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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

MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY (THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE)

WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY

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

THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2026 (2 BEFORE LENT)

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

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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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ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

1 Kings 17: 8 to 16

Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' But she said, 'As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 2: 1 to 11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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 Road

For Holy Family RC Church, Reigate
For anniversaries falling at this time:
Florence Mary Roberts,
June Waddilove, Margaret Gilbert,
Ron Collar, Elizabeth (Betty) Mintey,
Paul West.

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 March 2026

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

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Monday and Wednesday 2 and 4 February.



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BINGO

Last Sunday we had a lovely, fun afternoon playing bingo and eating cake! In the process we raised a fantastic £670! We will round this up to £1,000, which will wholly pay for a mobile clinic in Nakuru County in Kenya. The clinic will offer approximately 700 health services and will reach hundreds of women, adolescents and children who would otherwise have to walk upward of 15 miles to reach medical attention. Thank you so much to everyone who supported us!

SMOATathon

A date for your diary – on 22 March 2026 we will be holding our SMOATathon, an afternoon of music, open to everyone (of all ages) to come and listen, or regale us with your music! If you play an instrument or love to sing, then please drop me an email chair@smoat.org.uk and we will find you a slot, whether it is two minutes, five minutes or twenty minutes! It will start at around 11.30am and finish sometime between 3pm and 3.30pm. If you are simply coming to listen, you can come and go as you please and there will be drinks and homemade cake available all afternoon. We will be supporting a Child Health Programme in Cambodia.

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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