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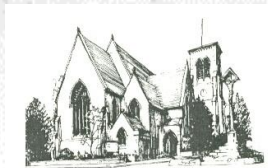
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SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER (2 BEFORE ADVENT)

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) in Church |
| 10.45am | Sung Eucharist in Church and Online |
| 4.00pm | Messy Church |

WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER

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

THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER

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| 12.45pm | Holy Communion (Iona) |
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SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER (CHRIST THE KING)

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

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 Thessalonians 3: 6 to 13

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 15: 5 to 19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those in particular need:

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

For those living in Raglan Close

For Redhill & Reigate Community
Church

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Nora Frame, Edith (Bunty) Clarke,
Martha (Molly) Johnston, John Hull,
Margaret Leach, John Brunning,
Bill Druett (Priest), Fred Floy,
Elsie Wood.

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

The local charity Renewed Hope will be running a Winter Night Shelter again this year to provide somewhere for homeless people to sleep and enjoy a hot evening meal, breakfast and company. St Mark's will be hosting the Shelter on seven Friday nights from 12 December until 23 January. We shall need lots of people to chat to guests and prepare food, so please volunteer if you can help with this important outreach project. You can volunteer at other venues if Fridays don't suit you. Training sessions are at 7.30pm on 11, 19 and 27 November. See renewedhope.org.uk for more details and to volunteer.

Nigel Perkins

PARISH GIVING SCHEME WEBSITE NOW ONLINE

The Parish Giving Scheme website is now back online after the refresh. Existing members can now log in again but will be prompted to set up 2 factor authorisation. Direct Debits are now being handled by a different provider so your bank may contact you for verification.

New users can now set up regular payments to St Mark's Church. If you need any assistance, or have any questions, please ask me.

*Mel Crighton
Treasurer*

TRAVELLING CRIB

The travelling crib provides an enjoyable way for many of our families who would like to celebrate the Advent period up to Christmas Eve. The story originates from a legend of St Francis who brought an ox, an ass and a young couple dressed as Mary and Joseph to teach the villagers about the Christmas Story. The modern custom is to use child-friendly woollen crib figures which are passed on from one home to another each day in Advent so that, by Christmas Eve, Mary, Joseph and the donkey will have visited many families in the parish.

The first family collect the figures at the 10.00am service on 30 November and the last family return them to the Crib Service at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

CHRISTMAS CARD DISTRIBUTION – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

We are looking for volunteers to kindly help with the delivery of our annual Christmas Service cards.

We have 60 streets (or part streets) to cover. Alexia, our Parish Administrator, has the master list so you can either 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 can be collected from the front of the church **from Sunday 23 November 2025**. We ask that the cards are delivered **by Tuesday 9 December** so that people have the card before the first service listed. Your help with this will be much appreciated.

THE BRIDGE

The November edition of our diocesan newspaper is now online at:

<http://southwark.anglican.org/thebridge>

Print copies will be available shortly.

GREEN SUNDAYS

On the **1st Sundays of the month from December to March inclusive** all services will be in the Hall as we attempt to use less energy. Dates are:

Sunday 7 December

Sunday 4 January 2026

Sunday 1 February 2026

Sunday 1 March 2026

Please send any notices for the news sheet to Terrence Hancock ☎ 01737 761178 or email terrence.hancock1976@gmail.com at the latest by 8.00am on a Thursday.