

# ST MARK'S PARISH CHURCH REIGATE

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## **SUNDAY 19 APRIL (EASTER 3)**

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

## **WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL**

9.00am    Prayer Meeting  
3.25      T-Time Tales

## **THURSDAY 23 APRIL (ST GEORGE)**

12.45pm    Holy Communion (*IONA*) in Church

## **SUNDAY 26 APRIL (ST MARK THE EVANGELIST)**

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

## **THE COLLECT FOR TODAY**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and 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**

**ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE**

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

### **THE FIRST READING**

#### **Acts 2: 14a, 36 to 41**

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

### **THE GOSPEL READING**

#### **Luke 24: 13 to 35**

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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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 Wray Common Road

For St Theresa (RC) Merstham

RIP: Paul Markham

For anniversaries falling at this time:  
Neville Martin (Priest), Emily Langham,  
Ruth Esdaile, Lesley Packington,  
Helen Stanton, Neville Guille,  
Geoffrey Harford.

## **ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION**

Notice is given that the Church Electoral Roll will be revised by the Parochial Church Council beginning on Sunday 26 April 2026 and ending on Saturday 2 May 2026. If your name is not on the Electoral Roll and you are at least 16 years old, resident in the parish or have habitually worshipped at St Mark's for six months and would like to become a full voting member of our church, please apply online via the church website at:

[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 from the box at the back of the church. Please give completed forms to me, to the duty Warden or to the Parish Office **no later than Thursday 23 April 2026**. The Roll will be back in church on Sunday 3 May 2026 for checking and presentation at the APCM on Sunday 10 May. Only those whose names are on the Electoral Roll are allowed to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

**IF YOUR NAME IS ALREADY ON THE  
ELECTORAL ROLL YOU DO NOT NEED TO  
DO ANYTHING**

## **ANNUAL MEETINGS**

This is an advance notice that the Annual Vestry Meeting (for the election of churchwardens) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will both be on Sunday 10 May at the end of the 10.00am service.

***ELECTIONS: The following will be required:***

***Churchwardens: two to be elected to serve for one year.***

***Deputy Wardens: up to four to be elected to serve for one year.***

***Deanery Synod representatives: four are to be elected each to serve for three years. Sarah Walker, Suzanne Baker-Hedge and Helen Baron are the current representatives, each of whom are eligible to stand for election.***

***Elected PCC members: Adam Baldry and Terrence Hancock each retire by rotation. Terrence Hancock is not eligible for re-election. Two people each to serve for three years are therefore required. In addition Patricia Bird is retiring after one year's service leaving a vacancy for a two year period. The remaining elected members of the PCC are Melanie Crighton, Theresa Hill-Smith and Obehighe King.***

Please give prayerful thought in considering people to fill these vacancies. **Do not just assume someone will stand – action is required from everyone to either stand or nominate others.** Nomination forms will be posted in church from Sunday 26 April.

## **ANNUAL GIVING**

Our Annual Giving campaign opens next Sunday, 26 April, our Patronal Festival, and will be open until Sunday 24 May, the Feast of Pentecost. In previous years, we have raised about £20,000 in this period of giving, and we hope to achieve this again. The PCC has committed to various projects over the next couple of years including replacement of all the windows and external doors in the Foyer and the refurbishment of the organ. We already have some money and grants allocated, but not the full amount. We also have our 5-yearly inspection of the church this year and we expect that this will identify costly repairs over the next 5 years. Thus it is important that we have sufficient funds to keep our buildings in good order and also to improve them where possible. More details will be available next week, but please do consider giving to this carefully and prayerfully.

## **BEING THE BOUNDS**

Sunday 10 May is Rogation Sunday which is traditionally the time when we walk the bounds of the parish in the afternoon starting from St Mark's at 2.00pm. All are welcome, but it does involve walking to the top of Reigate Hill so you need to be able to manage this. The boundary passes through the car park at the top of Wray Lane where ice creams and hot drinks are available. We usually take about 2½ hours. Dogs are welcome.

## **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 9.00am until 9.30am and anybody is welcome to join. If you can only manage it occasionally, that is alright. We pray for the church and its 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.

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## **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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## **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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