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SUNDAY 31 AUGUST 2025 (TRINITY 11)

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
10.00am Holy Communion with hymns in Church and Online

WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

- 9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel

THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

- 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2025 (TRINITY 12)

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

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 10: 12 to 18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 14: 1, 7 to 14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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 Mark Street

For Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries

For anniversaries falling at this time:
John Stammers, Michael Smith, Tom
Shucksmith, Sheila Castle, Margaret
Dowse, Gwen Thomas, Kay Porter.

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

HARVEST SUPPER

Advance notice that our Harvest Supper will be taking place on Sunday 5 October. Nearer the time we will be looking for helpers on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday to prepare food and set up/clear away. Please save the date and more details will follow. Thanks.

Mel Crighton

CHURCH CLEANING

On **Saturday 13 September between 9.00am and 1.00pm** we are having a working party to clean the Church, especially the areas that rarely get attended to. There is a list of jobs and a plan at the back of the Church. If you are able to help, please let Alexia in the Parish Office know or sign up on the sheet at the back of the Church.

SMART

Smart meets on Thursday 4 September in the church hall. The topic is "*School Days*". Please come ready to share memories of your favourite subjects/teachers (or of a terrible one) **OR** a friend you made and what you got up to. How do you think education has changed for today's children since we were at school?

If you can, please let me know you're coming, as this helps with catering. Lifts are available.

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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.

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Please contact me if you need any more information. Many thanks.

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