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SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2026 (LENT 2 / ST DAVID *Dewi Sant*) Green Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Hall
10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church in the Hall
4.00pm Family Service in the Hall

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH

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

THURSDAY 5 MARCH

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2026 (LENT 3)

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

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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

Romans 4 : 1 to 5, 13 to 17

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 3: 1 to 17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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 The Way (part)

For Redhill Counselling Centre

RIP: Harry Ingram

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Betty Rogers, Mary Parkhouse,
Kathleen Lutwyche, Winifred Betty Earl,
Hilda Edwards, Harold Wincott,
Kingsley Liell, Lorene Gonzales.

DEANERY QUIET DAY

Saturday 28 March 2026

You are invited to step aside at the Reigate Deanery Quiet Day, A Snowfall in the Soul: Poetry and the adventure of the Soul led by Very Reverend Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark Cathedral, on Saturday 28 March from 9.30am until 3.00pm at The Orchard, St Margaret's Church, Chipstead, CR5 3RD £15.00 including lunch. To book: Email reigatedeanery@gmail.com

EASTER CARD DISTRIBUTION` VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

We are looking for volunteers to help with the delivery of our annual Easter Service cards. We have 60 streets (or part streets) to cover. Alexia, our Parish Administrator, has the master list so please 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 are expected to be available for collection from the front of the church from Sunday 8 March. We would like them to be delivered by Tuesday 24 March so that people have the card before the first service listed. Your help with this will be much appreciated.

CHANGE OF DATE & TIME

Please note the next Taizé Service will be on **Sunday 29 March at 6.00pm** and NOT Sunday 22 March at 4.00pm.

CHURCH SPRING CLEANING

On Friday 20 March and Saturday 21 March between 9.00am and 1.00pm we are having a working party to clean the church, especially those areas which rarely get attended to. There is a list of jobs and a plan at the back of the church. If you are

able to help, please let Alexia in the Parish Office know or sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.



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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 3.00pm 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.

*Barbara Perkins
Chairman*

ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP?

As a fundraiser for Alzheimer's Research, I have committed to knitting every day in March. (Not very difficult for me!) If you would like to sponsor me, please do speak to me or telephone 01737 221955.

Alternatively, if you are on Facebook, you could donate directly through my fundraising page. Please consider contributing to this valuable research.

Cherith Baldry

THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

In order to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Churchwardens, Deputy Wardens, Deanery Synod Representatives and Parochial Church Council Members you must have your name on the Church Electoral Roll. If you wish to consider standing for any of these positions you must have your name on the Electoral Roll.

To be eligible to be on the Roll, you must be at least 16 years old (or reach this age in the next 12 months), be baptised, be resident in the parish or have habitually worshipped at St Mark's for the past 6 months, and identify as a member of the Church of England or a church in communion with the Church of England.

Please wherever possible complete the online form which can be found on the church website, and click on Contact Us. Click on Electoral Roll. Or use the following link:

[Electoral Roll - St Mark's Reigate](https://www.stmarksreigate.co.uk/contact-us/electoral-roll/) (<https://www.stmarksreigate.co.uk/contact-us/electoral-roll/>)

If this is not possible, paper forms are available. **The last date for forms to be accepted is Thursday 23 April 2026.** The up-dating of the roll will take place during the period Friday 24 April until Sunday 26 April. The new list of names will be available for checking in Church from Sunday 26 April until the APCM on Sunday 10 May but no additions will be allowed during this time. The Roll will reopen for new applications after the APCM on 10 May.

Only those on the Roll will be able to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 10 May 2026.

If your name is already on the roll you do not need to do anything.

*Terrence Hancock
Electoral Roll Officer*

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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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.