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SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 17)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

10.00am Holy Communion in Church and on-line

WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER (ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS)

THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

11.00am Funeral Service for David Barrell

No Service of Holy Communion (Iona)

SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER (HARVEST FESTIVAL)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

10.00am Holy Communion in Church and on-line

4.00pm Pet Service in Church

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

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CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

The readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

James 5: 13 to 20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 9: 38 to 50

John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:

Jean Hovey, Alison Stagg, Alec Parish,
Yvonne Powell, Jackie Whymms,
Ruston Biggs, Margaret Stewart,
Anne Cotterell.

For those living in The Way (part)

For St Bartholomew Leigh

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Margaret Bridgen, Phyllis Detterling,

May Dennis, Eve Gascoigne-Pees,
Norman Himsworth, Harry Troughton.

FOOD BANK

There is still a huge demand on the Food Bank at St Matthew's Church in Redhill. Any donations you can make are very gratefully received. They can be left on the Vicarage doorstep at St Mark's, and these will be taken to the Food Bank. Thank you for your generous support of those in need in our community.

SMART

Members tell me they have greatly missed meeting during the past year and a half, but in order for the retired social group Smart to **re-open in November** we need a minimum of two drivers and a chair and table mover who could commit to help, set up and clear away on the first Thursday of the month. We meet from 2.00pm until 4.00pm.

If you are retired and would like to join this friendly group for monthly meetings on all sorts of topics, and the occasional garden party or if you would like to offer regular help, **please** get in touch. It would be such a shame for this group to fold from lack of helpers.

*Sarah Cousins tel: 01737 789943
or see Frances Wood at church*

CONFIRMATION

There will be a Confirmation Service in St Mark's on **Sunday 7 November 2021** when we will be welcoming Bishop Jonathan to the parish for the last time. Any adults or young people (over the age of 11) interested in being Confirmed, please speak to me **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** so that classes can begin. Please also contact me if you have any questions.

Fr Martin

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be celebrating Harvest at all services next **Sunday 3 October**. Any gifts of tinned or long-life food brought for Harvest will be donated to St Matthew's Foodbank. The demand for the Foodbank is still extremely high, yet we have seen a dramatic drop in donations. Please give whatever you can for this worthy cause to the 8.00am, 10.00am and 4.00pm services on that day.

PET SERVICE

Also next **Sunday, 3 October, our Family Service at 4pm** will take the form of a Pet Service. Please bring along any pet you may have (in a safe way!) for them to be blessed as part of this service. All are welcome.

AREA LAY CONFERENCE

SATURDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2021

A day to celebrate all that lay people do beyond the walls of their churches. This is a free online Zoom event taking place on **Saturday 6 November** from **10.00am to 3.30pm** (pre-registration is required).



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SUNFLOWERS

After much deliberation at our last Committee meeting, we picked the winners of our Sunflower competition:

Best overall bloom – Janet Burns
Tallest bloom – Valerie and Phil Jones
Best crop – Lynn and Dicky Wilson
Most beautiful children's blooms –
Amelie and Lucas

Thank you to everyone who took part in our sunflower project. We hope you enjoyed watching your beautiful blooms grow from their seeds. We raised a magnificent £750, which has been sent off to support a Bees for Development project in Ethiopia so, as far as we're concerned, you're all winners!

Inside Out: The Croydon Area Lay Conference

Saturday 6 November 2021
10.00am – 3.30pm
Zoom



A day to celebrate all that lay people do beyond the walls of their churches. The keynote speaker is broadcaster and writer Andrew Graystone, author of the bestselling *Faith, Hope and Mischief*.

With worship and workshops including serving refugees, the environment, teenagers, grandparenting, the digital world, Black Lives Matter, art and generous living.

For more information and to register for this free online event, visit croydonlayconference2021.eventbrite.co.uk. Bookings close on 25 October.



SPARKFISH

Prayer & Worship Evenings

Join us to worship God and pray for our local children and young people

21 October 21 – St Mary's Church, Reigate

24 February 22 – venue tbc.

26 May 22 – venue tbc.

6.45pm–8pm

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