will be emailed out during the day on Wednesday.

2. The Thursday Book Club on Rowan Williams' book "Candles in the dark" will continue on Thursday (4 March) at 8.00pm on Zoom - again the link will be sent out on Thursday.

3. The Bishop's Lent Call. If you would like to make a donation to this worthy charity (normally we hold Lent lunches but that is not permissible this year) then you can make a donation via our Golden Giving button on our website or cash or cheques can be posted through the Vicarage letterbox. Cheques should be made payable to 'St Mark's PCC Reigate' and please mark the envelope for the Bishop's Lent Call. CAF vouchers should be made out to St Mark's Church. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, please complete and enclose the Bishop's Call Gift Aid form even if we already have a Gift Aid form from you. This is because we have to treat donations differently than usual donations. Thank you for your support.

4. Don't forget to check the Church Facebook page every day during Lent for a daily short Bible reading and a question to ponder during the day. (our Facebook page can also be accessed via our website).

Please join in with as much, or as little, as you wish. The Home Group will also continue.

Fr Martin

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the service will be held via Zoom on Friday 5 March at 10.30am. It has been put together by members of Reigate Park Church. The access details are:

Meeting ID: 845 7551 7155

Passcode: 212714

I have copies of the Order of Service and if you would like one then please let me know. I hope many of you will join in. It is written by the Women of Vanuatu which is a tiny Island between Australia and New Zealand.

Jean Hatton

JIBON TARI FLOATING HOSPITAL,
BANGLADESH

Nadiya Hussain, winner of the Great British Bake Off, will be presenting a BBC Radio 4 appeal in aid of IMPACT's floating hospital in Bangladesh on Sunday 28 February at 7.54am. This is a project which SMOAT has supported on a number of occasions and which offers medical care to thousands of people each year who would not otherwise be able to access medical help. Since its inception in 1999, the doctors and nurses on the Jibon Tari have treated more than 400,000 people, enabling them to get their lives back on track and able to support their families. If 7.54am is a little early for some, you can listen again at 9.25pm that day or on Thursday 4 March at 3.27pm.

Barbara Perkins

Please send any items for the News Sheet to Terrence Hancock ☎ 01737 761178 or by email to t.f.hancock@btinternet.com at the latest by **8.00am** on Thursday