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SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 2026 (EPIPHANY 2)

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

WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY

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

THURSDAY 22 JANUARY

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

SUNDAY 25 JANUARY 2026 (CONVERSION OF ST PAUL)

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

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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

Isaiah 49: 1 to 7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength – he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

THE GOSPEL READING

John 1: 29 to 42

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

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 Somers Close

For Week of prayer for Christian Unity

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Vivien Gordon-Jones,
Dorothy Devereux, Doris Himsworth,
John Shaw, Hilda Elizabeth Barker,
Frieda Willson, Leonard Paxton,
Kaye Farrington.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Please note that the Taizé Prayer service at 4.00pm next Sunday 25 January has been cancelled.

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 1 February 2026

Sunday 1 March 2026

On these Sundays, the services will NOT be Live-streamed.



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ST MARK'S OVERSEAS AID TRUST
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 280991

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We are delighted to announce that we have reached the £6.300 target which we were aiming for to buy 7 motorbikes for the Nyaishozi community in Tanzania. Our partners, Action in Africa, are absolutely delighted and asked me to express their deep appreciation of your kindness and generosity. If you have not donated to the Christmas Appeal but would still like to donate, any donations will be put towards the next project we support. Thank you so

much for your support. It will make an enormous difference to the people of Nyaishozi and to the medical teams who have to travel over such difficult terrain to reach them.

SMOAT BINGO AFTERNOON

We will be holding a Bingo afternoon on Sunday 25 January from 2pm to 4pm. This is a lovely, fun event for all ages from 6 to 106, particularly on a miserable January day! There will be delicious, homemade cakes included in the ticket price, and a (cash) tombola. Tickets are £6.00 each or £20.00 for a family (2 adults and 2 children). Tickets can be purchased on TicketSource or from me at:

chair@SMOAT.org.uk

just drop me an email and I will add you to my list and let you have the SMOAT bank details. We are supporting a Chase Africa project and will be wholly funding a satellite clinic in Kenya. The clinic will reach hundreds of people who might not otherwise be able to access medical care.

If you do think you might like to attend, it would be helpful if you could let me know so that we can bake accordingly! I look forward **to seeing you there!**

Barbara Perkins

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

St Mark's is hosting Winter Night Shelter each Friday night until 23 January. We are short of volunteers for some shifts so, if you have attended a volunteer training session since the Shelter resumed in 2023, please sign up on Dutyman.

Nigel Perkins

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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