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SUNDAY 10 MAY (EASTER 6 ROGATION)

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist in Church and online
followed by the Annual Parochial
Church Meetings
2.00pm Beating the Bounds

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY

- 9.00am Prayer Meeting
3.25pm T-Time Tales

THURSDAY 14 MAY (ASCENSION DAY)

- 12.45pm Holy Communion (*IONA*) in Church

SUNDAY 17 MAY (EASTER 7 or SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION)

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

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK



CROYDON EPISCOPAL AREA

ARCHDEACONRY OF REIGATE

These are the readings appointed for today

THE FIRST READING

Acts 17: 22 to 31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

THE GOSPEL READING

John 14: 15 to 21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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 Wrayfield Avenue

For all clergy in the Deanery

For anniversaries falling at this time:
Fred Hammond, Roger Horton,
Doris Tilbury, Derrick Page,
Mary MacAlister, Jean Hatton.

BEATING 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.

ANNUAL GIVING

Our Annual Giving campaign opened on Sunday 26 April, our Patronal Festival, and will be open until Sunday 24 May, the Feast of Pentecost. **Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. In the first two weeks we have raised over £6,000 towards our target of £20,000.** We need to raise these funds to ensure we are able to keep our buildings in good order and also to improve them where possible. More details including how to donate are available on the attached leaflet. Please do consider giving carefully and prayerfully.

Donations can be made at any service by card or cash (dedicated card machine for annual giving), direct to our bank account, by making a donation during the week in the Parish Office during normal opening hours, or via our website.

*Mel Crighton
PCC Treasurer*

ANNUAL MEETINGS

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 Obehiaghe 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.**

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.

Mel Crighton Treasurer,

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