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SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2025 (ST PETER & ST PAUL, APOSTLES)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and Online

WEDNESDAY 2 JULY

9.00am Prayer meeting in the Lady Chapel

3.25pm T-Time Tales

THURSDAY 3 JULY (ST THOMAS, APOSTLE)

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

SUNDAY 6 JULY 2025 (TRINITY 3)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and Online

4.00pm Family Service

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, 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

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Acts 12: 1 to 11

King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16: 13 to 19

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' 14And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 15He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' 16Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' 17And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

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 Heathersett Close

For St Katharine, Merstham

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Shelagh Brown (Priest),
Kathleen Leborgne, Nell Williams,
Harold Hodson, Elsie Harmer,
Roland Earl, Colin Sheldon,
Patricia Bracey.



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BEETLE DRIVE CANCELLED

Unfortunately, we have not sold enough tickets to make the Beetle Drive viable and, sadly, we have taken the difficult decision to cancel this event.

We try to hold different events throughout the year which will appeal to all age groups so please keep a look out for any other events that might appeal to you.

Barbara Perkins Chairman

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Rosemarie will be coming to St Mark's on Sunday 19 October for a Confirmation Service. Any adults or young people (currently in Year 6 or above in school) who wish to be confirmed or to find out more about what this means, please speak to me as soon as possible as we will be starting preparation classes soon.

Fr Martin

ANNUAL GIVING 2025 THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated to our 2025 Annual Giving campaign. **The total raised has reached £19,450** including Gift Aid. Your generous donations will now enable the Parochial Church Council and the Finance and Buildings Committee to consider the various energy saving projects we are hoping to carry out in the short to medium term. We are also looking at grants that could be available for improving insulation and reducing our carbon footprint further. Thank you once again to all.

*Mel Crighton
Treasurer*

ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

A Vestry Meeting will be held today at the conclusion of the 10.00am service for the purpose of electing two Churchwardens.

*Fr Martin Colton
Chairman, St Mark's PCC*

SMART

Fr Martin is not now able to speak to us on 3 July, but will come and talk to us on 6 November. So on 3 July we shall have an afternoon of craft and games. Please bring either some craft you can do on your lap or a game for people to join in with, such as Scrabble, Dominoes, cards, draughts etc. Of course, for those who prefer, we can have a table just for conversation. Please get in touch if you need a lift. New members are always very welcome. If you can let me know please, if you're coming for catering numbers, that is always helpful.

*Sarah Cousins
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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.paritygiving.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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