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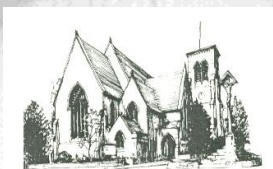
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SUNDAY 23 MARCH 2025 (LENT 3)

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and Online
- 4.00pm Taizé Prayer

WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH

- 9.00am Prayer meeting in the Lady Chapel
- 3.25pm T-Time Tales

THURSDAY 27 MARCH

- 11.00am Lent Course in Church
- 12.45am Holy Communion (Iona)

SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2025 (LENT 4 – Mothering Sunday)

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

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life 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

Isaiah 55: 1 to 9

The Lord says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 13: 1 to 9

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:

Michael Biggs, Yvonne Powell,
Jacqueline McCallough, George Hook,
Lennox Hartman, Rosemary Absalom,
Jane-Ann Paul, Sonia Pearson,
Susan Hill-Smith, James Tanser.

For those living in Coppice Lane

For Redhill Counselling Centre

RIP: Shirley Stoker

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Joyce Wincott, Campbell Snow (Priest),
Edith Coates, John Watson,
Andrew Page, Mollie Gordon,
Rose Gilbert, Jennifer (Jenny) Toye,
Sydney Bufton, John Gascoigne-Pees,
Roy Henderson.

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

Notice is given that a **new** Church Electoral Roll will be created. Anyone who wishes to be on the Electoral Roll **MUST complete a new application** even if they are on the current Electoral Roll. No names will be automatically entered onto the new Roll. A completely new Roll is drawn up every 6 years.

To be eligible to be on the Roll, you must be at least 16 years old (or reach this age in the next 12 months), be baptised, be resident in the parish or have habitually worshipped at St Mark's for the past 6 months, and identify as a member of the Church of England or a church in communion with the Church of England.

Please complete the online form on the church website, or if this is not possible, paper forms are available. **The last date for forms to be accepted is Thursday 24 April 2025.** The list of names will be available in Church from Sunday 27 April until the APCM on Sunday 11 May but no additions will be allowed at this time. The Roll will reopen for new applications after the APCM on 11 May.

Only those on the Roll will be able to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 11 May 2025.

LENT COURSE

We will be using a new course on The Sacraments by Jane Williams. This will be on **Thursdays at 11.00am** during Lent. All welcome.

LENT LUNCHES

Please sign up for the Lent Lunches. Sheets are at the back of the Church for the lunch in Church on Thursday 10 April (following the 12.45pm Iona Communion Service). Donations for the simple lunch will be for the Bishop's Lent Call supporting projects in this diocese and in Zimbabwe.

FOODBANK

Saint Matthew's Foodbank is 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/shop-ping-list>

EASTER CARD DISTRIBUTION – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

We are looking for volunteers to help with the delivery of our annual Easter Service cards. We have 60 streets (or part streets) to cover. Alexia, our Parish Administrator, has the master list so please phone or email the office if you wish to volunteer to deliver a batch of cards, letting her know which street(s) you would like. Your allocation will then be confirmed. Cards are expected to be available for collection from the front of the church today. We would like them to be delivered by Tuesday 8 April so that people have the card before the first service listed. Your help with this will be much appreciated.

QUIET DAY

The Reigate Deanery is holding a Quiet Day on **Saturday 12 April from 9.30am to 3.00pm at Wychcroft Retreat House near Bletchingly**. This will be led by the Archdeacon of Croydon, Ven. Greg Pryor. The cost (including lunch) is a minimum of £25 per person. (The cost to the deanery is £43 per person so you may wish to make an additional donation.) To book your place, please contact the Parish Office BEFORE Monday 24 March and Alexia will give you the payment details.

PRAYER

Prayer enables us to present our petitions to God and to hear what He wants of us. If you are concerned about the state of the world, or you have particular people you want us to pray for, or you just want to hear from God, then try joining us in the Lady Chapel every Wednesday morning at 9.00am for just half an hour. It could be the one quiet half hour in your busy day. If this time does not suit you, then please continue to write your prayer requests on the Prayer Board in church.

Susannah Dyde

SATURDAY 29 MARCH

British Summer Time starts on Sunday 30 March. Clocks should be put one hour forward the previous evening.



A MESSAGE FROM SARAH COUSINS

My heartfelt thanks to all who sent get well wishes and gifts and helped out during my recent illness. Most of all thank you all for your prayers.

SMART THURSDAY 3 APRIL

"My Favourite Film or Book". Please come with a short recap of the plot and why you enjoyed it so much without giving away the ending. Was the book better than the

film or vice versa? Why do you think that was? Feel free to choose just a film **or** book if you prefer. Then in June we hope to have another "Getting to know you".

An idea of numbers in an RSVP would really help Frances with her baking please.

Sarah Cousins

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APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the AGM for the Church, will be on **Sunday 11 May** at the 10am Service. At this meeting, we will be electing:

2 Churchwardens

4 Deputy Wardens

2 Members of the PCC

Only those on the **NEW** Electoral Roll can stand, nominate others or vote in any election. Nomination Forms will be available in due course.

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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