



**St Mark's Church, Reigate**

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**Letter from the Vicar, Father Martin Colton**

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter to you, the summer months are fast approaching, the days are getting longer, and the weather is warming up. We are also emerging further out of the lockdown restrictions that are allowing us a little more freedom. It is also that time of year when usually our thoughts turn to counting down the days to the holidays we might have planned or still need to plan. Those days away from school and work routines, or just time away from our homes and the everyday tasks we might normally do, that help us to return relaxed and refreshed. If we are not going away, then we may now be planning journeys to visit family and friends or getting our homes ready to welcome visitors. So, whether going away on holiday or staying home, whatever we do, whatever journeys we intend to make, they need careful planning and thinking about if we, and others, are to reap the full physical benefits from our holiday times.

Looking after our physical needs is often so much easier than looking after our spiritual needs. Yet these summer months offer us the perfect time to reflect on this part of our lives also. As we take a break from our normal routines and duties, it allows us to take a look at where God is in our own lives, and in the lives of others around us. To find God in the world beyond our homes and amongst all creation. It may be too that it is time to take stock of where we are and, if necessary, make plans to journey with God in a different direction, wherever that may lead. Journeys in whatever form they take are important. They have the ability to change us and to shape us.

So, over these summer months I pray that there will be space and time for each one of you to take a look at your journey. To take time off, at home or away, and relax and refresh. To look and see where you are heading in the coming months, and to see where God might be in that journey with you.

With my best wishes,