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## **SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2025 (ST MATTHEW)**

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

## **WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER**

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

## **THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER**

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

## **SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2025 (TRINITY 15)**

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

## **THE COLLECT FOR TODAY**

O almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, 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**

### **2 Corinthians 4: 1 to 6**

Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### **THE GOSPEL READING**

### **Matthew 9: 9 to 13**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

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### **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 Oak Road

For St Andrew Gatton

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Eve Gascoigne-Pees, Joyce Ray,  
Harry Troughton, Norman Himsworth,  
Alexander Yorkstone, John Stone.  
Margaret Hampton.

### **CONFIRMATION**

Bishop Rosemarie will be coming to St Mark's on Sunday 19 October at 6.30pm for a Confirmation Service. Any adults or young people (currently in Year 7 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 preparation classes have already started.

*Fr Martin*

### **PARISH OFFICE**

Please note the office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

## **HARVEST**

Sunday 5 October is the date for our harvest celebration and we will again be collecting much needed tinned produce to give to our local foodbank. There is still a great need locally.

St. Matthew's foodbank is politely asking people to provide tinned foods from a standard list (which includes all items given out in the regular food packages). The standard list can be found online at

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

They do not want any perishable foods, out of date foods, alcohol or medicines.

We will put up the window shelves on Thursday 2 October. Our hope is that many of you will bring a harvest contribution which you could please arrange on the shelves on the Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

There was a wonderful response at St. Mark's last year, so let's try to do even better for this year's harvest!

Thank you in anticipation,

*Valerie Jones and Caryl Baughen*

## **HARVEST SUPPER**

Please join us for our Harvest supper on Sunday 5 October at 5.00pm following the 4.00pm service. This is always a great opportunity for our whole church community to come together to enjoy a meal of cottage pie and dessert with drinks. The price for adults is £8.00 and children £5.00 with a family ticket £22.00 (max. 2 adults and 3 children). Places must be booked and paid for in advance and please remember to let us know of any dietary requirements. Payment can be made by card machine (at any service or in the office) or by cash or cheque. We are also looking for helpers to prepare food and help to set up, serve and clear away. Please use the sign-up sheets at

the back of church or contact Alexia in the church office. Many thanks.

*Mel Crighton*

## **ARCHDEACON OF REIGATE**

The Bishop of Southwark (The Right Reverend Christopher Chessun) has appointed The Reverend Dr Geoffrey (Geoff) Dumbreck, presently Vicar of the South Croydon Benefice and Area Dean of Croydon Central as Archdeacon of Reigate. Please pray for Dr Dumbreck as he prepares for his new role which is likely to begin in January 2026.

## **THANK YOU**

A big thank you to everyone who helped out with the Church Cleaning Party on 13 September. It was so good to see so many people and the Church looks so much better for all your hard efforts. Thank you once again.

*Fr Martin*

### **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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