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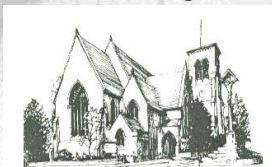
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SUNDAY 18 MAY 2025 (EASTER 5)

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

WEDNESDAY 21 MAY

- 9.00am Prayer meeting in the Lady Chapel

THURSDAY 22 MAY

- 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

SUNDAY 25 MAY 2025 (EASTER 6) - ROGATION

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and Online
- 2.00pm Rogation Sunday – 'Beating the Bounds'
- 6.00pm Taizé Prayer

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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

These are the readings appointed for today

THE EPISTLE READING

Acts 11: 1 to 18

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

THE GOSPEL READING

John 13: 31 to 35

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:

Yvonne Powell, Jacqueline McCallough,
George Hook, Lennox Hartman,
Rosemary Absalom, Jane-Ann Paul,
Sonia Pearson.

For those living in Friths Drive

Nightstop

For anniversaries falling at this time:

James Wood, Dulcie Archer, Marilyn
Assender, Derek Scanlan, Gwyneth
Ashby, Phyllis Banks, Geoffrey Burns.

ANNUAL GIVING 2025

Our period of Annual Giving launched last week on Sunday 11 May. An opportunity for anyone in our church community to make a one-off donation to the ongoing work of St Mark's and to the costs associated with the maintenance and running of our church buildings. This year we are aiming to raise £20,000 including Gift Aid. We are looking to raise funds not only to meet running costs in 2025 but to build up some reserves for the future to meet costs as they arise. In our pledge to move closer to net-zero carbon we have already identified the need to replace our two ageing gas boilers and improve insulation in the hall. Please consider making a donation if you feel you are able. More details can be found on the attached leaflet and as always, all donations are most gratefully received.

Thank you.

Mel Crighton Treasurer

BEATING THE BOUNDS

Sunday 25 May is Rogation Sunday which is traditionally the time when we walk the bounds of the parish in the afternoon starting at 2.00pm. The boundary passes over the footbridge spanning Reigate Hill thence to the top of Wray Lanne where refreshment facilities are available. More details will be available, but in the meantime please put the date in your diary – an opportunity to meet together.

THE BRIDGE

Copies of The Bridge are now available at the back of the church.



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BEETLE DRIVE – SAVE THE DATE

We are holding another of our very popular Beetle Drives! Beetle Drive is a simple game that can be enjoyed from school age through to retirement! We will be holding this on **Sunday 29 June** from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Tickets will cost £6.00 each or £20.00 for a family of four. Included in the price is tea and lots of home made cake and there will also be a tombola! They will be available either through -

<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/smoat/t-vyasoy> by going to our website -

<http://www.smoat.org.uk>

or you can contact me at -

chair@smoat.org.uk

Hope to see you there!

*Barbara Perkins
Chairman*

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>

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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