

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

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## **SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026 (LENT 5)**

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

## **WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH (THE ANNUNCIATION)**

9.00am    Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel

## **THURSDAY 26 MARCH**

12.45pm    Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

## **SUNDAY 29 MARCH 2026 (PALM SUNDAY)**

8.00am    Holy Communion (BCP) in Church  
10.00am    Sung Eucharist in Church and Online  
6.00pm    Taizé Prayer

## **THE COLLECT FOR TODAY**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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**

**ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE**

## *These are the readings appointed for today*

### **THE FIRST READING**

### **Romans 8 : 6 to 11**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. '

### **THE GOSPEL READING**

### **John 11 : 1 to 45**

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you

laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.'

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## **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, Tess Brown.

For those living in Warren Road

For Reigate Baptist Church

For anniversaries falling at this time:

Alison (Lally) Druett, Shun Wah Chan,  
Joyce Wincott, Campbell Snow (Priest),  
Edith Coates, John Watson,  
Andrew Page, Mollie Gordon,  
Rose Gilbert, Jennifer (Jenny) Toye.



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## **SMOATathon**

Our SMOATathon will be taking place today. It will be a lovely afternoon of music of all varieties, from Scott Joplin to South Pacific, from organ to flute! Our SMOATathon will be taking place next Sunday, 22 March. It will be a lovely afternoon of music of all varieties, from Scott Joplin to South Pacific, from organ to flute!

We are supporting an IMPACT Foundation Child Health Programme in Cambodia, specifically two schools on the Tonlé Sap, the largest freshwater lake in South East Asia, by establishing vegetable gardens,

providing school health monitoring for around 100 children, and delivering health checks for children in the vicinity of the schools. Malnutrition remains a critical life-threatening issue in remote parts of Cambodia and the money we raise will make a real difference.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Barbara Perkins  
Chairman

## **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](mailto:reigatedeanery@gmail.com)

## **EASTER CARD DISTRIBUTION**

If you have signed up to deliver the Easter Cards detailing our Easter Services, they can now be collected from the front of the church. We would like them to be delivered by Tuesday 24 March so that people have them before the first service listed. If you would like a card for yourself, please take one.

## **EASTER GARDEN TIDY**

We will be working in the church gardens on Wednesday 25 and Friday 27 March. If you can join us, even for an hour or so, it would be very helpful. Meet us from 10am - coffee/tea and cake provided. Many thanks.

*Patricia Bird  
and Elisabeth Davis*

## **PRAYER MEETING**

Prayer is an extremely important part of the ministry of St Mark's and the spiritual development of individuals. A Group meet to pray in the lady chapel every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 9:30 am and anybody is welcome to join. If you can only manage it occasionally, that is alright. We pray for the church and it's ministry in the area, for each other's needs, and particularly for the prayer requests that have been put up on the noticeboard at the east entrance of the church. Many unknown people come in and write prayer requests, and some of them come back to update their prayer request and to write a thank you for praying for them, so we know that it is valued by the local community. Please feel free to come and join us.

## **HOME GROUP**

A group of people of all ages from St Mark's meet fortnightly on Thursday evenings in someone's house to study the Bible together. There is much lively discussion and friendly chat before and after with a cup of coffee and, of course, biscuits. Anyone is welcome to join. Why not give it a try?

Please contact me for more information.

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## **HARRY INGRAM RIP**

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday 18 April at 12.30pm in Church followed by refreshments in the hall.

## **THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL – ARE YOU ON IT?**

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.

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

*Terrence Hancock  
Electoral Roll Officer*