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SUNDAY 19 MAY (PENTECOST)

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online
- 4.00pm Messy Church

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY

- 9.00am Prayer meeting in Church
- 3.25pm T-Time Tales

THURSDAY 23 MAY

- 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

SUNDAY 26 MAY (TRINITY SUNDAY)

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online
- 6.00pm Taizé Prayer

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THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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

Acts 2: 1 to 21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

THE GOSPEL READING

John 15:26, 27 and 16:4b to 15

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not

go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:

Ruston Biggs, Yvonne Powell,
Jacqueline McCallough, George Hook,
Lennox Hartman, David Bretherton,
Rosemary Absalom.

For those living in Quarry Hill Park

For Redhill Vineyard Church

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Dulcie Archer, Marilyn Assender,
Derek Scanlan, Phyllis Banks,
Gwyneth Ashby, Geoffrey Burns,
Peter Holford.

PRAYER BOARD

We have reinstated the Prayer Board at the north-east door of the church for people to write their prayer requests. Just fill in the details on a slip of paper, write the date, and pin it to the board. The request can be named or anonymous and it can be for anyone. It **will** be prayed for by a dedicated team of people. We believe that God answers prayers.

Susannah Dyde

HOME GROUP

The next few dates are: : 23 May, 13 June, 4 and 18 July. Please contact Susannah Dyde for details.

THE BRIDGE

The printed May edition of our diocesan newspaper is now available at the back of the church.

FOODBANK

St Matthew's Foodbank are still desperately short of donations. More and more people are turning to the Foodbanks for the first time, and yet the amount of donations has fallen.

If you are able to give anything at all, please leave your donation at the Vicarage. Please remember that no fresh food can be accepted and all tins and packets must be in date.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/shopping-list>

ANNUAL GIVING

We launched our period of Annual Giving on 28 April and to date have **raised £6,400 towards our target of £20,000.** Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. Donations are welcomed until the end of May. More details including how to donate are on the leaflet attached to this news sheet. Alternatively please pick up a leaflet at one of the services which gives details of both regular giving and annual giving. As always if you have any questions or want any more information on church finances please ask. Thank you.

*Mel Crighton,
Treasurer*

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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