

# **ST MARK'S PARISH CHURCH REIGATE**

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## **SUNDAY 25 JANUARY 2026 (CONVERSION OF ST PAUL)**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and Online

## **WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY**

9.00am Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel

## **THURSDAY 29 JANUARY**

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

## **SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2026 (EPIPHANY 4) GREEN SUNDAY**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Hall

10.00am Sung Eucharist in the Hall

4.00pm Family Service in the Hall

## **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.

**DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK**  **CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA**

**ARCHDEACONY OF REIGATE**

***These are the readings appointed for today***

**THE FIRST READING**

**Acts 9: 1 to 22**

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

**THE GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 19: 27 to 30**

27Peter said to Jesus: 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' 28 Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. 30But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

## **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 Place

For All Saints, South Merstham

For anniversaries falling at this time:  
Alan Davison, Mary (Bobbie) Coker,  
Alison Stagg, Jack Hieatt,  
Stanley Hatton, Peter LeSueur Draper,  
Tony Burnett, Gladys Whitelaw,  
Ian Kitteringham (Priest),  
Dora Hancock.

## **TAIZÉ THIS EVENINGE**

Please note that the Taizé Prayer service at 4.00pm this evening has been cancelled.

## **GREEN SUNDAYS**

On the **1<sup>st</sup> 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 March 2026

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



## **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 today from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. 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](mailto: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**

On Friday night, St Mark's hosted Winter Night Shelter for the seventh and final time this winter. Thank you to all who have helped. The Shelter is continuing at other venues until 4 March, so please consider volunteering at one of them if you have received training.

*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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